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Next Steps Capital Program Where are we now?

Following the General Board and two Town Hall meetings, the Executive Committee and Board Chair have continued the development relationship with the architect.

The following action items are ongoing: Development of Project scope for sanctuary audio-visual. Cost estimates, installation timeline, and sound engineering report are in process.

Architect is reviewing Vision Task Force input and staff input regarding children and youth space. Cost estimates and timeline are in process..

Jack Campbell is developing a capital campaign timeline to launch to board and congregation, once all information is known. This launch is scheduled for August-September as not to conflict with 2012 *In His Steps*/General Budget underwriting.

A few initial gifts have already been received and a designated fund has been established! Please mark your "over and above" gift **Next Steps Campaign**.

The long term "Big Step" new building construction is not considered until some date in the future.

Continue to watch *The Builder*, web site and other communications for updated information. Be in prayer for your participation in this **Next Steps** capital program!



Church Calendar

Thursday, July 28

- 10:00am Get Movin'!
Exercise Class
- 5:30pm Paula's PRC (Donna
Campbell's House)
- 5:30pm Breaking Bread

Sunday, July 31

- 9:00am Contemporary
Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, August 1

- Disciple Summer Mission
Experience and Rock the
Desert begins
- 9:00am All Day Staff Meeting
- 6:30pm Genesist Class at Dos
Margaritas

Tuesday, August 2

- 10:00 am Get Movin!
Exercise Class
- 7:00pm PDAP
- 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 105)

Wednesday, August 3

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00pm Executive Meeting

Thursday, August 4

- 10:00am Get Movin'!
Exercise Class

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00am Special Closing Rock
the Desert Worship
Service
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship



Thoughts...

Rev. Mike Hunter
Senior Minister

*12Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **Genesis 12:1-4a***

Transformation. God is transforming. The church's calling is to be transforming on God's behalf. Easy enough to say, harder to affirm and empower.

The devil is often encountered in the details of transformation.

Individuals, in and out of the church, have a love/hate relationship with transformation. We often want to be selective about where and how transformation takes place. We're all very good at pointing to other people and situations that could and should change while we have a strong reluctance to transformation in us. I've heard it in many ways:

Change all you want, preacher, just leave me right here...or

...as long as you don't mess with....then I'll be ok...or

I'm going to keep doing what I've always done...don't ask me to change...

What kind of spiritual transformation leaves us unchanged? God called Abram to follow by seeing a new direction, a new place, and a new time. It meant Abram would leave his country, his kindred, and even his father's house.

Transformation isn't easy, but God's blessings are found. Transformation won't make everyone happy, but spiritual fulfillment can be discovered. Transformation isn't about ownership. Transformation is all about followership.

The church yearns for and resists effective leadership, especially if the leadership is transformational. It was the tipping point of rejection in Jesus' ministry and continues to this day.

What about you? I once heard someone say: *this is no longer my church...* They were partially correct. It isn't their church. It never was. But when you are willing to be transformed, you can see yourself changed in God's church.

It is good to be home. We rested and reflected and I am ready to begin the new program and ministry year with you. Year three has great potential!

I'm sensing God is asking us to be open to transformation.

What about you?

This week's Sermon
The Spiritual Economy For All of Us
Isaiah 55:1-5

Previous sermons are available online at www.fccmidland.org

Birthdays

- 7/26 Johnny Sikes
- 7/27 Polly Hedrick
- 7/28 Dwaine Thomas
Clay Stanford
Sabrina Early
- 7/29 Paul Wright
Beau Estes
Pam Branum
- 7/30 Janet Farmer
Enid Davis
Peggy Fisler
- 7/31 Sherry Ladd
- 8/1 Jackie Hanna
Butch Ladd
- 8/2 Amanda Bourland
Fred Schwiening
- 8/3 George Cooper
Loren Stiles
May Spruell



Anniversaries

- 7/26 Bill & Lynda Terry
- 7/28 Tim & Ingrid Miller
- 7/30 Robert & Jean Conner
- 8/2 Gerald & Janell Burnett

*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact the church office and share that information with your church family.



Attendance

July 24, 2011

Contemporary Worship	57
Children's Church	4
Total	61
Traditional Worship	84
Children's Church	4
Nursery	4
Total	92
Total Worship	153
Sunday School Attendance	
Nursery	
Children	6
Youth	12
Adult	36
Total	54



Ponderings...

Rev. Paula Brooks
Associate Minister

On the Children's book shelf in my office sits a precious framed saying entitled "One Hundred Years from Now".

One hundred years from now

... it will not matter

what kind of car you drove,

what kind of house you lived in,

*how much was in your bank account,
nor what your clothes looked like.*

*But the world may be a little better
because you were important
in the life of a child.*

During one of the many years of my school teaching days this little gem was given to me. I read it all the time. Today as I glanced at it I thought of the children in our church family, the ones that are here now and the ones still yet to have come. We are blessed with an awesome group of children, children who are in the process of learning about God and building that all important relationship with Jesus Christ.

As I read this little gem this morning, I also thought about you. I thought about those Elders who have served as a mentor to one of our children during Pastor's Class and how important those relationships were and still continue to be. I thought about those who faithfully come each Sunday morning and give of their time to these precious little ones whether it be serving as their Sunday School teacher or leading Children's Church. I thought about those who gave their time this past school year on Sunday evenings as well as those of you who joined us on the journey of VBS this summer. For each of you I am truly thankful.

These children are a gift from God and God has placed them in our care. We have much to share with them and to teach them and at the same time they have much to share and to teach us. Together we can make a difference in their lives in this very moment as well as plant seeds for the days and years to come.

We are in the process of making plans for the fall. There will be many opportunities for you to touch the lives of our children and to show them what a treasure they are and how much they are loved. Keep your eyes, mind, ears and most importantly of all your heart open to the needs of our children. Be in prayer as to how you can make a difference in the life of a child.

In loving partnership,

Paula

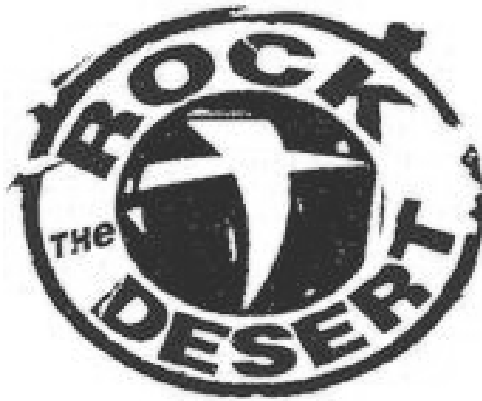
Church Work Day

Please join Jerry Floyd July 30th from 8:00-noon for a Church Work Day!



Special Closing Worship Service

The youth will be concluding their experience of Rock the Desert weekend with a special closing worship service on Sunday morning, **August 7th, at 9AM in the FLC.** This time will consist of worship, reflecting on the week's activities, sharing in Communion, and being commissioned to carry their experience back to their homes. All are welcome to join us for this informal gathering in place of regular contemporary worship.



Elder - On - Call

7/24 - 7/30
Hill Glover

7/31 - 8/6
Jill Wright

8/7 - 8/13
Dave Burgard

Visitors Corner

June 24, 2011

Bill Bowlin
Marjorie Cooper
Cindy, Xander, & Aaron Elliott
Pat Kinder
Dustin Parks
Curtis & Brandi Pechacek
Pat Ramsey
Chris Watson

Thanks for joining us for worship!

CHURCH CAMP

Tri Area Eighters Camp

Please keep the following youth and sponsors in your prayers this week as they continue to grow their faith at Lake Brownwood Retreat Center!

Sponsor: Cory Glover

Youth:

Sarah Jones
Chris Love
Aaron Stahmer
Skyler Rittenberry
Jessica Willingham

CHI RHO/ CYF Lunch Bunch

There will not be any Lunch Bunch July 26-August 11. We will resume on August 16.



Lectionary Scriptures

for the week of July 31, 2011

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Marketing Corner

The Christian Builder can be accessed online at www.fccmidland.org/publications.

Don't forget that we are still encouraging you to go green and help us save paper. If you would like to read only the online version, instead of having it sent by mail, please contact the church office so we can verify your e-mail address.



First Christian Church Pictorial Directory

Our church is gearing up for our newest pictorial directory and we would like to invite you to be a part of the experience. Olan Mills will be here September 15-17 & 23-25.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to bring yourself and/or your family and be here for one of those days .

We look forward to seeing your smiles!

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PORTRAIT STUDIOS

June – A Most Successful Month For The Food Pantry

During the five Wednesdays of June, food pantry clients were given fresh corn, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and eggs in addition to the normal commodities, canned goods, dairy products, frozen meats, and frozen vegetables. Excess fresh vegetables and bread were delivered to Safe Place and Teen Challenge, and 30 boxes of non-food items to Fair Haven. The pantry served 231 families consisting of 1024 people, an average of 46 families or 205 persons per week. The average family size was 4.4 people.

Our cost during the month was only \$337.40.

We rejoice in the gifts of food and partnership from First Christian with the donation of 220 jars of peanut butter, 76 bags of rice and beans, volunteer help, and continued financial support, and from Church on The Journey with continued support and volunteer help during the month.

Again, clients appreciated books for both children and adults. Church members donate books, and the Friends of the Library organization allows us to take free books from their shelves.



The Food Pantry wishes to thank all who contributed time, money, food, books, and prayers for our collective outreach mission. As a result of the recent U. S. Postal Service Food Drive, the Pantry was able to purchase 9,229 pounds of canned food and commodities for \$506.45 (approximately 5¢ a pound). For example, a 12 oz. can of tuna cost us 4¢. Acquiring, unloading, and storing this food was accomplished by a Christian host of volunteers who willingly volunteered and worked in HOT June. Helpers included Betty Couch, Frank Detrixhe, Doc and Charlsye Dodson, Cindy and Gregg Edwards, Jane Green, Gary Groves, Jackie Hendricks, Jim Huckabay, Peggy Jones, Bobby Kimbriel, Mike and Kathy Landrum, Virgie Lewis, Jan Lamb, Jim McAninch, Susanne McVay, Ralph Miller, Shirley Qualia, Reagan St. Peters, Tommy St. Peters, Jack Rogers, Terry Rothermich, Rob Scofield, H. A. Tuck, and Annika Watson.

Finally, the Food Pantry thanks Ken Schugat for repairing three of our rolling carts used for client deliveries. His generosity and workmanship are sincerely appreciated.

Thanks again, Michael Landrum
co-chairman of Memorial Christian's Food Pantry

Church Bulletin Board

Please send your announcements to Katie by 5 PM on Mondays.



Baby Announcement

Sheridan and John Thompson

June 27, 2011

God graciously placed Charles Hollingsworth
into our arms

We humbly placed James Stinson
back into His

Grandsons of Victoria & Ernie Gilkerson

Genesis Class

The Genesis Class is
having dinner at
Dos Margaritas
on Monday, August 1st
at 6:30 PM.



Calling All Choir Members Past, Present, and Future

Regular choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 10th
at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room.

We invite you to enter into this ministry with us as we prepare music
for our Sanctuary Service each Sunday, and even Christmas!

Let's make this a special time of recommitment to our Lord and to the
ministry of His music.

Looking forward to seeing you, Wednesday evening, August 10th.

Mary Lightfoot, Director of Music Ministries



Adult Sunday School Studies

Mixed Blessings

Room 301

Leader: Bill Bucy

Topic: Isaiah 55:1-5

II Chronicles 7:14

Room 302

Leader: Members of the Class

Topic of Study: Hebrews

Pairs and Spares

Room 303

Leader: Tom Hill

Topic of Study: Dead Sea Scrolls

Genesis

Room 304

Leader: Paula Brooks

Topic of Study: "Victory Over Sin"

Romans 6:15-23

Fellowship

Room 307

Leader: Loren Stiles

Topic of Study: Old Testament-
The Exodus

Mike Hunter's Class

Mont. Rm.

Leader: Mike Hunter

Topic of Study: Accepting Grace

Children's Sunday Activities

July 31

Heroes of the Bible

Sunday School

Children's Church- Held during both
Worship services

Lesson - Isaac & Jacob

Contemporary Service - Maria

Howard/Courtney Gordon

Traditional Service - Hannah Wright/
Jana Floyd



The Prayer Room

Concerns Among Our Church Family & Beyond

Chapel Lock Box Code # 1301

Those who have lost a loved one:
The Family of Wanda Chastain

In the hospital:
Glen Farmer (MMH)
Kathryn Meurer (Houston)
John Midkiff (Health South)

In need of prayer:
Betty Rodgers
Jill Wright
Bill Womack
Diane Fisher
Susan Jones
Jean Connor
Dee Head
Jim Coats
Luke Hardaway and Family

In extended /long term care:
Jerry Johnson
Joe Brittain
H. G. Bedford
Luci Cranford
Pat Faulkner
Nancy Gill
Clarese Gough
Jackie Hanna
Rosemary Rankin
Jerry Sloan
Keith Somerville
Mary Jane Strobel

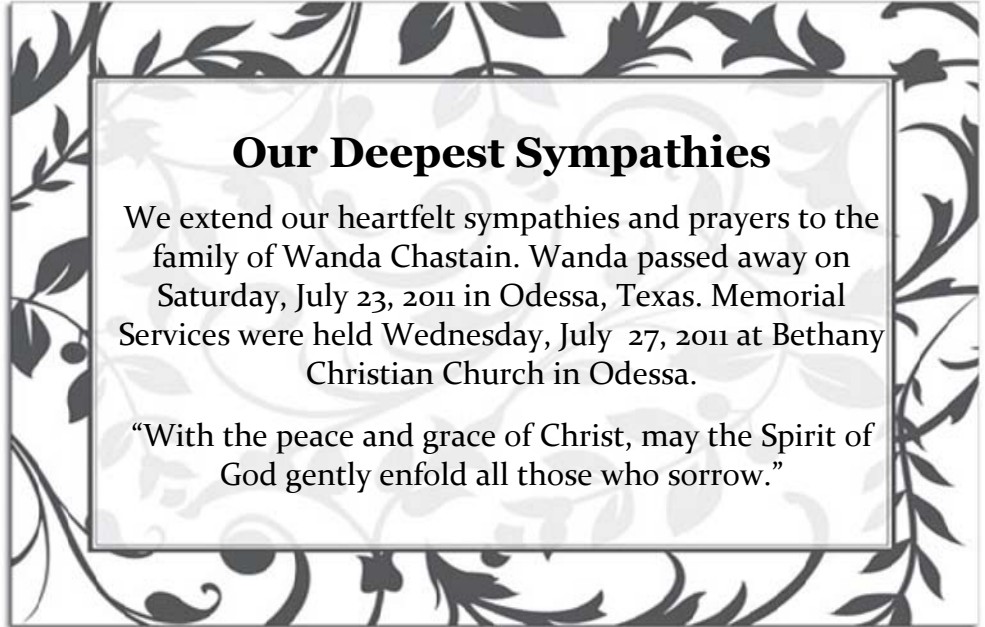
In the service:
Daniel West
Bennett Dobbs
Damon Darnell
Nicky Miller

Families/Friends beyond FCC:
Alma Thompson
Frankie Espino
Erika Truex
Dillon Scott Martin
Mark Schlehuber
Gideon Bustamante
Kayla Hambrick
Kay Nance
Mike Emmerson
Paul Petree

Families/Friends beyond FCC in long term care:
Hattie Moon
Lori Hays
Alvin Traylor
Laura Autrey
Monte Hewitt
Sonya Hopkins
Jered Groner
Michael Castillo

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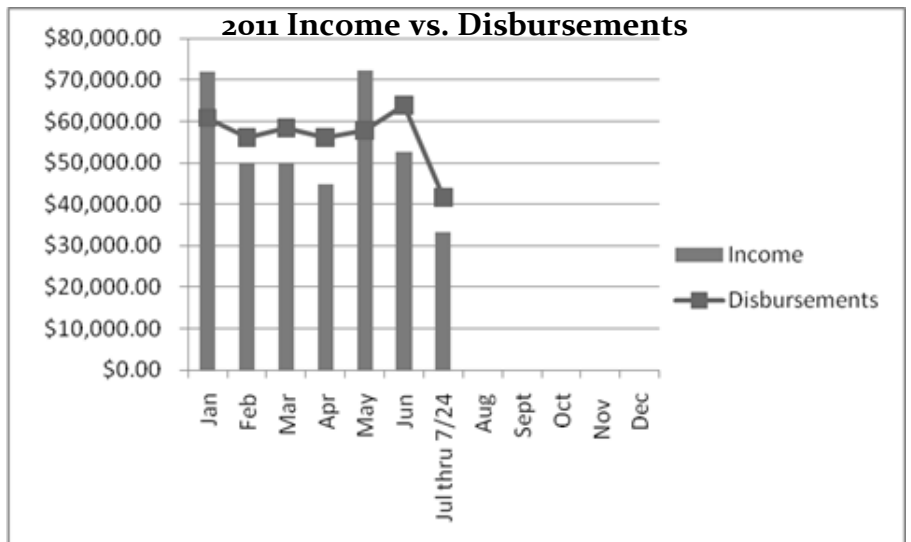
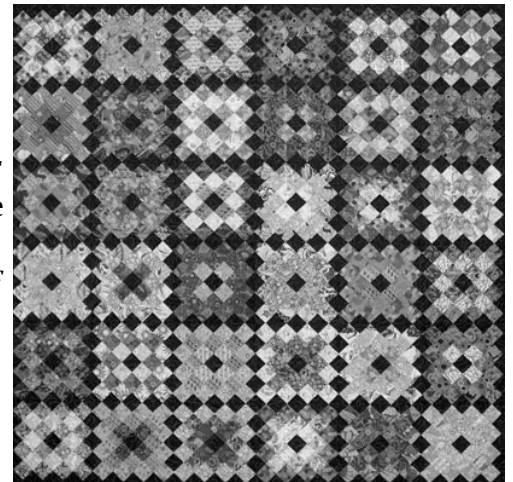
Our Deepest Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to the family of Wanda Chastain. Wanda passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2011 in Odessa, Texas. Memorial Services were held Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at Bethany Christian Church in Odessa.

“With the peace and grace of Christ, may the Spirit of God gently enfold all those who sorrow.”

Baby Quilt

If anyone is available to machine or hand quilt a baby quilt made by the ladies of Christian Women’s Fellowship for the newest babies of First Christian Church, please call Peggy Davis.



Income Through 7/24 \$ 378,521.57
Disbursements through 7/24 394,815.14



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Rock the Desert 2011

August 1-7, 2011, FCC will be hosting Disciples churches from across the Southwest Region and beyond for the **Disciples Summer Mission – “Rock the Desert & Leave a Mark”**. This will be 3 ½ days of community building and mission projects in the Midland/Odessa area leading up to the Rock the Desert festival. We are partnering with Christmas in Action and other local mission organizations. This year’s festival is headlined by Switchfoot, The David Crowder Band, Skillet, The Afters, Superchick, and many more. We are offering an all-in-one experience, which includes lodging, meals, showers at Midland College, Rock the Desert festival tickets, t-shirts, water bottles, mission project materials, and a “tent city” home base for all activities while at the music festival. FCC Midland youth will be joining the other groups by sleeping in the FLC. It will be like going on a mission trip without ever having to leave Midland! The cost this year will be **\$100/person** for the whole week or **\$60 person** for the weekend.



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