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Our Vision

To make Christ known,
follow the Word of God,
serve others,
and win new disciples.

Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday School Classes

Toddlers & Twos Room 4
Ages 3-4 Room 7
K-Grade 3 Room 7
JYF (Grades 4-5) ... Room 7
Fellowship Class Room 9
Discipleship Class.. Room 101
Roundtable..... Room 102

Scheduled Leaders for April 18, 2010

Elders
Offering Frank Detrixhe
Communion & Worship..... H.A. Tuck

Deacons
Coordinator Rebecca Bell
Wahnetta Detrixhe; Marisa & Tim Hutchison; Freda Kinsey; Delnor Poss; Wayne Warren

Greeter Pat Stailey

PowerPoint Steve Gandy

Psalm Psalm 30:1-2, 11-12

Scripture John 21:4-10

Message
"Reducing Your Footprint?"

Office Angels
for April 21
Carolyn Dixon,
Ruth Kenney,
& Pat Spaw



Did You Know...

While 7 in 10 Americans describe Easter as a religious holiday, only 42% link it to the resurrection of Jesus, according to a new Barna Group Study. Others in a random sample of 1,005 adults described Easter as a Christian holiday, or a celebration of Passover, or a special day to go to church. "The specifics of it [Easter] are really fading in a lot of people's minds," said David Kinnamon, Barna Group president. *(The Barna Group, founded in 1984, is a nationally-respected research institution focusing on religion and faith.)*

CIA Is Here!

Please join us this Saturday (04/17/10) for our annual **Christmas In Action** workday. We will be painting the home of Ms. Geraldine Davis (3303 N Edwards). Breakfast will be provided by Disciples Men at 8 a.m. at the church—we will leave for the work site at 8:30 a.m. Disciples Women will provide lunch for us at the church at 12 Noon. Remember—no skills are required—just a loving heart to help a neighbor. Join us as we share the love of Christ, and enjoy great fellowship and great food!



Memorial's Memorable Person

Jacqueline "Jackie" Hendricks is a fifth generation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She grew up in Kentucky. She loves to read, travel, play bridge, and work crossword puzzles. She graduated from TCU with a major in English and a minor in French. After she graduated from college, Jackie received a Fulbright Scholarship and studied for a year at the University of Toulouse in Toulouse, France. There she was awarded the "Certificat de Langue Francaise" (although she confesses she hardly remembers a word of French now). Jackie loves any dessert, but she especially loves butterscotch pie. Her favorite candy bar is a Snickers. She has been a member of MCC for 23 years. The great fellowship, loving spirit, and caring support is what Jackie loves most about MCC. She has been involved as an Active Elder, in Disciples Women, Midland Association of Churches representative, and a general volunteer. Her favorite Bible verse is Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Jackie is an amateur book reviewer, she does two or three reviews a year. She has two children, Mary Lynn Murray and Mark Hendricks and four grandchildren, Erin, Mark, Kelly, and Vance. Her other activities include Twentieth Century Study Club, Midland Women's Club, En Amie Book Review Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames of the VII Century. She is a Life Member of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She is also retired from several other organizations. Thank you Jackie for being our MMP!

T-Dreams

Hello! I wish to take a moment and give great thanks to all who helped make our Lenten Season, Holy Week events, and worship experiences rich and meaningful. This includes the church leadership (Ministry teams, Cabinet, and Board) as well as the bounty of members who helped when asked.

These past several weeks of this season have left a surprising and indelible mark on my heart and spirit. I am not entirely certain why, but have a few ideas. So I keep pondering and searching. Perhaps one answer has to do with a clearer understanding of the nature of Christ.

Here are some discoveries I have made (or perhaps better said, "re-made") over these past weeks:

- (1) Christ *is* God's complete revelation once and for all. There need be none other in the future.
- (2) The "external Jesus," or, as some say, the "historical Jesus," is important. However, the attention is better given to the timeless, universal, spiritual Jesus—Messiah and total Lord of all creation.
- (3) At Jesus' resurrection, He is something which, in many ways, He was not before the death/resurrection experience. He is the enthroned King of the world.
- (4) We Christians tend to think Jesus "offers" us some things, when in reality He is what He "offers."

Let me explain this last one just a bit. One can suggest that the disciples seemed to think Jesus had things and ideas and concepts to give them. True enough. But really, Jesus' intent was to *be* what He was to give. You see, there is a huge difference between "giving" someone something and "being" that something to and for them. To illustrate:

- * Jesus does not just teach the "right way"...He IS the Way
- * He gives us words...and He IS the Word
- * He does not just advocate for "moral integrity"...He IS integrity
- * He does not merely speak the "truth"...He IS Truth
- * He does not just present us with a "good life"...He IS life
- * He does not just offer "resurrection"...He IS resurrection.

You see, the Risen Christ was and is what He said and did... and says and does. I imagine none of us is totally capable of this... only the One Who is lovingly perfect. I dream of the occasions when we realize that the Lord *gives*, and the Lord *is what He gives*. Makes all the difference in the world. And you?

Blessings, Terry

Fun & Games

Please attend the renewed "Game Nite" on April 22, 6:30—9:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and drinks. Popcorn will be provided.

See you there, *Programs Ministry*

Please pray for...

- Apex 2000
- Shirley Ashley (friend of Lyn Brown)
- Billy Atchison (acquaintance of the Hendersons)
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Jane Petree-Bright (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Kimber Brown
- Juanice & Ed Buie
- Rita Cox (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Mary Cross (cousin of Freda Kinsey & Lyn Brown)
- Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys)
- Roger Elliott
- Jim Hamilton (cousin of Randy Stevens)
- Fran Hendrix (sister of Pat Spaw)
- Dewayne Hendrix (nephew of Pat Spaw)
- Linda Hughes (daughter of Altha Odom)
- Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum)
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Mary Beth Reddell (daughter of Patricia & Joe Hopkins)
- Nick Roman (friend of Jarvis Salmon)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- the Van Houtens
- June Waters (mother of Paula Brooks)

Christian sympathy is extended to the Trinie Muegge family in the death of her sister-in-law Mary Agnes Garcia; and to Loyd Sanders in the death of a sibling.

Rev. Tony L. Salisbury, Central Area Minister, www.central-area.org

Rev. Dani Cartwright, Southwest Regional Minister, www.ccsw.org

Rev. Sharon Watkins, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), www.disciples.org

Please have articles for the newsletter into the office on Friday afternoon before you wish the article to appear the following Wednesday.

Regina's Raves

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at MCC. Do you feel it? Do you see it through other people? Well, I have to tell you that our 3rd and 4th graders have been bursting with the Holy Spirit lately. I encourage you to have a conversation with them and see what God is all about from their perspective. We have a fourth grader that invited her whole class to LOGOS. Another fourth grader answered Christ's call on his life and was baptized on Easter. We are truly blessed to have these youth and I urge you to get to know them. They are truly blessed with the heart of Christ!

LOGOS is on Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. It's a monthly program for youth in grades 1-5. We are memorizing Bible verses and learning more about how scripture relates in our own lives. We have fun playing games and throwing frisbees as well. Come join us. Thanks to all of the teachers that have signed up for Children's Church for the upcoming month. May is still open to those who would like to help.

Henry David Thoreau once said: "My desire for knowledge is intermittent; but my desire to commune with the spirit of the universe, to be intoxicated with the fumes, call it, of that divine nectar, to bear my head through atmospheres and over heights unknown to my feet, is perennial and constant." May that be a guide on your spiritual walk this week.

Regina

Disciples Women Teen Challenge

Disciples Women have been collecting paper goods for Teen Challenge the past month and a half. These will be presented to them when Teen Challenge visits MCC April 25 to lead us in worship. We will continue the project the next 2 weeks if you would like to contribute but have not had an opportunity to so. There is still time. We appreciate your generosity and interest in the Disciples Women projects.

Travel Schedule (out of the office)

Regina—Apr 19-23, San Antonio,
Bethany Fellowship Retreat
Terry—Apr 22-27, NW Arkansas,
daughter's wedding

Bethany Fellowship & Regina

The 2020 Vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) asks if we want to revitalize 1,000 congregations and start 1,000 new ones, what do we need to do? In 2000, one answer to this question developed in the form of the Bethany Fellowships. This program provides guidance for transitioning from the role of seminarian to vital congregational leader.

In 2004, the Lily Endowment provided a third outstanding grant for the program to continue as well as move to a self-sustaining program. Regina has been accepted to the program and will begin the program by attending a retreat on April 19-23 in San Antonio.

The retreats are held twice a year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. A retreat is opened with worship and getting to know each other. There is also a visit to a local church with a healthy and thriving ministry. At the local church, there will be time to speak with the staff to see how they have led the church as well as their own well-beings.

There is also a period of 24 hours of silence. This is time to reconnect with God however works best for the individual. After the 24 hours, silence is broken with worship. Then mentors meet with their small groups to do a deeper check-in about their lives and their positions of ministry. This is to provide encouragement and accountability. The retreat is closed with some time for recreation and then finally with worship.

Each Bethany Fellow is assigned a mentor. The mentor has regular contact with their Fellow for checking in, support, and prayer. The retreats give an opportunity for the Fellows to have spiritual direction with their mentors. The mentors are also available for support and prayer during an emergency or crisis in a Fellow's personal or professional life. Regina requests your prayers during this coming week as it is sure to be a wonderful time of great community, encouragement, and spiritual growth.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the gifts on Easter Sunday. Everyone at Memorial means so much to me and my family.

Alex Boyd

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 18:

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
3:00 p.m. LOGOS

Monday, April 19:

7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, April 20:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, April 21:

Noon MCC Prayer Time
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 22:

6:30 p.m. Game Nite

Sunday, April 25: Teen Challenge

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

☺ Child Care for 4 years and younger.

Scheduled Leaders for Children's Church

Date	Leader
April 18.....	Pat Jones & Peggy Jones
April 25.....	Terry Perry
May 2	Steve Gandy
May 9	open

Lectionary for April 18

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

MCC Prayer Time

Noon • Wednesday • April 21

Lunch will be furnished.

All members are encouraged to participate.



DATE CHANGE
Breakfast—8:00 a.m.
April 17, 2010