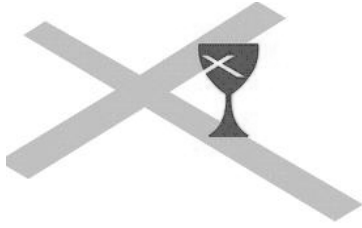


The Newsletter of First Christian Church
1800 W. Hunt * McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-4491 www.goodnewsfcc.org

Non-Profit
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
McKinney, TX 75069
Permit No. 194



RETURN SERVICE CORRECTION

COMING SOON

<p>Sunday, September 5 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Promotion Sunday 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>Monday, September 6 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>Tuesday, September 7 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>Wednesday, September 8 12:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board 5:15 p.m. Junior Choir (1st–6th) 5:15 p.m. Youth Handbells (6th–12th)</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 8 (continued) 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper <i>(\$2 per person/\$5 per family)</i> 6:30 p.m. JYF (3rd–5th) 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (6th–12th) 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir 6:35 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir <i>(childcare available 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Friday, September 10 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Crafty Friday</p> <p>Saturday, September 11 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministries Book Club</p>
---	--

Church Staff
 Senior Minister
 Neill Grimes
 Associate Minister
 Susan Gary
 Administrative Assistant
 Penny Welch
 Financial Secretary
 Kathryn Knight
 Minister of Music
 Larry Neel
 Organist
 Woong Hee Lee
 Director of
 Contemporary
 Ensemble
 Steve Stark
 Director of
 Crossing Point Christian
 School
 Debbie Dodson

PASTORAL

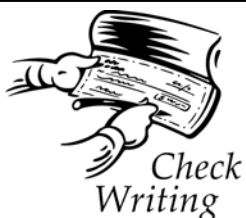
Three items are on my mind this morning; here we go.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be within a day or so of turning another monthly page into September and the beginning of fall programming. Wednesday evening, September 1st, our 12 week block begins and will take us up to the week before Thanksgiving. I see no reason why we should not anticipate a good fall season; teachers, youth sponsors, children's church, and other leadership personnel are in place and ready to go. We are gradually stepping out of the summer slump in worship attendance; in fact, early worship has stepped into the 90s these past several weeks; that's exciting. Family Promise is poised to begin; small groups will re-gather and the youth will flip pancakes for casitas. So, gather yourself up and step back into the flow of the life and ministries of First Christian Church.

Secondly, we need to step back and give thanks that God has brought us two delightful student youth ministers in the last ten years. Shawn Wallace and Christ St. Clair did good work with our youth and their parents, and served ably in other parts of this congregation. Those two young men are now serving in fulltime pastorates in Arkansas and Texas. A search team has been appointed to look for a third student youth minister. Co-chaired by Meredith Magruder and Robert Guthrie, this team is now receiving resumes and names of possible candidates for consideration. Please be patient; the last transition took 5 months, but the search has begun. Please keep this group in your prayers.

Finally, my work beyond First Christian has centered primarily in one place—helping start a new Disciple congregation in the NW McKinney—Prosper area. That work is now beginning to take shape; we are in the process of attempting to raise funds for salary and program. And across the next two weeks, we are interviewing prospective church planter candidates. Those interviews will be held here at First Christian. Please remember, through our present capital campaign, we committed \$36k to help underwrite this project. Those funds have not been submitted, but the time is growing close; we hope to have a church planter on site by the first quarter of 2011.

As I stated earlier, I see no reason why we should not have a great fall. Your presence enriches our community. I'll be looking for you in worship as we thank God and pray that his Spirit shapes us a bit more into the image of Christ Jesus. Peace. Neill



When writing checks to FCC, please use only BLACK or BLUE ink. Other colors are non-readable by some of the bank equipment. Thank you.

SERVING SCHEDULE

September 5, 2010

WORSHIP @ 9 a.m.

VIDEO/AUDIO: Cindy Peters/Brad Peters

COMMUNION: Hannah Kunkle/Nancy

Probst

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Chuck & Cathy

Buchfink; Allen Knight/Larry Collins

WORSHIP @ 11 a.m.

AUDIO: Brad Peters

FOYER GREETERS: A.K. Armstrong/Cathy

Bailey

ACOLYTE: Addie Westbrook

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Karla Chunn

MEDITATION: Connie Hodson

ELDERS: Bill Rasor/Tom Kirby

DIACONATE: Kim Guthrie, Dixie & Steve

Hanner, Kathi Livezey, Cindy Peters Michael

Billings, Erick Gary, Jeffrey Reitinger

COMMITMENT REPORT

August 22, 2010

Offering Received \$8,672.85

Capital Campaign \$2,905.00

Attendance:

Sunday School 109

Contemporary Worship 92

Traditional Worship 129

Nursery Care 14

Worship TOTAL 235



Congregation Members:

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

Congregation family and friends:

Heather Noblitt (sister-in-law of Alan and Tonya Noblitt), Holly Manna (sister of Dee Anna Chapell), Judi Tripp (mother of Stacy Hobbs), Sylvia Allen (mother of Jason Dove), Dale Bruer (father of Randy Bruer), Edith York

Military:

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

Employment Needs:

Bruce Barton, Michael McCarley, Richard Heland



Capital Campaign:

In memory of Richard Knight by Carol King, Pisey Tran, Georgia Lum-Hee, Jean Boure, Diane Garratt, Georgia Taylor, Danna O'Brien.



SEPTEMBER 15th: Youth Led Worship for ALL at 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18th: 8 a.m.—Noon PANCAKE FEAST

benefiting Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries—Casitas for the Poor

\$5 tickets available from youth or the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CWF

Christian Women's Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a Study and Covered Dish Lunch. Please join us **September 1** for our first meeting of fall.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

When: Thursdays, beginning **September 2**—October 28th, 11:00-Noon

Location: Discipleship Center **Facilitator:** Susan Gary

Book: "Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On", Trusting God in the tough times.

Fee: \$6 (book) *Childcare Provided*

CRAFTY FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 10

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

BOOK CLUB—SEPTEMBER 11

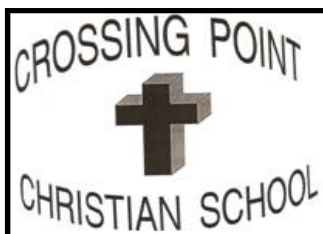
Join us 9 a.m. at La Madeleine's for:

"The Help" by author Kathryn Stockett

If you were raised in the South and are of a "certain age", your family may have had "help" when you were growing up. The book explores how one young woman returns home in 1962 after college to find her beloved maid missing. She embarks on a quest to find her, and we learn about the boundaries that have been imposed, the lines that have been drawn, and how three maids—the "help"—risk everything to create change. It's a great story but it's also a great lesson on life and how we treat one another.



2-Michael Hanner; 4-Rick Beckham, Emma Terrell; 5-Neill Grimes; 10-Mary Paulsen; 11-Sarah Hall; 12-Barbara Britton, Jennifer Tarver; 13-Keith Gore, Piper Shulenberger; 14-Dale Hannegan; 15-Carol King, David Mathews, J.D. Reitinger; 17-Susan Allen; 19-Larry Collins, Caroline Parsons, Elizabeth Wells; 20-Mike Livezey; 23-Debbie Hutcherson; 24-Andy Anderson, Abby Gary, Julie Guerra; 25-Laura Thompson; 26-Kristen Chunn, Mildred Huddleston; 27-Jim Hudson, Brandi Terrell; 28-Ricky Bourland; 29-Colton Spurgin; 30-Garrett Tarver



CPCS is looking for a few volunteers to sit at the "Welcome Table" and help visitors to the school. We would like to develop a 5 day schedule with Wednesday and Thursdays already taken. We are looking to fill the Monday, Tuesday and Friday slots from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

If you are able to share some of your time with the children, please call Debbie Dodson at 972-542-0501.



Continuing the diary of Elder Horn, our first full-time minister:

Early in 1864 I made a trip to Houston, Texas, with a party sent to guard prisoners. While there I had the measles. We returned home and rejoined our command in the Indian Nation soon after the Battle of Poison Springs, Arkansas.

We were now under the command of General R.M. Gano, who had been a colonel under John Morgan in Kentucky and Tennessee, and had adopted Morgan's military tactics. I was slightly wounded in a fight at Prairie Grove near Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was furloughed for twenty days soon afterwards. After I returned, General Gano learned that a Kansas regiment of the Federal Army, then at Fort Smith, was encamped at Diamond Grove, four miles from the fort.

He planned to capture them by surprise attack, as we were forty or fifty miles away. He called for volunteers for the dash—and when he had his number, we set out. We left camp about five o'clock in the afternoon and marched all night. The general rode at the head of the column.

We reached their pickets about daylight. They fired on us but we chased them back unto their camp. The soldiers were up, and they quickly fell into rank, in the grove. Our men surrounded them, and for awhile the fight was hot, but we put them to flight. We captured a good many. Some were killed or wounded. Their settler's stone and other supplies were captured or destroyed. Being so near the Army, we had but little time to tarry—before starting our retreat, or run the risk of being taken.

—Submitted by Mack Hill, FCC Historian