

First Christian Church Chronicle

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Women's Ministry's Annual Valentine Day Dinner

Sat., Feb. 11th here at church.



5:30 -6:00 p.m. pictures taken of each couple.

6:00 p.m. catered meal served by Waldo Cooney's. Join
us for dinner, games, prizes, and FUN! Every couple
gets a gift. Signups are needed. Cost: \$20/couple.

(Couples only, please – but a single can bring a friend.)

Little Re@lity Check by Shawn L. Cornett

*Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished,
but those who are righteous will go free. - Proverbs 11:21
(NIV)*

*The LORD detests all the proud of heart.
Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.
- Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)*

There is coming a day when those who have perpetrated evil and who have mocked the Lord God by their lifestyles will be punished. Though it may seem as though they are winning in life, they will have lost that which is most important - eternal life. What do we do in these situations? We beg and plead for justice to be done. We want the wicked to "get what's coming to 'em!" We want those who have done awful, despicable things to be punished. They should get what they deserve!

Why should we desire that anyone get what they deserve when we don't want what we deserve? Mercy stepped into our lives at one point or another and keeps us from getting what we deserve. We all deserve death and Hell for we are all guilty, vile sinners. We have all missed the mark. We have all lied, cheated, lusted, stolen, coveted and committed a whole host of despicable sins, have we not? Why should we be mercifully forgiven and others not? Our desire should be the same as God's desire. 1 Timothy 2:3b-4 (NIV) says that "God our Savior...wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

While we can be certain of one thing -- that those who have perpetrated evil and have lived lives of wickedness will be punished, our desire should be for grace and mercy. Jesus died for wicked sinners. Wicked sinners like us. - Shawn



WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us for a few songs, communion, prayer, and some brief discussion time. 6:30 p.m. each week. Everyone welcome. See Shawn Cornett for questions. Join us every week or whenever you can.

LOOK at THIS!

Due to the increased cost of postage and our desire to be good stewards of God's resources, we are making some changes in the way we deliver the Chronicle each month. **Beginning in February, we will no longer be mailing out the Chronicle to everyone on our mailing list.** For those who regularly attend GFCC in person, the newsletter will be available on a table in the Welcome Center affixed with your address label. You will be able to pick them up on the first Sunday of the month. The newsletter will also be available as a .pdf each month on our website (www.gfcc.net) and will be e-mailed out to everyone on our e-mail list. For those who are unable to attend worship services at GFCC, please contact the office if you wish to keep receiving the Chronicle via postal delivery. If you are not on our e-mail list and would like to receive the Chronicle via e-mail, please notify the office. The last bulk mailing of the Chronicle was the **January, 2012 edition**. Thank you for your understanding and for your help in this matter.

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SMALL GROUP STUDIES – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Sun.: 8:00 p.m. College Age Small Group

Mon.: 6:30 p.m. Adult Small Group (Gospel of John) New members welcome!

Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Youth Bible Study (Jr/Sr High)

Wed. 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore's: "Living Beyond Yourself" Cost of book: \$15 (pay when you can).

Coming soon: Men's Bible Study Group – watch for details soon. Join a small group! It's a great way to get to know your Christian family.



Elder-Berries:

Our Annual Valentine/All-Birthday Party will be on Thursday, Feb. 9th, 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The sandwiches and cake will be provided. Everyone please bring a dish to share. Any questions call Melissa Rothchild at 934-0762. This ministry is for anyone age 55 and older, or already retired. Join us!



*Let Us
Pray
For:*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns:

David Herbert – Vicky Branson – June Cannon - Blake Loudenber – Tony Arroyo - Maxine Blaker – Ann Robertson - Dodie Wilkey – Tianna Burroughs – Julie Anderson - Michelle Pruznak - Kim Dutczak - Elisa Duarte – Kristi Gilmore - Parker Welsh – Candy McKern – Gary Howell – Evelyn Peters - Gail Fisher – Sherry Gebo – Rosie's father – Ronnie Gebo - Rob Alsip – Guin Hernandez - Mr. Chavarria - Don Baker – Jaclyn Gomez - Lee Ann Riese Allen – Tom Chumley - Greg Francis – Ellie McNerney – Maria Leser – Cathy Huhta – Marsha Lockrey – Jack Conlon – Dorothea Duncan - Bill Ceiga – Austin Fretz – Estuardo Ramos – Jeanette Jennings – Bob & Noel Bubala
Pregnancies: Tianna Barham Burroughs - Sara Hillman, Jodi Katevia, Michelle Baum, Jaclyn Garner, Katie Morrow

Other Concerns:

Family of Jim Barker (Sarah Fines' brother) - Family of John Maglish - Lecea Family finances & job situation - Max Brooke – Quiroz Family - Gebo Family – Michelle Bodley - Reach family finances & health - Our Youth – Our country's economy – Those seeking employment – **Our Military Troops:** Eric Miskuf - Aaron Martinez – Drew – Kip Larson – Brandon Golden - Jimi Dirst – Eric Moore – Jon Uchman - Ed McDonough – Timothy Leicht, Lenny Krawsek – Jon Robbins – Nathan Morris

Continuing Prayer Needs:

Terry Miller - Delores Smessaert – Charlie Brummett - Shannon Cornett - Phyllis Konopasek – Ron Dixon - Clark Lewis – Tony Martinez – Bob & Cathy Seitzinger – Rosemary Young - Terry Stinnett – Jean Birch - Scott Martin – Maxine Frye – Rosa Hall – Linda Baltrus - Jan Hadt – Harold Lush - Hortencia Calderon – Brendon Moreno - Tom Hadt



Ministries Meeting

Sun., Feb. 12th, 1:00 p.m.

Deacons & ministry leaders, grab some lunch after church and then return for our meeting. Please turn in your reports no later than Feb. 6th. Thank you.



Birthdays:

February

- 2: Bob Blunt and Lia Ramos
- 3: Dylan Bowton
- 4: Tim O'Brien
- 6: Dan Keller
- 9: Victor Garcia
- 11: Dorothea Duncan
- 13: Nick Johnson
- 14: Darrel Grubbs
- 16: Tom Chumley, Ed Gleim, Felicia Head, Rose Painter
- 18: Shannon Cornett
- 19: Janis Francis and Ann Sarbon
- 20: Cole Devitt and Mike Sipos
- 24: Brittney Cavazos
- 25: Nigel Collier, Phil Murray, Stacy Pierce
- 26: Teresa Coutino

Anniversaries:

- 14: Dan & Terri Pawloski
- 14: Camilo & Melissa Ramos

If you think we do not have your anniversary, please jot it on your attendance card any Sunday, or else send us an email.

***God promises: "I have loved you with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself."
– Jer 31:3***

YOUTH NEWS

J.O.L.T. – Youth Group for Jr/Sr High every Sunday night, 5:30 p.m. here at church. Bring your friends!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 6-7:00 pm. All Jr & Sr High invited. Bring your friends!

RECYCLING: Remember to bring us your aluminum cans for recycling. The monies go to support our youth group.



Youth Volleyball Schedule:

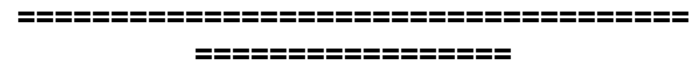
Sat., Feb. 4: 11:00 a.m. vs South Side SWAG at Westminster Church.

Sat. Feb. 11: 9:00 a.m. vs Westminster RISE at South Side Church.

Sat., Feb. 18: 10:00 a.m. vs Westminster RISE at Westminster Church, and also Noon vs Woodmar Methodist at Westminster Church.

Sat., Feb. 25: 1:00 p.m. vs South Side SWAG at South Side Church.

Come on out & cheer on our young people. Any questions contact Monica Garcia at 776-3178.



GOD, ME, AND A B C **Open Enrollment for Fall, 2012:**

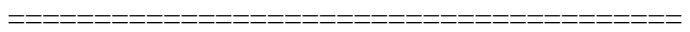
2-day class for 3 & 4 year olds (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 9-11:15 a.m. Cost: \$90/month.

3-day class for 4 & 5 year olds (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) 9-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$100/month.

5-day class for 4 & 5 year olds (Mon- Fri) 9-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$130/month.

All classes have a \$35 registration fee (reduced to \$25 if registered by May 1st).

Call the office for more information or for an application.



KIDS FOR CHRIST:

Hey kids 4 years old - 6th grade.....come join us every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for some fun worship time, games, snacks and learning about Jesus! We have a lot of fun and your friends are all welcome! Everything is free so join us! If we ever have to cancel because of snow, we will be sure to call, so it is very important that we have a current phone number for each child. See you next Thursday! - Terry Stinnett



February Kid's Korner

I remember what it was like...do you? The time I am remembering is the time when my daughter was a toddler and then a preschooler, and even when she was a young elementary child. I call them the "squirmy years" in regards to our time at church each Sunday morning. I remember how wonderful it felt to send her into the Nursery or Cherub room. Sure I worried whether she would cry or make it to the bathroom in time (Sorry Hannah!) but honestly it felt so good to send her in there with capable caregivers. Then I could come back down the stairs and talk to Grown-Ups!! I could worship my Lord! I could pay attention to the sermon! Hurray! I could go away from the service feeling refreshed and revived. And that was just from my perspective, I won't even go into how delightful it is to hear your child talk about Noah, Jonah or Jesus walking on water. What a gift was given to me each week by caring people!!

For Children's Ministry volunteers this is a gift they give to our church families each week. They serve the Lord in a ministry because they love Him. They serve in this ministry because they love you and your children.

The Children's Ministry is in need of some volunteers at this time. We specifically need help in Cherub Church. Won't you please consider giving your time once a month to helping other parents feel that sense of renewal each week? Also, I would love to be able to have Children's Church for our Kindergarten-Second Grade students on the Fourth Sunday (currently Family Sunday with no Children's Church). I need a team of two to teach a lesson already provided for you. Thank you for taking the time to talk to God about serving in these areas. Have a great month. – Lisa Bubala

BIBLE TIME FOR KIDS DEVOTIONALS – Available at the Welcome Center. Designed specifically for the younger children and their parents. Help yourself.



NEW Member Class

Our next New Members Class is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, 9 a.m. til noon.

Breakfast will be served. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

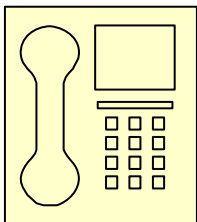
Class is led by Albert Garcia & Shawn Cornett See them for any questions.

Volunteers Needed



Helpers needed to clear the sidewalks around the church building on Sunday mornings, as needed. We have lots of shovels and even a snowblower. If willing to help out, please let Jimmy Sopher know, or call the office. Thanks so much!

NEW DIRECTORIES



The updated nonpictorial directories are available at the Welcome Center – help yourself. Good idea: keep an extra one in your car!



“I just wanted to say thank you for sending the care package to us here overseas. It was a very kind gesture, especially during the holiday season, and was greatly appreciated. We hope you all had a great holiday back home. Thank you once again!

- Capt. Tristan Martinez”

Note: We’ll be sending out care packages again soon, so please continue to shop and bring items in for our troops – leave at the Military Display table in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to always pray for our men & women serving in the military!



Meals for David

We will be providing meals for David Herbert for the next few weeks as he recovers from knee surgery. If willing to take a turn, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the office. Note: he LOVES fast food if you don’t feel like cooking!



My Doctor:

- If you tell him you want a second opinion, he’ll go out & come in again.
- Once while he was talking to me in his office, his nurse came in & said “Doctor, there’s a man here who thinks he is invisible.” The dr. said, “Tell him I can’t see him.”
- Another time a man came running in the office yelling, “Doctor, Doctor, my son just swallowed a roll of film!” The doctor calmly replied, “Let’s just wait & see what develops.”
- One patient came in and said, “Doctor, I have a serious memory problem.” The doctor asked, “When did it start?” The man replied, “When did what start?”
- Once I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: Don’t answer it!
- When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to those places.
- You know, doctors can be so frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, then he says, “I wish you had come to me sooner!”
These are the jokes, folks!!!!

