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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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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 July 18, 2010

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

Deacons
CoordinatorBeth Crawford
Sharon Boyd; Lyn Brown;
Colton, David, Jared, & Terry
Perry

PowerPointMike Landrum

Psalm Psalter 90

Scripture Luke 10:38-42

Message
"It Takes 2 to Tango"

Office Angels
for Jul 28
Betty Whitmire,
Virgie Lewis,
& Marian Mussett



Report of Food Pantry June 2010

During five Wednesdays in June, the pantry served 294 families or 1,337 people, making an average of 267 people each week. In addition to the dry commodities and canned goods, clients were given fresh tomatoes and eggs. The congregation donated jars of peanut butter and jelly on the first Sunday of June.

Total food cost was \$1,313 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. Additionally, the pantry bought Bibles for distribution at the cost of \$407. Please continue to remember the pantry in your prayers and your giving.

Something to Ponder...

Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," had a picture in his office. It showed a turtle sitting atop a fence. The picture is there to remind him of a lesson he learned long ago: *"If you see a turtle on a fence post, you know it had some help."*

Said Alex, "Any time I start thinking, 'Wow, isn't this marvelous, what I've done,' I look up at that picture and remember how this turtle (me) got up on that post."

(Quoted in *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work—Together We Can Do the Impossible*, by John C. Maxwell.)

Called Board Meeting

Sun • July 18 • 12:00 Noon
Fellowship Hall
Topic: Proposal for a joint
venture with MCC

Disciples Women's Jul & Aug Project



July & August have been set aside by Disciples Women to collect items for Safe Place. A table has been set up in the foyer to place your donations. Safe Place has given us a list of items that are most needed at this time. However, anything is appreciated whether on the list or not. We look forward to the day when there is no need for a "Safe Place"; when there will be peace in families and peace on earth.

All church members are encouraged to participate!

Disciples Women's Brunch

July 24, 2010
Saturday • 10:00 a.m.
at the home of
Elwana Collins
3110 Seaboard



July 28
August 11
August 25
September 8 – return to
normal weekly schedule

T-Dreams

Hello! There is something I did not have time to share during this past Sunday's worship message from the Book of Amos (7:7-9) and the Gospel of Luke (10:25-37). The topic addressed God's judgment upon the Hebrews due to their lack of equitable fairness, justice, and righteousness for all people.

There was a special study done by two professors at UCLA in the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. The study results were published in the April 21, 2008 issue of the journal "Psychological Science." The findings included the following. The human brain reacts to being treated "fairly" and "justly" in the same way it reacts when a person wins some money or eats a favorite sweet. In other words, "justice" and "fairness" stimulate the *same part of the brain* which is stimulated when we receive things we like...e.g., free money, favorite deserts, something we really want.

How surprising is that? No...I mean *really* surprising. I know I was stunned! Lots of things never occur to me (which could be considered one of my growth areas)! However, it really never occurred to me that in those times when I am treated fairly, and justly, and equitably by some person or some organization, my brain reacts in a very positive, "feel-good" way; a way similar to how my brain reacts when I eat something I relish or am gifted something I'd really like to have.

Of course, the converse of this also exists. You can perhaps imagine how the brain responds when a person is repeatedly *denied* "justice" and "fairness"... and one could then surmise how that person might act toward things, or react. This could help explain a good deal if more of us were cognizant of this, as I have just become this week.

Could something such as this be one reason why God, and God's Son, Jesus, constantly talked about and alluded to the importance of things like justice, fairness, equitable treatment, forgiveness, and righteousness (the latter which is synonymous with *justice* in early Greek and early Hebrew understandings)? I do not know the answer to that question. Nonetheless, I find the question itself tantalizing.

Once again the field of human science has given us a glimpse into the workings of the human brain and responses by the human body. No wonder, then, that people who have a lively, strong, vibrant, active faith can walk through life seeing things and handling things quite differently than those without such a faith.

I dream of the times when we more and more welcome the workings of a strong faith in our mind, heart, and body. And you?

Blessings, Terry

No Messenger next week. Scheduled leaders for July 25, 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 (daughter of Frances Younger)
- Roger Elliott
- Paul Henderson
- 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)
- Joyce Neal
- Shirley Norris (friend of the Hensesons)
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- the Van Houtens

Scheduled Leaders for July 25, 2010

Elders

OfferingBob Williamson
Communion & WorshipElwana Collins

Deacons

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

PowerPoint Gregg Groves

Psalm 85:8-13

Scripture Luke 11:5-13

Message

"Keep At It"

Rev. Dani Cartwright, Southwest Regional Minister, www.ccsww.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.

**Vacation Bible School
July 31, 2010**



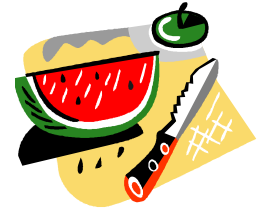
- Place:** Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
1001 Andrews Highway, Midland
- Date:** July 31, 2010 (*Saturday*)
- Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (*Breakfast & Lunch provided*)
- Ages:** 3 years through 6th Grade
- To register:** phone 432.694.5321 or
e-mail secretary@mccmidland.org



**Watermelon Feast
July 18, 2010**

Don't forget, MCC is having a Watermelon Feast on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. out on the basketball court. There will be watermelon, lemonade, and other cool drinks for your enjoyment. Also, games will be set up for children of all ages. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Note: If you would like to furnish watermelons for the event, please phone the church office or Mike Landrum at 631-7390.



Please Help

We need volunteers to be leaders on Sunday mornings for Children's Church. If you would like to volunteer please call the office at 694-5321 or sign the board in the sanctuary foyer. Thank you!

Doctor Jessica Garrett-Staib
Mother of Meredith Martin and Zoe Hodges
and
Robert Scott Staib
Father of Christopher and Matthew Staib
have together with the Lord
reached a decision to unite their lives
as one with Kim
They invite you to worship with them
and witness the anointing of their vows.
On Saturday the thirty-first of July
at seven o'clock at night at
Memorial Christian Church

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 18:

- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
- 3:00 p.m. VBS Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Watermelon Feast

Monday, July 19: NO Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 20:

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, July 21: No Messenger

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 7:30 p.m. NO Choir rehearsal

Saturday, July 24:

- 10:00 a.m. Disciples Women's Brunch

Sunday, July 25: 8'ers Camp Begins

- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
- 3:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

Tuesday, July 27:

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, July 28: Messenger

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 7:30 p.m. NO Choir rehearsal until Aug 25

Friday, July 30:

- 6:30 p.m. Staib Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 31:

- 8:00 a.m. VBS
- 7:00 p.m. Staib Wedding

Sunday, Aug 1:

- 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
July 18	Pat Jones & Peggy Jones
July 25	Steve Gandy
Aug 01	Lisa Craven
Aug 08	Terry Perry

Lectionary for Jul 18

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Lectionary for Jul 25

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13