



EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Happy Thanksgiving!

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From Our Church Life Minister

Christmas creeps up on us sooner and sooner each year, with many retailers tossing up decorations long before Thanksgiving is a twinkle in our eye.

At EDCC, you may have noticed our Advent calendar already making the rounds, filled with a variety of events that will spread that sense of community, celebration, joy, and hope that is special about this time of year.

The truth is - I'm not ready to pass by Thanksgiving yet.

There are many things I give thanks for - my family, friends, church, gifts of love and life, opportunities to serve, and more.

I am also thankful for the opportunity to grow in relationship to God and as a human being who shares this little planet with a bunch of God's other creations.

I am especially thankful for this congregation which continues to give generously to support our mission and our future.

May God bless you this week, and from the East Dallas Christian Church staff and community, have a happy Thanksgiving!

Rev. Nathan

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**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 28TH @ EDCC**

**Rev. Deborah Morgan
preaching**
8:30 am - Chapel
9:30 am - The Table
10:50 am - Sanctuary

SCRIPTURE
MATTHEW 24:36, 42-44

SERMON
**"WATCH! THE GIFT
OF UNCERTAINTY"**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hanging of the Greens

November 27, Saturday 9:00 AM

Light lunch will be provided.

Help us decorate the church for Advent —
we have jobs great and small.



REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE & MILITARY THIS ADVENT

Remember our College and Military this Advent Season

The Christmas holiday offers us a great opportunity to give a little extra something to our young adults attending colleges and universities at home and around the country, as well as our young men and women serving our nation at home and around the world.

This year, at our Advent Workshop on Dec. 5th, we will have a table set up to fill care packages for our college and military young men and women. We need people to help stuff, wrap, and address the care packages.

You can help give to these men and women in several ways:

- 1) Bring snack items, stamps, pens and pencils, gift cards, etc.—anything you think college students or our military folk would like or need for Christmas—to fill care packages for them.
- 2) Bring empty shoe boxes we can use as care packages.
- 3) If you have a current address for our EDCC college students, we'd love to have it in the church office. Please call Peggy with an update.
- 4) If you have a current address for the following men and women serving our nation, please call Peggy in the church office:

Boone Mooty (Army), Doug Rauschelbach (Marines), Chad and Craig Valle (Army), Tom Kolencik (USAF), Daniel Webster (Marines), Jeff Dunn (service unknown), John Michael Calhoun (USAF), Jim McCarthy (West Point Academy), Robert Magiary (Navy), Birttany Brasher (Navy), Sean Rockwell (service unknown), Jason Griffin (Navy), Christopher Greene (Navy), Michael Caruth, (service unknown), Holly Ross Killman (Army).

Our Tuesday morning Elders pray for these young adults every week. This care package will be a reminder that the whole congregation holds those who are not able to be with us on a regular basis in our thoughts and prayers.

COMPASSION ACTION

HOW TO BE AN ANGEL TO A FAMILY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN THEIR FAMILIES.
THERE ARE **NINE** FAMILIES REMAINING TO BE CHOSEN.

Choose an “Angel Family” or you can share an “Angel Family.” Write your name on the back of the angel and place it back on the tree.

On the table look for the folder with the family name and number you have chosen. There is an information sheet in the folder. Take one to have with you when you are shopping. (There are extra copies of the info sheet if you are sharing a family).

In the past everyone has been so very generous in their shopping for families. We ask that you please be consistent in the number of gifts you give to each person. We certainly do not want a brother to feel left out because his little sister received more. This is extremely important should you divide up a family and have different individuals shopping for one specific member of that family.



You do not need to buy everything listed. There are specific needs on most requests. Some families did not list toys; however, a toy, book, game, (age appropriate) etc. would be most appreciated along with the specific need. Some parents did not include themselves; gift cards would be appreciated and most useful and needed.

Bring your gifts wrapped no later than Sunday, December 12. Each wrapped gift must be tagged with the family number and first name of the individual. If a child has the same name as a parent, please indicate the “child.”

Please just remember to be consistent in the number of gifts given to each family member. If you have any questions, please call Janie Autz in the church office or Kelley Wells (214 738 8006).

Janie Autz

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

November 21, 2010

Only 40 in class today. We missed those not present and look for you next Sunday! Kenneth Melvin accompanied by Carol Hooten led us in singing beautiful hymns, including "Count Your Many Blessings." Maudie Huffman gave the sunshine report, only one birthday, Sue Turner, who was not present. The care report was good: John Kilpatrick hopefully to go home from the hospital tomorrow; Jean Gilbert doing well; Ann Sanders in class after eye surgery. Continued prayers for Wes Sanders' step-brother and the Hooten's daughter-in-law's brother, Mark Sullivan. Glenn Hillin gave the prayer reminding us that God is always there for us in times of happiness and in deep sorrow.

Prez Mary Jean Miles made the announcements. Welcome to our guest, Marie Byrkit. Mary Jean brought before the class a Christmas project: she took from the angel tree a family of 6, ranging in age from 4 months to 18. Jim Frenzel and Ann Sanders answered her call for volunteers to purchase the gifts

and there is a detailed list available. There probably will be a special collection taken up to supplement that taken from the class account. Other announcements include Consecration Service & Luncheon today, Advent Workshop December 5th; Disciples Women's party December 11th; Sing We Now of Christmas December 19th. Class Luncheon December 15th with Rosemary Rumbley the speaker.

Foy Couch as usual made an interesting interpretation of the lesson from Psalm 91, "God Delivers and Protects." He mentioned that he had taught the lesson on the Psalm 46, which stated that God is our refuge and our strength, which ties in with 91. Where is God? He is always with us. There are angels among us, and there are angels in EDCC. Foy told of Allan and Joan Eubank's service as missionaries, and along with their son David, have served in Thailand and in Burma and their courage and faith in helping these people. God is always there and protects us and is our hope for the future.

Helen Hillbish

SANDERS CLASS

November 21, 2010

With the guidance of Robbie Brawner serving as president, our class celebrated the birthday of Sam Holmes (who always manages to entertain and inform)! Doris Holmes, our talented pianist, accompanied Les Findley with a song service full of meaning and music. And the Holmes furnished the class with some tasty treats. Thanks to all who contributed – including Bob Fergraeus who took notes for this article.

Our care report, delivered by Mildred Gilbert, brought upsetting news regarding Margaret Parker. Margaret fell twice last week, and now she's having some virus-like symptoms. We'll continue to pray for her recovery and hope she's feeling better soon. Additional prayers are due for Linda Kirk who is progressing slowly in rehab (room 815 of Zale Lipshy). Her

husband, Leon, ended up staying in Dallas instead of going to Colorado for the holiday (he heard about the weather up there). Pat Rauschelbach is progressing nicely at Pearl Nordan. He'll be back on the putting green soon!

Today the class heard an inspiring lesson centered on Psalm 91 taught by our powerful lady in purple, Jimmie Smith. A few messages that we all need to hear and remember were: "God is our shelter and our refuge. There is no trouble that God cannot give refuge for." Another reminder for all of us that Jimmie mentioned was, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

With the challenges of everyday life, we all can feel better knowing that, "No matter the trouble, God has not abandoned us."

Judy Garrett

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



WELCOME TO THE EDCC FAMILY!

Delma Nuncio with sons Gabriel and Vincent Ramos come by transfer of membership from St. Edwards Catholic Church. They reside at 351 Toronto, Dallas 75212, telephone 214 528 3859.

Theresa Schiff reinstates her membership! Theresa was baptized here "several" years ago. She is already active in the Dynamics Class and her daughter, Lilly, is active in our JFY. They reside at 2837 Dyer, Dallas 75205, telephone 214 987 0532, email theresagschiff@gmail.com.



“Sing We Now of Christmas”

December 19, Sunday 6:30 PM, EDCC Sanctuary

East Dallas Christian Church presents “Sing We Now of Christmas!” The Chancel choir and Children's Choir will present a variety of seasonal favorites! Featured soloists:



Dana Kelly, Becca Mitchell, Natalie Mitchell, Jolie Stratton, Andrea Talladino, Carlos Brown, Tom Grounds, David Hamer, Mark Malloy and Matt Woodbury. A chamber orchestra, handbells, organ and a special treat of two pianos, 8 hands, will accompany the concert.

A gingerbread/hot cider reception follows.

Admission is free with donations to the EDCC Concert Series accepted.

No reservation required.

Come hear the joyful sounds of Christmas in the beautiful Sanctuary of EDCC.

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Experience Advent at East Dallas Church

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 27 ♦ 9:00 AM

Volunteers Needed! Light lunch will be provided.

Andrew Krimm Viola Recital

Keith Critcher, Pianist

Sunday, November 28 ♦ 2:00 PM, Grimes Choir Suite

Advent Workshop & Luncheon

Sunday, December 5 ♦ Noon, Great Hall

Make your reservations soon!

Service of Remembrance

Matt Woodbury, Baritone & Harpist

Tuesday, December 7 ♦ 7:00 PM, Chapel

Church Christmas Dinner & Program

Wednesday, December 8 ♦ 6:00 PM, Great Hall

Entertainment by Linda & Larry Petty

Dinner: Adults - \$10 Children (age 12 & under) - \$5

Cost & Reservation Required

Christmas Brunch & Open House

Saturday, December 11 ♦ 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Mary Jean Miles' House

A fund-raiser for the Disciples Women's Ministries.

Free babysitting at the church for children 10 and under.

You must call the church office for reservations for your child/children by Thursday, December 9

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sunday, December 19 ♦ 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

A concert of seasonal favorites presented by

EDCC Chancel Choir, Soloists & Children's Choir; Two pianos, organ, chamber orchestra & handbells

Gingerbread & Hot Cider Reception Homemade cookies needed!

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24 ♦ 5:30 & 11:00 PM, Sanctuary

Lesson & Carols by Candlelight with Chancel Choir & Festive Brass

— OPPORTUNITIES @ EAST DALLAS —

Regular at EDCC

- ◆ **ELM Classes** - Monday thru Thursday (9 a.m.)
- ◆ **Elder's Prayer Breakfast** - Tuesdays (7 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Praise Team Practice** - Tuesdays (6 p.m., Alexander's Stage)
- ◆ **Bible Study** - Wednesdays (10 a.m., Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Staff Meeting** - Mondays, 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. (Disciples Room)
- ◆ **Financial Peace University (FPU) Classes** - Wednesdays (6 p.m., Great Hall)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship and Communion, Chapel**
 9:30 a.m. **Table Worship Service, Alexander's Stage**
 Church School Classes for All Ages
 10:10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:50 a.m. **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
 12:15 pm. **Lay Training Committee, Disciples Room**
 2:00 p.m. **Krimm Chamber Recital, Choir Suite**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 p.m. **EDCC Foundation Meets, Disciples Room**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 p.m. **Nashim Meets, Carol Ornes hosting**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 a.m. **Advent Workshop Setup, Great Hall**
 7:00 p.m. **Master Plan (Mission Group) Meets, Great Hall**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 a.m. **Disciples Men Breakfast, EDCC**
 4:00 p.m. **Vocal Arts Competition, Choir Suite**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship and Communion, Chapel**
 9:30 a.m. **Table Worship Service, Alexander's Stage**
 10:10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:50 a.m. **Worship and Communion, Sanctuary**
 12:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Advent Workshop, Luncheon, Great Hall
 7:00 p.m. **Master Plan Finance Meets, Great Hall**

— MIKE'S KIDS 2010 —

**Benefitting the poorest of the Poor
 served by Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries**

Collection boxes have been placed in the hallways of the church for your convenience. This ministry will continue until the second week of December.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Counts at (972) 475-1599 or call (972) 814-4282. Thanks for your support.

ELDERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

- ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
- Presiding: Jimmie Smith
 Cup: Ron Somers-Clark
 Loaf: Joe Stalcup
 Chapel & Table: **Nancy Stalcup**
 Chapel Prep.: Milton Thomas
 Fowler: Mike Voigt
 Preparation: Robert Hearne &
 Richard Morris

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Alberto Martinez | 3rd |
| Richard Dooley | 4th |
| Theresa Carson | 5th |
| Jimmie Everts | 5th |
| Les Findley | 5th |

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

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| Greg Blackburn | 28th |
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WELCOME VISITORS (NOVEMBER 21, 2010)

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- Louis Ainsworth
Elaine Copeland
 Craig Goff
Justin Grider
 Patti Hill
Ralph Huffman
 Bridget Schechter
Geraldine Shackelford
 Valerie, Ashley & Drew

ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE

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| December | 5th |
| December | 12th |

MEMORIAL GIFTS (NOVEMBER 21, 2010)

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IN HONOR OF PAT WILLIAMS
 (PAST PRESIDENT OF SANDERS CLASS)
Sanders Class/EDCC
Share Pantry Program Fund

IN MEMORY OF JEAN FISHER
Art Jordan
Danny Wilson Memorial Fund

IN MEMORY OF MAUDE BEHANNON
Sally C. Holmes
Undesignated Memorial Gift

EDCC JOYS & CONCERNS

*Each Tuesday from 7-9 a.m., a group of EDCC elders gathers for prayer.
From wherever you may be during this time period, the elders
invite you to join them in prayer, using this prayer list or your own.*

JOYS

Celebrating and giving thanks for:

- All the world's youth, represented by Savannah Turner
- Our young adults away at college or in town, including Melissa Queen
- Consecration Sunday! From the music of The Table Praise Tea, to the Chancel Choir's great sounds, to Dr. Bryan Feille's stirring message, to the celebration luncheon and Peggy's outstanding decorations—a great day!
- The Disciples Women's project for diapers and toys for Child Abuse Prevention Center—a success
- The Angel Tree goes up and Mike's Kids boxes are in place.
- Sanders Class anniversary banquet—69 years.
- Great to see Tom Kelly in worship Sunday.
- Our new members—Theresa Schiff and Delma Nuncio and sons Gabriel and Vincent Ramos.
- Dinners for Eight

Pray for those in our Church Family:

- Margaret Parker
- Malinda Kocks and son Jared Kocks
- David Hamer
- Linda Kirk
- John Kilpatrick
- Leslie Butler
- Gloria Sneider

Pray for those Outside our Congregation:

- Special prayers for our community
- Melinda Lundy
- Oran Nabors
- Larry Kelly
- Maurice Nelson
- Cooper Dorr, son of Rev. Ben Dorr
- Jerry Hill, Jules Martinez' father
- Agnes Onuoha
- Perez family
- Dan Asbill

CONCERNS

- Ken McConnell
- Donna Gilmore
- Family of June Coover
- Family of Ray Bristol
- Family of Marion Snider
- Marcella Hill, Rev. Nathan's mother
- Mark Sullivan, brother of Hooten's daughter-in-law

Pray for Ongoing Concerns in our Congregation, including:

- Dorothy Pike

Pray for Ongoing Concerns Outside Our Congregation, including:

- Jim Carpenter

Pray for those Serving in the Military, especially:

- John Michael Calhoun

Pray for our Limited Activity Members, including:

- Kate Bell

Pray for our Ministries, including:

- Compassion Action

Pray for our Committees and Departments at work, including:

- Church Life

JIMMY HAYES AT THE VETERANS PARADE



Our own Jimmy Hayes riding as an honored veteran in the November 11, Veterans Day Parade in Dallas. Jimmy served in the Army in Europe under General George Patton. Thank you to all our brave men and women who serve to keep us safe.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 A.M. - Chapel

9:30 A.M. - Alexander's Stage

10:50 A.M. - Sanctuary

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 A.M.



A Congregation of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) of the U.S. and Canada

Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

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Senior Minister

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VIOLA RECITAL



EDCC CONCERT SERIES *presents*

Andrew Krimm Viola Recital

Keith Critcher, Pianist

Sunday, November 28, 2:00 PM
Grimes Choir Suite

Program

Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 by J.S. Bach; Tango by Efrem Zimbalist;
Lament by Frank Bridge; None But The Lonely Heart by P. I. Tchaikowsky
Summertime by George Gershwin; Ave Maria, Franz Schubert;
Praeludium and Allegro by Fritz Kreisler; Romanze by Max Bruch
Le Grand Tango by Astor Piazzolla

Andrew's girlfriend, Stephanie Mientka, and former teacher, Jane Linn Aten,
Violists will be joining him on the program.