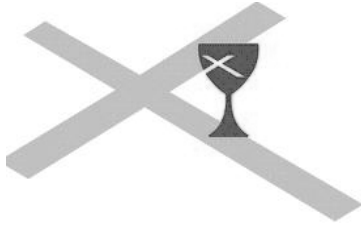


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RETURN SERVICE CORRECTION

**COMING SOON**

<p><b>Sunday, August 1</b>                  9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship                  10:00 a.m. Sunday School                  11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 3</b>                  10:00 a.m. Prayer Group                  12:00 p.m. Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 4</b>                  6:00 p.m. Youth Bring Your Supper                  6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (6th-12th)                  7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 8</b>                  9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship                  10:00 a.m. Sunday School                  11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 10</b>                  10:00 a.m. Prayer Group                  12:00 p.m. Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 11</b>                  6:00 p.m. Youth Bring Your Supper                  6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (6th-12th)                  7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 13</b>                  7:00 p.m. Crafty Friday</p>
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**PASTORAL**

This is getting silly; read on.

A major study featured on Good Morning America<sup>1</sup> this morning draws the conclusion that divorce is ‘contagious.’ In fact, divorce is spoken of in terms of being a disease that a married couple can catch when exposed to other couples who are going through the throes of splitting up their marriage. Let me quote, divorce “spreads through social networks like a virus.”<sup>2</sup>

Now Momma and Daddy taught me that ‘birds of a feather flock together’. They also taught me to wash my hands after visiting the restroom and to cover my face when coughing or sneezing. I have no quarrel that values and norms and mores are shared within communities and networks of people. I also agree that communities powerfully shape the behaviors and reflections of individuals and couples. But to ‘catch a divorce like a virus’—I don’t think so. Maybe we should be passing out facial masks at worship this week so that the married or unmarried or whomever will not be infected by the divorced and remarried or the divorced single or the couple in the midst of splitting or whatever. Can we get a grip here?

Have you read the traditional wedding vows lately, those used in 99.9% of all marriages? There’s not one word in those vows about feelings or values or mores or whatever. Those vows are action words, promises that dictate behaviors that keep people together, grow and deepen a couple’s love across time, and protect their bond. Love is an act of will, followed by deliberate acts and behaviors; love is not just some warm feeling that ebbs and flows and may diminish because it is sick. People live their way into life-long bonds of marriage, one deliberate act of love after another. Most importantly, such love is a formidable force and viruses should beware.

Is divorce a reality? Yes. Is divorce life-giving? Yes and no; when marriages are destructive, they need to be ended so that people can step toward life; but even then divorce will be painful and its effects linger across time. Is marriage a challenge? You betcha’. It is also an incredible blessing, reflective of God’s enduring love for us.

I’ll see you in church during these hot days. Come and rejoice; come and lament; come and sing and pray and love one another; come and be infected by this reality—God loves you. Peace. Neill

<sup>1</sup>Tuesday, July 20, 2010 ABC Network

<sup>2</sup>Ibid



**WE’RE BACK!!!**  
**AUGUST 4**

6:00 p.m. ....BRING YOUR OWN FOOD  
 6:30—8 p.m. ....PRAISE & WORSHIP & GAME NIGHT



## SERVING SCHEDULE

August 1, 2010

### WORSHIP @ 9 a.m.

**VIDEO/AUDIO:** Carolyn Hardin/Robert Guthrie

**COMMUNION:** Meredith Magruder/Nancy Probst

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Chuck & Cathy Buchfink; Wes Hendricks/Louise Hollubar

### WORSHIP @ 11 a.m.

**AUDIO:** Robert Guthrie

**FOYER GREETERS:** Maurie & Phyllis Dixon

**ACOLYTE:** Mackenzie Chunn

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Brenda Fee

**MEDITATION:** Walter Newman

**ELDERS:** Mike Livezey/Hugh McCarley

**DIACONATE:** Steve & Dixie Hanner, Kathi Livezey, Cindy Peters, Kim Guthrie, Erick Gary, Nancy Mathews, Heidt Matthews



## COMMITMENT REPORT

July 18, 2010

Offering Received	\$7,647.25
Capital Campaign	\$2,850.00
Attendance:	
Contemporary Worship	76
Traditional Worship	91
Nursery Care	6
<b>Worship TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>

### Congregation Members:

Tom Crump, Janelle Coleman, Marie Ryan, Tiny Grimes, Barbara Stark, Nadine Wysong, Nita Christopherson, Pete and Elizabeth Powell

### Congregation family and friends:

Jim Smith (father of Cathy Buchfink), Fred Kolhouse (relative of Jennifer Tarver), Heather Noblitt (sister-in-law of Alan and Tonya Noblitt), Gerry Hodson (mother of Les Hodson), Holly Manna (sister of Dee Anna Chappell), Shirley Mathis (mother of Nancy Mathews), Judi Tripp (mother of Stacy Hobbs), Sylvia Allen (mother of Jason Dove), Dale Bruer (father of Randy Bruer), Edith York, George Family (friends of Mathews family)

### Military:

Serving in Afghanistan—Cody Hall (husband of Sarah Hall)

### Employment Needs:



### Capital Campaign:

In memory of Roger McCracken by John and Roberta David.

### AYMS:

In memory of Roger McCracken by Steve and Laurie Wilson.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CRAFTY FRIDAY—AUGUST 13

Join us 7 p.m. in the Discipleship Center, north/east classroom. Just bring your project and supplies. Not crafty? Come anyway and enjoy the friendship, and laughter until about 11 p.m.



What do you do with your old magazines? Instead of trashing or recycling them, how about reusing them! Reading material is a very highly valued resource in correction facilities and there is never enough. A collection box has been placed outside of the church office for magazines to be donated to the inmates of Collin County. It costs you nothing but your thought. Before dropping off your magazines, it would be very helpful if you would please check for and remove any CDs which may be in the magazines. If you subscribe to the magazine being donated, please remove the mailing label. Any question? Contacts are Laurie Wilson and Erny Mathews.



Congratulations to Tiffany Hobbs and Josh Eames on the birth of their son, Preston Blake on July 20, 2010. Proud grandparents are Robert and Stacy Hobbs and proud great-grandmother is Corethia Hobbs.



1; Charles McKissick 2; Velta Melton 3; Erick Gary, Bradley Martin, Betsy Newman 5; Holly McCarley 6; Debbie Dodson, Elizabeth Powell, Ronney Thompson 9; Butch Irby, Paul Westbrook 10; Russ Allen, Bobby Jack Holmes, Dawna Houghteling 13; Rachel Beckham 14; Betty Crum, Cynthia Hobbs, Richard Tarver 15; Kenneth Branch, Mike Hutcherson 16; Nikki Davis 17; Chuck Buchfink 18; Rowan Cooper 19; Wayne Bynum 21; Cathy Barton 22; Erin Chunn, Thomas Mathews 23; Rebekah Gary, Ashley Kelly 24; Finley Grace Turrentine 25; Bill Rasor 28; Marshall Agan 29; Newt Spurgin 30; Lara Hannegan 31; Caitlin Swanson, Libby Vermeire



## FOOD FOR FREEDOM

As many of you know Sarah Hall's husband Cody is deployed in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Currently the soldiers are experiencing extreme heat temperatures (averaging 125 degrees) causing dehydration and hungry stomachs due to the type and rations of food available to them. FCC McKinney would like to send care packages to Cody and the nine soldiers he is responsible for.

Items most requested and useful include but are not limited to the following: gum, mints, beef jerky, slim jims, Pringles chips, crackers, cookies, corn nuts, lollipops, dried fruit. Individual packages of—nuts, granola bars, skittles, pop-top fruit, pop-top meat (no pork products allowed), powered drink mixes (especially Gatorade and Propel). Misc. items—crosswords, Sudoku, word-searches, playing cards, magazines, etc.

We have put a sample box in the hall outside of the church office. There is also a box for donations, if you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have someone else do the shopping, please stub your check FFF (Food For Freedom) and drop in the office or offering plate. Please drop all donations off by Sunday, August 22.

Thank you for not only your generosity, but for your prayers for these men and women serving OUR Country! At present, Charles Fletcher is stationed in El Paso; Seth Thompson is stationed in New York.

