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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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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 Aug 1, 2010

Elders
Offering Gregg Groves
Communion &
Worship..... Lisa Gandy

Deacons
Coordinator Bob Williamson
Wahnetta Detrixhe; Marisa &
Tim Hutchison; Freda Kinsey;
Delnor Poss; Wayne Warren

PowerPoint Gregg Groves

Psalm 107:1-96

Scripture Luke 12:13-21

Message

"Possess or Be Possessed?"

Upcoming Sermon Series "Ways of Seeing Jesus"

This series of Sunday morning messages will help us better understand:

1. who Jesus is
2. why it is He left the heavens
3. how He identifies with us
4. how at differing times in our lives we identify with Him.

Aug 15.... as a Man and
a Teacher

Aug 22.... as a Healer and
a Servant

Aug 29.... as a Shepherd
and a King

Sep 5..... as the Church

Some Thoughts for the Week

- Remember—you are forgiven much, so love others more.
- Admit you are broken and let God do the fixing.
- Stay alert and ready to obey commands with a loving heart, through loving choices, for the love of the One Who loves you first.

Elders' Luncheon

Aug 4 • Noon • Fellowship Hall

Please make every effort
to be in attendance!

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!

Vacation Bible School
Saturday, July 31, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Office Angels
for Aug 11

Elwanna Collins,
Wahnetta Detrixhe,
Betty Odom, &
Martha Poss



T-Dreams

Hello! Let me share a couple of things from a recent issue of *Christianity Today* magazine.

First, a tidbit titled "Spotlight: American Idols and Saints." "With *American Idol's* record for most seasons at the top of the Nielsen charts...it was inevitable that the show would spawn a Christian imitator. But *Trinity Broadcasting Network's* (TBN's) "Gifted" show shut down as *American Idol* began spotlighting its contestants' faith commitments (however vaguely stated). These days, *Newsweek* magazine, Fox News, and others debate whether the 'Christian viewer vote' has become too powerful."

So, I encourage you to make your own decisions on the above paragraph...and in particular the critique that Christian voters are just too powerful, and we just can't let that happen, of course!

Second, a tidbit referencing the same topic as above: "There was a time when a worship leader performing on a show like *American Idol* would have caused Christians to question [that Christian performer's] faith. But with the culture of celebrity becoming more common in the Christian community, the idea of a Christian making it big in the mainstream isn't so distasteful anymore." (Spoken by Joanne Brokaw, who blogs on *American Idol* for Beliefnet's "Gospel Soundcheck.")

I again encourage you to make your own decisions on this second item (just above), and in particular the idea (implied inversely) that there was a time when a Christian making it big in the mainstream [music arena] was *distasteful*...!

Surely comments and writings like this must generate within every faithful and committed Christian some serious thinking. Do too many people banter the Christian faith to and fro, depending upon what it is they want to defend or not defend?... Or suggest or not suggest? Or critique or not critique?

Has the Church lost it's edge? It's witness? It's strength to stand firm in the face of things which seek to "put it in a box" and make it stay there? Is being a Christian and living a Christ-like life somehow "distasteful"? Are Christians supposed to "hold their tongue" regarding social and ethical concerns...or at least always agree with those Christians who have decided to "not" hold their tongue? I wonder about these things. Do you?

No dreaming today. Just priming the pump.

Blessings, Terry

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
- Chris Haga (former member of MCC)
- Paul Henderson
- Fran Hendrix (sister 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 Hendersons)
- Kerry Sensat (friend of Betty & Cecil Odom)
- 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 Aug 8, 2010

Elders

Offering Steve Gandy
Communion & Worship..... Carolyn Dixon

Deacons

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

PowerPointRebecca Bell

Psalm 50:1-6

Scripture Luke 12:32-40

Message

"Stand Alert"

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

No Messenger next week. Scheduled leaders for August 8, 2010 are listed on this page below the Prayer List.

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

Names in the News

Carvel Mills, a Midland insurance and financial services professional, has qualified for 2010 membership in the Texas Leaders Round Table, an honor organization associated with NAIFA Texas (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors). Mills is also a member of the NAIFA-West Texas association.

The Leaders Round Table recognizes outstanding achievement by Texans in the life and health insurance and related financial services industry. Members must qualify each year by meeting strict professional and ethical requirements as well as achieving successful sales production records and rendering continuous service to clients and their beneficiaries.

Congratulations, Carvel!

Regional Assembly

The 2010 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in the Southwest will be held in Midland/Odessa on October 21-24.

Assembly hotel is the Hilton Midland Plaza. Host churches are Bethany Christian Church and First Christian Church (Odessa) and our 3 churches here in Midland. Speakers for the weekend include: Suzanne Stabile (a lay counselor and minister's spouse), Paul Nixon (author of *I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church* and *Finding Jesus on the Metro*), and a surprise preacher on Thursday evening. Ken Medema, a blind composer and musician, will serve as liturgist with music for the event.

Highlights include workshops on the topics of "Basics for Congregational Life," "Who Are We as Disciples?" and "Spiritual Formation and Crossing Boundaries." Also planned is an event for Youth Ministers and mission work in the Midland and Odessa communities. On that Sunday morning all Disciples churches will worship together, with Paul Nixon preaching,

The Assembly begins with worship Thursday evening at First Christian Church, Odessa and concludes with worship on Sunday morning at the Midland Convention Center across the street from the Hilton hotel.

Disciples are encouraged to mark personal calendars and participate in this unique opportunity.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our 5th Sunday Sing-Along will be held the evening of August 29.

If you would like to sing a hymn or gospel song not found in Memorial's hymn book please let the church office know as soon as possible so that the music can be located.



Is Your
pledge?
Up to Date?

If you are behind in your pledge, we encourage you to bring it up to date.

Helping Nashville On the Ground

People from across the Nashville metro area and Middle Tennessee have been greatly impacted by the devastating floods a few weeks ago. Disciples congregations were not spared. The Christian Church in Tennessee regional office was ruined, several Disciples churches experienced severe flooding, and every single one of the Disciples churches in that area has had members affected.

If you are interested in seeing video clips of the devastation and interviews with some volunteers, please go to ccsw.org and scroll down to the "Helping Nashville" articles. There you will also find information on how you might help.



SUMMER
Messenger Schedule

August 11

August 25

September 8 – return to
normal weekly schedule



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Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, Aug 1:

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

Tuesday, Aug 3:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, Aug 4: *No Messenger*

Noon Elders' Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. NO Choir rehearsal

Sunday, Aug 8:

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

Tuesday, Aug 10:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, Aug 11: *Messenger*

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

Sunday, Aug 15:

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

☺ *Child Care for 4 years and younger.*

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!

Scheduled Leaders for Children's Church

Date	Leader
Aug 01	Lisa Craven
Aug 08	Terry Perry
Aug 15	open
Aug 22	open

Lectionary for Aug 1

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Lectionary for Aug 8

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40