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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 May 2, 2010

Elders
Offering Bob Williamson
Communion & Worship..... Elwana Collins

Deacons
Coordinator Rebecca Bell
Betty & Cecil Odom; Jane Green; Trinia Rowland; Richard Smith; Ray Stailey

PowerPoint Mike Landrum

Psalm 148:11-14

Scripture Revelation 21:1-6

Message
"The Intention of God"

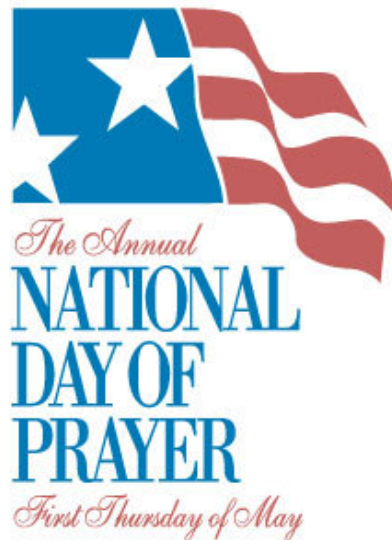
Office Angels for May 5
Betty Whitmire,
Virgie Lewis,
& Marian Mussett



MCC Vespers & Prayer Service

Thursday, May 6
Lite Dinner—6:15 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Worship—7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

All are invited to this distinctive worship experience offering quiet music, personal prayer time, corporate prayers, moments of contemplation, spiritual readings, and lit candles. It is a time to reflect on the importance of prayer, our own vulnerabilities, and our connectedness to God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer. (May 6 is also the National Day of Prayer, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress.)



Peanut Butter Sunday
May 2



Elders' Luncheon

May 5 • Noon
Fellowship Hall

Hosted by: Pat & Jerry Jones

Speaker: Mary Beth Anton

All active and sustaining Elders are encouraged to attend.

Central Area Assembly

Saturday, May 1

Registration . 9:30 a.m.

Assembly 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Place Brook Hollow C.C., Abilene

Theme Fostering Spiritual Disciplines Within Congregations

If any MCC member would like to go with us, please phone the church office ASAP (694-5321). Your registration fee will be paid by us. We will travel in the church van.



Please Help

We need volunteers to be greeters on Sunday mornings before worship. If you would like to volunteer please call **Trinie Muegge at 685-7015.**



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Earth Day: We're taking action!

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day—and its 2010 theme, "Take action!" - Church World Service continues its long tradition of taking action in partnership around the world, assisting communities in managing their environmental resources to better provide for their families now and into the future.

Looking back to the mid-1960s, before the first Earth Day, in the aftermath of the Algerian War in Independence several thousand local workers terraced hillsides and planted upwards of 27,000,000 olive, fruit, and other trees—with support from Church World Service. Their efforts yielded not only food, but also curbed erosion and helped to manage surface water. And many of those who were trained in the program became key personnel in the national forestry.

Shift forward—today in Honduras, some 1,410 families in the Rio Chiquila micro-basin are participating in a CWS-supported project to grow a variety of vegetables in their gardens, while protecting water, soil, and forest resources. With training and technical assistance, the farm families are growing food sustainably and promoting forest regeneration. They are also learning to work with local municipalities to establish a culture of valuing and protecting the environment and to monitor and respond to the effects of climate change.

With CWS support in southeast Pakistan, 4,500 families are growing more food by using water conserved in irrigation ponds. They are also cutting down on chemical fertilizers by learning how to use compost.

In the Kitui diocese, Mwingi district, Kenya, some 12,500 people are benefiting from the construction of six sand dams and six shallow wells that are providing water for both families and livestock. Communities have established vegetable gardens and fruit tree nurseries near each sand dam. Through the CWS-supported program, they are also learning about health, hygiene and environmental conservation issues.

Church World Service puts environmental concern into action around the globe every day of the year. And your support—whether through individual or congregations giving, helps CROP Hunger Walks, the Blankets+ Program, or alternative giving—makes that work possible.

Please pray for...

- Apex 2000
- Billy Atchison (acquaintance of the Hendersons)
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Jane Petree-Bright (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Juanice & Ed Buie
- Cari Butler (daughter of Jackie Forsyth)
- Rita Cox (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys)
- Emily Edwards
- 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)
- The Morgan Family (friends of Regina)
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Mary Beth Reddell (daughter of Patricia & Joe Hopkins)
- Nick Roman (friend of Jarvis Salmon)
- Ian Rook (Military)
- 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 Freda Kinsey & Lyn Brown in the death of their cousin Mary Cross.

Congratulations...

...to **Colton Perry** and his Discovery Imagination team on receiving 1st place and the DaVinci Award. They will be going to Globals in Tennessee!

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

Well... I have returned from the Bethany Fellowship Retreat in San Antonio. It was an amazing week! We spent time learning about other various aspects of ministry. On Tuesday, we went to Central Christian Church in downtown San Antonio. It was amazing to see the similarities between Central and Memorial. They are an aging congregation that have reached out to their neighborhood. They have been able to embrace youth that have never been inside a church. We heard an exciting presentation from their Children's Minister as well as spent time in conversation with the Senior Pastor. Central Christian has found ways to do outreach to their community even though they are not able to do physical labor.

Gordon Atkinson and Ronald Rolheiser were the two speakers that were brought in for Tuesday afternoon and evening. Gordon talked about his experience of serving a church with no self-care. He also spoke of being your true self in ministry. Ronald talked about the quest for our spiritual selves. He quoted James Forbes saying, "Nobody gets to heaven without a reference letter from the poor."

We spent 24 hours in silence which I had never done before. It was one of the best parts of the week. While difficult to eat a meal in silence while sitting at the same table, it was a scared trust that God was speaking to all of us. We could go anywhere on the campus as long as we were in silence. It's amazing how much you hear that you would normally ignore in the busyness of daily life. God talks a lot in the silence and your heart really gets to talk as well.

Our last day was spent in small groups discussing our time of silence with our leadership team. We spent Thursday afternoon sightseeing in San Antonio. Thursday evening was a time of celebration and time to connect through card games and hanging out. I appreciate Memorial giving me the chance to go to this retreat. It gave me a chance to be released, reconnected, and rejuvenated. Thank you!

Regina

Bill Gaither 2010 Homecoming Tour

Lubbock, Texas

Saturday, May 1, 6:00 p.m.

United Spirit Arena, Texas Tech
(19th Street @ Indiana)

Tickets \$30 & \$40 plus taxes & fees
1-888-770-1876 or at arena before show starts.

4 + hours of southern gospel
and old standards of the Church.



Congratulations...

...to Martha & Jerry Sides
on the birth of 2 new great-
grandsons. Preston Jones was
born April 16, and Lucas Clemmer
was born on April 23.



Thanks...

...to all who brought shoes
for Soles4Souls. We received
approximately 300 shoes.
Thank you for your donations!



Your Faith Can Grow

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3). And in the slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 2:

9:00 a.m. Active Elders Get-Together
9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
3:00 p.m. Education Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, May 4:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck
7:00 p.m. GECO Open House (Education Wing)

Wednesday, May 5:

Noon Elders' Luncheon/Meeting
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 6:

6:15 p.m. Lite Dinner
7:00 p.m. Vespers & Prayer Service

Saturday, May 8:

8:30 a.m. Disciples Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day

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
May 2	Steve Gandy
May 9	Lisa Craven
May 16	Jane Green/Marisa Hutchison
May 23	open

Lectionary for May 2

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35