



# Baptism Sunday

## January 9

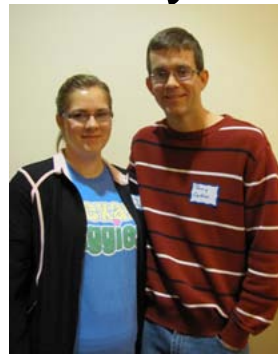
The Baptism of the Lord Sunday will be January 9, 2011 and is a special day for us here at Christ United Methodist Church. Traditionally it is the Sunday after the Epiphany where we take time to remember our baptism and reflect on our life with Jesus Christ. We will also be celebrating the baptism of several of our adult members who have made professions of faith and joined our church family but have not had the opportunity to experience a baptismal service; and possibly some who have put off joining the church and being baptized. If you are already member and have not experienced baptism or if you would like to join our church family this will be the perfect day for you to finally do what you have been longing to do. Please contact Tommy Myrick at [tommymyrick@christ-umc.org](mailto:tommymyrick@christ-umc.org) or Kay Villasana at [kayvillasana@christ-umc.org](mailto:kayvillasana@christ-umc.org) so we can make sure you are included. You will also want to make sure you invite your family and friends to witness this wondrous occasion.



## Welcome to the newest members of the Christ UMC family!



Phyllis Evans



Terry & Lauren Cashion

### Celebrating Christ UMC

*We have a new start and I'm sure you've made a few resolutions. The challenge is to keep them. I hope that you will join me in planning to be more intentional in reaching out to the unchurched and those who don't know Christ. It not only helps our faith development but allows others to share in the joy of salvation and grace that we enjoy.*

*It's a good time to strive harder to support our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. March and our revival will be here soon. We want and need to be ready.*

*Thank you to all of you for your faithfulness in giving your financial gifts last year. I've never had to do without anything because I gave to the church. It's not hard to tithe once you get in the habit...start small and work up to 10% or more. You'll be blessed more than you thought possible.*

*Happy New Year!*

*Blessings,  
Irene Keating*

### 1st Wednesdays @ Christ UMC

**January 5, 6:00 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall**

Let's do the cooking for our 1st Wednesday meal. The menu is potluck - bring your favorite dish to share! The church will provide drinks and paper goods. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for some good ol' food and fellowship.

### Comfort Food Cookoff January 21, A&M Church of Christ

The Comfort Food Cookoff is one of two main fundraisers for Family Promise. Come eat specialties provided by members of the churches who support Family Promise and vote for your favorite dish. Bring an entry for the dessert cookoff. We need a Christ UMC team. Would anyone like to see if you can top A&M Methodist or Peace Lutheran from last year? If you would like to gather a team and compete, contact Anne Boyle at [a.boyle@verizon.net](mailto:a.boyle@verizon.net) or register online on our website.



Tim & Faith Lightfoot

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Friday Fun Nights

**January 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Children's building**

Friday Fun Nights are offered the first Friday of every month for children with special needs and their siblings. This gives the parents a break and gives the children an opportunity to hang out, play games, do crafts, and listen to music. Friday Fun Nights are offered free of charge and are open to anyone in the community. For more information, contact Cathy Richardson at [cathyrichardson@christ-umc.org](mailto:cathyrichardson@christ-umc.org).

### Confirmation

**starting January 9**

Confirmation for all 6th graders begins January 9. There will be an informational meeting in BiG House Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. (If you attended the parent meeting in December, you do not need to attend this one). Parents can register and pay online, however, there is a packet of information that must be filled out to finalize registration. These registration packets are available at the parent meeting, the front desk in the Annex or on our website. For more information, contact Cathy Richardson at [cathyrichardson@christ-umc.org](mailto:cathyrichardson@christ-umc.org).

### School for Little People's Book Fair

**January 25 & 26, 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., BiG House, Children's Building**

Our preschool is excited about our upcoming book fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way, with titles for kids as well as parents. Everyone is invited to stop by and shop - 40% of the sales will be returned to the school, which we will use to expand our school library.



## Fun for the Family

### Church Ski Trip

**March 12-17, Breckenridge, CO**

Would you or your family like to spend Spring Break on the slopes? Join us as we head to Colorado! All are welcome on this trip! If a child is not yet in the 7th grade, a parent is required to go. For more information or to sign up for the trip, contact Judy Foster at [fostertf@mac.com](mailto:fostertf@mac.com).

### Lord's Temple Exercise Group

**Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**C-8, Children's Building**

Are you ready to get back into shape after the holidays? Come join in Pilates-based exercise - we work hard, share and pray together, and we always feel better afterwards! For more information, contact Anne Boyle at [a.boyle@verizon.net](mailto:a.boyle@verizon.net).

## Youth Ministries

### Youth Missions Garage Sale Pickups

**January 8, 15, 22**

Do you have items you would like to donate to the Youth Missions Garage Sale? We will send teams to make pick-ups of garage sale items. If you would like to schedule a pick-up, please contact Rhonda Miller at [rmiller@tamu.edu](mailto:rmiller@tamu.edu) or 218.8642.

### Youth Garage Pre-Sale & Sale

**January 28, 6:00-8:30 p.m. & January 29, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Come support the youth of Christ UMC as they host their annual Youth Missions Garage Sale! All proceeds will go to support our mission trips including JUMMP, UM ARMY, and Peru. Come get the first look at your garage sale Friday, January 28. All items during pre-sale will be double the price. Or join us Saturday morning for the full sale! For information on the pre-sale, contact Gina at [rgarp@suddenlink.net](mailto:rgarp@suddenlink.net) or Judy at [fostertj@mac.com](mailto:fostertj@mac.com). For information on the sale, contact Kelli at [kellidavis5@hotmail.com](mailto:kellidavis5@hotmail.com) or Jean at [bingaman4@verizon.net](mailto:bingaman4@verizon.net).

For more information on any of the above events, contact Karen Couch at [karencouch@christ-umc.org](mailto:karencouch@christ-umc.org) or 979.690.4673 x150.

### January Youth Calendar

5	NO Recharge Bible Study	
8	Garage Sale Pick-ups	10:00 a.m.
9	Common Ground	9:30-10:30am, 11:00am-12:00pm.
	Youth Band	2:45-3:45 p.m.
	Refuel	5:00-7:30 p.m.
11	Breakfast Challenge	7:00-7:45 a.m.
12	ReCharge	6:30-8:00 p.m.
15	Garage Sale Pick-ups	10:00 a.m.
16	Common Ground	9:30-10:30am, 11:00am-12:00pm.
	Youth Council	11:00 a.m.
	Adult Exec Committee	12:15 p.m.
	Youth Band	2:45-3:45 p.m.
	Refuel	5:00-7:30 p.m.
18	Breakfast Challenge	7:00-7:45 a.m.
19	ReCharge	6:30-8:00 p.m.
22	Garage Sale Pick-ups	10:00 a.m.
23	Common Ground	9:30-10:30am, 11:00am-12:00pm.
	Youth Band	2:45-3:45 p.m.
	ReFuel	5:00-7:30 p.m.
25	Breakfast Challenge	7:00-7:45 a.m.
26	Recharge	6:30-8:00 p.m.
28	Garage Pre-sale	6:00-8:00 p.m.
29	Youth Missions Garage Sale	7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
30	Common Ground	9:30-10:30am, 11:00am-12:00pm.
	Youth Band	2:45-3:45 p.m.
	Refuel	5:00-7:30 p.m.

## Music & Worship Ministries

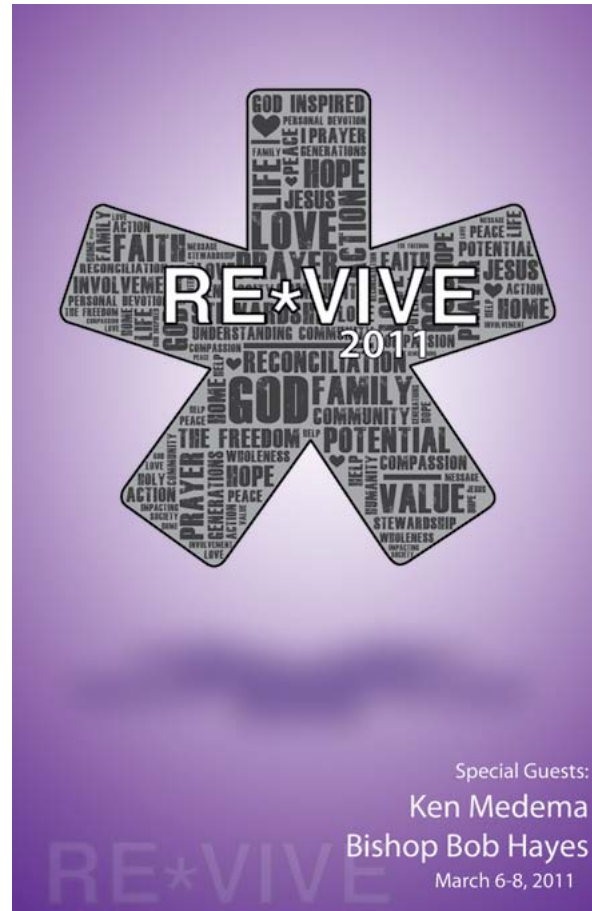
### Join the Choir

This is a great time of year to join a choir or ensemble at Christ UMC. If you love music, come and join us in the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, one of the many Children's Choirs or bell choirs. Check out our website for complete details on each choir meeting times.

### Spring Semester for Christ UMC Children's Choirs

Regular rehearsals for children's choirs will resume on January 12. If you registered your child in the fall, that registration is good for the spring too, so you don't have to do anything! We welcome new participants for the spring semester. You can register online at [www.christ-umc.org](http://www.christ-umc.org) under Events. The cost is \$15.00, which covers snacks and a t-shirt. The children's music ministry is open to all those who (on Sept. 1, 2010) are 2 years old through 6th grade. If you have any questions, contact Ileen McCullar at 690.4673 x137, 220.1316 or [ileenmccullar@christ-umc.org](mailto:ileenmccullar@christ-umc.org).

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Special Guests:  
Ken Medema  
Bishop Bob Hayes  
March 6-8, 2011

## E.T.C. - Mature Adult Ministries

ETC Celebrates the Christmas Season at the Theater

ETCers experienced a "White Christmas" on December 9th at the Theatre Company's special presentation of the musical. Marge Leedom made arrangements with the Theatre Company for a performance just for Christ UMC's 50+ and friends to ring in the season. Those attending brought appetizers and desserts for all to enjoy in the lobby before the play and during intermission. The play was a lively performance that showcased local talent with song and dance! It was an evening of fun and fellowship for over 180 attendees!!

## 3,000 Hours of Service Kicking off January 9



Our 3,000 Hours of Service program kicks off January 9th. The program is geared to create relationships and build trust with people within our lives whether on our street, at our places of employment, or our friends who are in need of a deeper walk with God. Every member of Christ UMC is encouraged to take part in the 3,000 Hours of Service Program. You may participate as an individual, a family, or join one of the many teams currently being organized. If you would like to join in the effort, look through the list of opportunities on our website under Serve Others and choose a project. For more information, contact Kani Minton at 713.449.5619 or [kani.minton@gmail.com](mailto:kani.minton@gmail.com).

### FirstConnect Corner

Happy New Year from the First Connect Ministry,

We trust you were blessed with happy and healthy holidays and are now looking forward to 2011. I have been on board at Christ UMC as the First Connect Coordinator for six months now and we have spent a lot of that time putting in place and tweaking what we would like our ministry to look like and be something that is pleasing to God. Are we there? No, but I have had so many wonderful people with a serving heart who have been working with the First Connect Teams that we are certainly getting closer.

We would like to give you the opportunity to be involved in one or more of our teams for a great start of 2011. You do not have to be a member of our congregation to participate; we encourage visitors to be involved as well. The First Connect Ministry is a great way to meet people.

By now, you are well aware of our upcoming Revival being held on March 6 - 8. We are all being challenged towards the goal of 3,000 hours of Service programs. This is where each and every one of you can begin to work towards our goal. This cannot be accomplished without you, so please consider volunteering a small amount of your time in a very joyful, friendly and rewarding team. The only requirements to be involved on our teams is the ability to smile and to have a God-filled heart that is willing to make people feel welcome to our Christ UMC Community. How good would it feel to be part of a team that commits to a set number of hours and be able to say "yes, we achieved our goal?"

All of our teams are in need of added members and most First Connect Sunday opportunities require a commitment of approximately thirty minutes once or twice a month. Our teams are as following:

- Greeter Team
- Parking Lot Greeter Team
- Guest Welcome Team
- Connection Center Team
- Bread Baking Team
- Hospitality Team

Your next step is for you to decide on which team(s) you would like to be a member of and contact me.

Welcome to our First Connect Ministry in advance and we are looking forward to working with you.

Missy Holloway, First Connections Coordinator  
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[missyholloway@christ-umc.org](mailto:missyholloway@christ-umc.org)

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## Upcoming Bible Studies and Sunday School studies

We have a variety of Bible Studies to choose from for your personal growth journey! Registration for all of these classes will be available on our website under Grow, or contact Jodi Warner at 979.690.4673 or jodiwarner@christ-umc.org.

**Men's Ministry**  
starts January 24th in the Sanctuary  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m. or Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Annex Building

The Men's Ministry of Christ UMC will launch its winter series on January 24th with a 6-week session entitled, "What's Your Cedar Post?". Rev. Bubba Stahl, who is a pastor in Kingsland, Texas, will be our guest speaker on the 24th. Bubba is a former cowboy who was called into the ministry years ago. You won't want to miss his testimony of how God has called him to the path he's on now. What's all this about a cedar post? Certainly there are things in your life that you hold on to that keep you from doing all that God wants you to do. We're going to dig deep and give God a chance to do some great things in our lives. Start praying now about your participation in this winter session. Email Jerry House at mensministry@christ-umc.org for questions.

**Invitation to the New Testament**  
starts January 11  
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.,  
Atrium Room, Annex Building

Who is Jesus and what is His significance in our lives? Participants are invited to join this conversation, to study afresh this story of Jesus and learn more about their calling to discipleship and to community. Judy Draper will lead this study through the New Testament, starting with Matthew.

**One In a Million (Ladies Study)**  
starts January 11  
Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.,  
Room 109, Annex Building

Every week millions of believers fill the pews of the church and hear about the greatness and power of God. They are told that they can experience it, yet few ever do. If you hunger to experience His power, hear His voice, and live in the abundance promised to you, this study is for you. Written and presented by Priscilla Shirer, facilitated by LaNell Crumpler.

**Sisters Searching**  
starts January 12  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 106, Annex Building

If you lost your purse at the mall, would you search everywhere for it? Your relationship is far more valuable. Are you seeking Him with intensity? Discover the joys and benefits of seeking God. Join our spring study Lineage of Grace. In this compilation of five books, we meet five women whom God chose - each was faced with extraordinary challenges, each took great personal risk to fulfill her calling. Each was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ.. This class is led by Rebecca Abernathy

**House Ladies Study**  
starts January 12  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 109, Annex Building

An invitation for every woman who feels she isn't Godly enough...isn't loving enough...isn't doing enough. The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Join us as we learn to draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service and doing both with less stress and greater joy. This study is led by Jana House.

**Bringing Up Boys**  
starts January 5  
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.,  
Room 110, Annex Building

Sensible advice and caring encouragement on raising boys from the nation's most trusted parenting expert, Dr. James Dobson. With so much confusion about the role of men in our society, it's no wonder so many parents and teachers are at a loss about how to bring up boys. Moms will meet to discuss this book for 9 weeks, led by Kristin Schaefer.

**Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted**  
starts January 19  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.,  
Room 109, Annex Building

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla Shirer redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Led by Sonia McDowell.

**John, the Maverick Gospel**  
starts January 19  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.,  
Room 108, Annex Building

Have you ever noticed that the Gospel of John is so different from the other three Gospels? In this study, we will examine the style, emphasis and theology that the gospel is based on, and what it says to us today. Home study is minimal, so those with little free time can actively participate. Led by Janice Kerlee.

**The Apostles Project**  
starts January 23  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.,  
Fellowship Hall, Annex Building

You are invited, as an individual, as a small group or Sunday school class to join in this special study of The Apostles based on the book by John MacArthur called "12 Ordinary Men." Part of this study will include a gift to the church of a beautiful and very meaningful portrait series called "The Apostles" by Ken Wyatt. For more information, contact Jeff Williams at helpmeplan@gmail.com.

**Thirst for Purpose Sunday School**  
starts January 9  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.,  
S109, Sanctuary Building

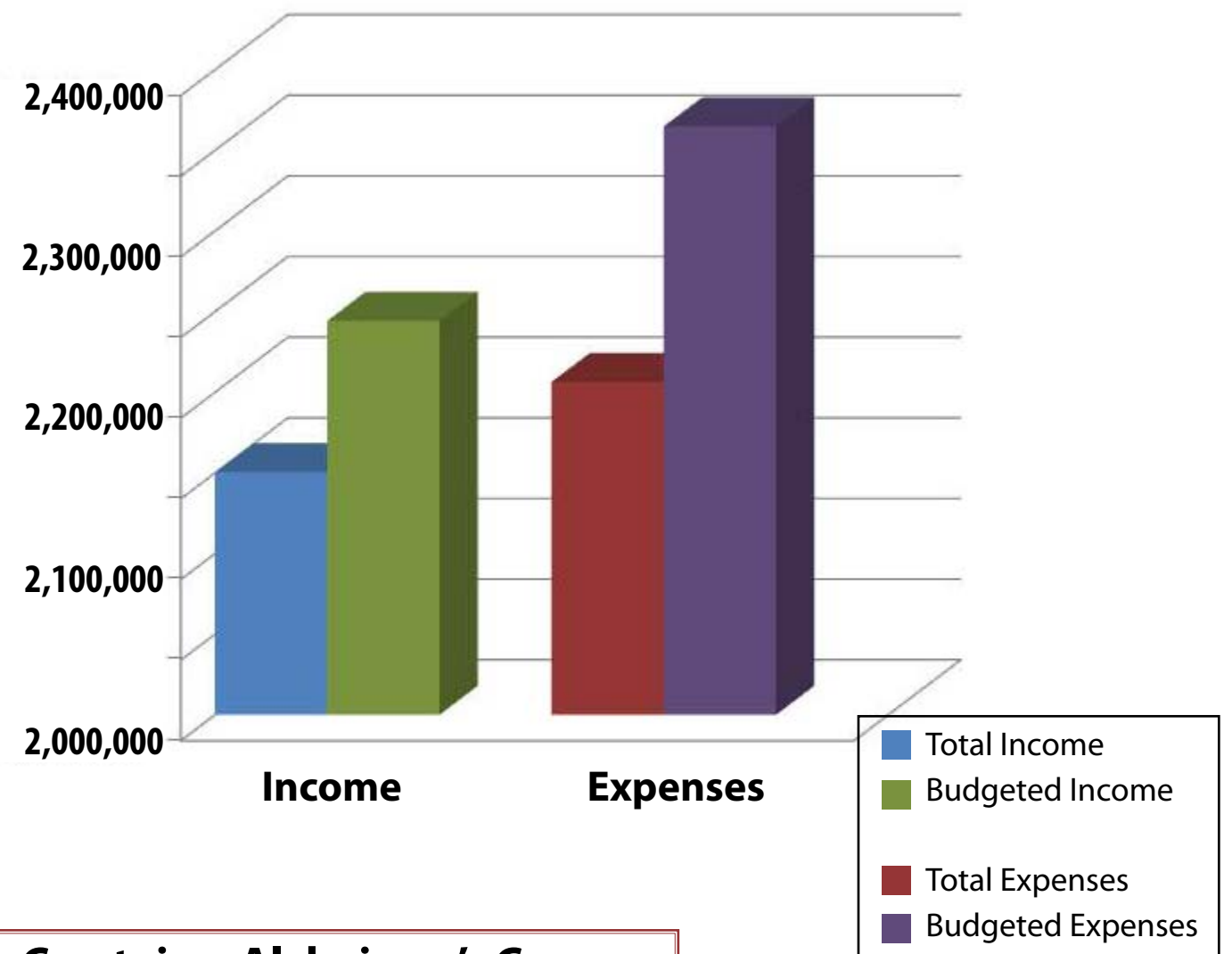
In this era, how can parents make a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of their children? Revolutionary Parenting goes beyond youth group and Sunday school and shows parents how to instill in their children a vibrant commitment to Christ. Led by Lisa McIntyre.

**48 Days to Creative Income**  
starts January 30  
Sundays, 4:00 p.m.,  
Room 106, Annex Building

What's keeping you at your current job? If you said a steady paycheck and the promise of retirement, you're in for a big disappointment. The only way to find true security is by following your calling and then finding or creating work that matches your passion. 48 Days to Creative Income provides insight into starting your own business and determining your future. Led by Bob Byrns.

## We uphold Christ UMC with our gifts

As of November 30, 2010



## Crestview Alzheimer's Care Addition Presentation

January 16, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Annex Building  
(note the date has changed!)

If you have had a loved one or friend who has had Alzheimer's disease, you know the heartbreak and strain that can result on the entire family. Along with the construction of independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing units, the new Arbor Oaks at Crestview is also building a Memory Unit to address this need in our community. Currently, in our area, there is not a facility that addresses all of these living options for seniors. On January 16 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, a team will discuss the construction and goals of the Memory Unit at Arbor Oaks. If you would like to know more about this much needed facility in our community, please join us at this time.

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COMMEMORATING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

IN MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM DUNN  
BILL EVANS  
JIM HIBBETTS  
JANICE WELDON





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## *Hours of Operation*

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Monday	9:30 am - 5:30 pm
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Wednesday	9:30 am - 7:30 pm
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