



# THE MESSENGER

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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)

1001 Andrews Highway Midland, TX 79701

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**Mrs. Jackie Forsyth**, Board Chair

### 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 June 6, 2010

**Elders**  
Offering ..... Jackie Hendricks  
Communion & Worship..... Betty Whitmire

**Deacons**  
Coordinator .....Beth Crawford  
Sharon Boyd; Lyn Brown; Colton, David, Jared, & Terry Perry

**PowerPoint** .....Steve Gandy

**Psalm** ..... 146:1-6

**Scripture** .. Genesis 12:1-5b

**Message**  
"The Future Is Not In the Past"

Office Angels  
for Jun 16  
Carolyn Dixon,  
Ruth Kenney, &  
Pat Spaw



### Bingo Nite

Remember Bingo Nite on June 24, at 6:30 p.m. We will have a light meal followed by bingo. There will be lots of fun during the evening.

### Food Pantry Report May 2010

During four Wednesdays in May, the pantry served 248 families or 1,085 people, making an average of 271 people each week. In addition to the dry commodities and canned goods, clients were given fresh vegetables that included potatoes, pears, apples, and pecans. **Pat & Jerry Jones** graciously donated the pecans, and First Christian donated 283 food items during the month. Our congregation donated jars of peanut butter and jelly on the first Sunday of May.

Total food cost was \$822.24 from the West Texas Food Bank. Free books were again made available to both children and adults. Most of these books were a gift from the Friends of the Library Society.

### MCCPT (Prayer Time)

Noon • Wednesday • June 16

Lunch will be provided.

*All members are encouraged to participate.*



**Breakfast—8:00 a.m.  
June 12, 2010**

### "If My People..."

Still time to pick up your copy of "If My People..." a 40-day prayer guide for our nation. As we move toward Independence Day, may we all pray daily for our nation and our leaders, and give thanks to God for our blessings and our many freedoms. Copies of the devotional guide are available on the tables in the foyer of the Sanctuary and in the hallway next to the Parlor.

*(Sponsored by Worship Ministry)*



The time is arriving for "The Messenger" to rotate to the *every-two-week mailing schedule*. Publishing dates are as follows. If you have information to appear in a newsletter please be attentive to the dates and contact the church office accordingly. Thank you.

June 16

June 30

July 14

July 28

August 11

August 25

September 8 – return to normal weekly schedule

# T-Dreams

Hello! In a book I am currently reading I once again came across a section dedicated to the ubiquitous phrase "the 80/20 principle." Most of us are probably familiar with this.

The idea is that in any organization or entity (business, not-for-profit, family, small group, and such), 20% of the people will do 80% of the activity (whatever that activity happens to be), and the other 80% of the people will be the consumers of said activity. This section of the book gave some tantalizing examples of this Pareto Principle:

## Time

20% of our time produces 80% of our results

## Counseling

20% of the people take up 80% of our time

## Products

20% of the products bring in 80% of the profit

## Job

20% of our work gives us 80% of our satisfaction

## Speech

20% of the presentation produces 80% of the content

## Donations

20% of the people will give 80% of the money

## Leadership

20% of the people will make 80% of the decisions

## Picnic

20% of the people will eat 80% of the food...!

This listing is then followed by a provocative statement: *"A life in which anything goes will ultimately be a life in which nothing goes."* The idea is to discover priorities and then follow them. Seems simple enough, right?

I dream of the times when Christ's Church really examines what its top few priorities are and then follows them...not just sometimes but most of the time...if not all the time. And you?

*Blessings, Terry*

**No Messenger next week. Scheduled leaders for June 13, 2010 are listed on this page below the Prayer List.**

## **Please pray for...**

- Apex 2000
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Jane Petree-Bright (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- 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)
- Carolyn Kirkes (friend of Gail Caudle)
- Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum)
- Roger McCracken
- Joyce Neal
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Hollyn Pollard
- Ian Rook (Military)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- the Van Houtens

## **Scheduled Leaders for June 13, 2010**

### **Elders**

Offering.....Gregg Groves  
Communion & Worship .....Bob Williamson

### **Deacons**

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

**PowerPoint**..... Rebecca Bell

**Psalm**..... 11:4-7

**Scripture** ..... Galatians 5:25; Acts 2:28-39;  
..... John 16:13-14

### **Message**

"The Action of the Holy Spirit"

**Rev. Tony L. Salisbury**, Central Area Minister, [www.central-area.org](http://www.central-area.org)

**Rev. Dani Cartwright**, Southwest Regional Minister, [www.ccswo.org](http://www.ccswo.org)

**Rev. Sharon Watkins**, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), [www.disciples.org](http://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

It's here! It's here! Summer camp is finally here! I know our campers are as excited as I am. My hope is that you will lift these campers up in prayer during their time at camp; that it may be a time for them to experience God as well as the fellowship of their fellow campers and staff. **Cutrina Wornell, Pat Wornell, Michael Van Houten, and April Van Houten** will be attending Grand Beginnings Camp starting this Friday. **Colton Perry** and I will be attending CYF Conference beginning this Sunday.

VBS is approaching fast and the preparations are already underway. If you would like to help with VBS, please contact **Marisa Hutchison** or me. Starting on Sunday, there will be a supply tree in the foyer outside the sanctuary. There will be tags with supplies that you can buy, let us borrow, or donate the money to cover that item. If you have any questions, contact Marisa or me.

The summer promises to be full of activities for our youth and our college students. There will be schedules mailed to our LOGOS youth this week with a summer calendar.

We have been invited to VBS at First Christian Church in Midland. Their theme is *Mission: Unstoppable*, as special agents on the mission, children will spy out the real truth about disabilities. First Christian's VBS is June 21-25 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. If you would like a registration form, please let me know or contact FCC at 682-2541. If you register before June 14 you will receive a special thank you gift.

-Regina

### Congratulations Colton and Destination Imagination Teams

We want to send our congratulations to **Colton Perry** and Midland High School's Destination Imagination team. They competed in the global competition this past week in Tennessee and received Second Place. They also received the "Da Vinci Award" for the most creative presentation. Midland's Junior High Team won 8th place! Congratulations to all those who were involved, and especially to **Colton!** Way to go!

## 2010 General Board Meets

This annual meeting took place in April. Reports were presented by General Units of the denomination, regional ministries, and church-wide initiatives. Also offered was a statement by current General Minister and President (GMP) Rev. Sharon Watkins about her willingness to serve a second 6-year term if she is invited to do so.

The gathering was led by Moderator Larry Brown, with First Vice-Moderator Juan Rodriguez coordinating worship and Second Vice-Moderator Marilyn Williams facilitating business.

In her State of the Church message, GMP Watkins reminded the Board that Disciples are called to embrace both *technical change* and *adaptive change*:

*"Adaptive change is when you're trying to do something so different than what's gone on before that there's not a known answer to it," she said. "We are going to have to engage in some quietly reflective dialogue and some courageous conversations...until we figure out how to be Church today."*

Rev. Watkins later asked Board members to discuss the places in General and Regional ministry reports where they saw God at work for wholeness and healing.

Rev. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and Vice-President, provided the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) update for the Board. DMF is the denomination's common fund, supporting 72 ministries. Giving to DMF declined by 10% in 2009, while there are some encouraging signs for 2010 giving. For example, Disciples contributed \$7.4 million in Permanent Fund Gifts to the Christian Church Foundation in 2009...the largest amount given in a single year since 1969.

Regarding the Pension Fund, President Hamlett said that although it dealt with market downturns, it remains one of the most financially solid Pension Plans in the U.S. today. The Pension Plan is at about 110% (more than fully-funded to meet all obligations).

The Board also acknowledged with gratitude the ministry of *DisciplesWorld*, our now defunct denominational news magazine.

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**Weekly Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, Jun 6: CYF Camp Begins**

- 9:00 a.m. Elders' Get-Together
- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
- 2:15 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

**Tuesday, Jun 8:**

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

**Wednesday, Jun 9: No Messenger**

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

**Saturday, Jun 12: NO Disciples Men's Breakfast**

- 8:30 a.m. Church on the Journey

**Sunday, Jun 13:**

- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
- Noon All-Youth Lunch @ Mr. Gattis

**Tuesday, Jun 15:**

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

**Wednesday, Jun 16: Messenger**

- Noon MCCPT (Prayer Time)
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, Jun 17:**

- 7:00 p.m. **EMERGE**

**Sunday, Jun 20: Father'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
June 6.....	open
June 13.....	Regina Erwin
June 20.....	Steve Gandy
June 27.....	Regina Erwin

**Lectionary for Jun 6**

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

**Lectionary for Jun 13**

1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14)  
15-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36—8:3