



THE MESSENGER

12/15/2011

Memorial Christian Church

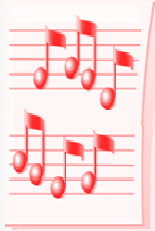
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Mon. — Fri.



Christmas Concert to Benefit "Family Promise of Midland"

Date: Thursday, December 15

Time: 7:00 p.m., with Reception following

Where: Memorial Christian Church

"Voces Dei" vocal group

Terry Rothermich, pianist

"Voces Dei" will sing seasonal favorites, and Terry will play pieces by Brahms, Liszt, and arrangements of some Christmas classics, plus a beautiful lullaby by a Spanish composer.

Christmas Worship -- Mark your calendars to be with us, and bring family and friends!



Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Led by Rev. Gary Groves, Rev. Melanie Lange, & Rev. Terry Rothermich

Dec. 25 Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

(NO Church School classes)

Church on the Journey will join us in a unique worship of readings, video presentations, and music.

Jan. 1 New Years Day: 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

(NO Church School classes)

Guest Preacher will be our former Central Area Minister, Rev. Tony Salisbury

Jan. 8 Epiphany Sunday: 9:00 Church School

10:50 a.m. Worship

"Lessons & Carols" Sunday

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Food Pantry Sets Record Twice In One Month

During four Wednesdays in November, the pantry served 315 families or 1,345 people, an average of 336 people each week. On November 9, the pantry served 108 families in the two hours of operation, setting an all-time high. Then on November 16, the pantry served 111 families, again breaking the previous “top” record. This service to the hungry in Midland could not happen without the ongoing support of Memorial. To date, the congregation has contributed \$1,650 to the Turkey Voucher purchase, and all vouchers have been distributed.

For several years, Houston Elementary School, Lamar Elementary School, and Premier High School have conducted food drives for us. This year we deeply appreciate the work of both schools’ personnel and students during this economically depressed time for many of the students’ families.

Also, we sincerely appreciate First Christian Church and Church on the Journey for their continued support of this ministry.

Finally, the Food Pantry thanks the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel, MARSP, for the 125 items donated during a recent meeting held in the church’s fellowship hall. The total food items donated to the Food Pantry in November was 2,818.

In November the total food cost from the West Texas Food Bank was \$809.06.

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 and MARSP.

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Many heartfelt "thanks" to the following persons for their strong commitment and dedication to MCC in their servant leadership roles throughout 2011:

Mr. Steve Gandy, Board President
Mrs. Elwana Collins, Board Vice-President & Chair of the Personnel Committee
Mrs. Freda Kinsey, Treasurer
Mrs. Wahnetta Detrixhe, Board Secretary
Mrs. Carolyn Dixon, Chair of Church Development Ministry
Mrs. Jane Green, Chair of Education Ministry
Mrs. Pat Wornell, Chair of Programs Ministry
Mr. Gregg Groves, Chair of Stewardship Ministry & Head of Governance Alignment Committee
Mrs. Lisa Gandy, Chair of Worship Ministries
Mrs. Peggy Jones, Chair of Elders
Mrs. Gail Caudle, Chair of Deacons
Mrs. Jackie Forsyth, At-large Board Member & Chair of the Nominating Committee
Mrs. Jill Groves, At-large Board Member
Mr. Cecil Odom, At-large Board Member

Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for these MCC leaders of 2011. Each of these individuals has given countless hours and untold energies to the life and ministries in this place. We are forever grateful to them, and to the Holy Spirit which has inspired them.

Next Newsletter: Week of January 2, 2012

Office Closed: December 26 through January 1

2011 Contributions: Please try to have all your 2011 MCC donations and contributions in to the office by Friday, Dec. 23.



Did You Know...



The "Adopt-a-Family" outreach project continues; coordinated by the MCC Disciples Women. A tree is outside the Music Room laden with paper ornaments. On each ornament is written a needed item. Take an ornament (or several), purchase the item(s), and bring everything to the church and place on the tree table.



► Pastor Terry's Advent Message series focuses on elements and characters in the Birth Story. Here are the following foci:

December 18: "Star—The Mark of Heaven"

December 25: "Bethlehem—The Place of Light"

► Dr. Jones retired this year from the Teen Challenge Board of Directors after over 30 years of service. He was presented with a Lifetime Service Award. **Congratulations, Jerry!**

► The worship bulletin cover designs used in this Season of Advent are elements from a painting done by Bryce Warren, who currently attends Texas Tech University and is the son of Sheila and Wayne Warren. The painting hangs in the Sanctuary foyer. Bryce writes:

"Really, my inspiration for this painting, and for all things in life, came from God, just willing me to give back to the church I grew up in and all the people who have played a roll in my life today. Without the members of MCC, I might not be where I am today. I hope you all enjoy this painting as much as I enjoyed painting it. Merry Christmas!"

Thank you!

► To our Church family,

We are overwhelmed with all the love and prayers we have felt from everyone since Brandon's passing. Thank you for the many cards, calls, and donations we have received in memory of Brandon.

God Bless You All,
Bill, Sharon and Alex
Wendy, Cameron & Jeremy

► Dear Memorial Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I greatly appreciate your continued thoughts and support of me finishing my school.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

Brittany

► MCC Family,

I would like to thank you for the grant that I received earlier this semester,. Everything helps when I am up here going to school. My entire church family has always loved and supported me with everything I have ever done; and I could never begin to thank each and every one of you enough. This semester is going quite well, but I must say I am looking forward to being home for a while over Christmas break. I would like to once again thank the entire church for not just the grant, but for everything. God bless each and every one of you. I hope to see you soon.

Thank you,

Jared C. Perry

2 Samuel 2:6

► Many thanks to all who contributed to the JYF "Stocking Stuffers" children's project for client families at the Food Pantry. Dozens of filled stockings are being distributed. This was a joint outreach project of MCC and COJF.

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► *Many thanks to all who are contributing to the Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" outreach project. You have been more than generous and the family will probably be stunned!*

December

Thursday, Dec. 15

7:00 p.m. Concert -- "Voces Dei" choral group and Pastor Terry, pianist.
Admission is free. A "Love Offering" will benefit "Family Promise of Midland".

Sunday, Dec. 18. 4th Sunday in Advent

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 21 No Youth Activities, No Food Pantry

Saturday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall with COTJ and the Reverends Melanie Lange, Gary Groves, and Terry Rothermich.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

No Church School

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 28 - Food Pantry closed, Wednesday Night Lights will not meet

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PRAYER LIST



The Sharon and Bill Boyd Family, Juble Brown (son of Lyn & Jerry Brown), Juanice Buie, Ed Buie, Lillian Butler (sister of Cindy Edwards), Ted Chevront, Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys), Dave Dessert, (son-in-law of Ralph Miller), Joy Digby (mother of Rev. Steve Digby at FCC/Odessa), B. T. Evans, (friend of Pat Spaw), Sue Ford (friend of Betty Odom), Don Forsyth, (son of Jackie Forsyth), Chris Haga (former member of MCC), Lois Hardy (mother of Pat Wornell), Fran Hendrix (sister of Pat Spaw), Tom Holland, Jerry Lee Jones, Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum), Sandra Manley (friend of Michael and Kathy Landrum), Betty Mullins (mother of Sheila Warren), Samantha Nguyen (great-grandchild of Marian Mussett), Altha Odom, Felicia Pitt (friend of Cindy Edwards), Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz), James Stark (friend of the Staileys), Meridith Stone (mother-in-law of Cindy Edwards), Teen Challenge, MCC's "3 Year Plan", the Van Houtens, Judi Westbrook (friend of Gregg and Jill Groves), Landa Williamson

SCHEDULED LEADERS FOR DECEMBER 18

Deacons:	Bill Boyd, Gail Caudle, Freda Kinsey, Delnor Poss
Music Director:	Randy Stevens
Worship Leader	Frank Detrixhe
Offertory Elder:	Gregg Groves
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Bell
Communion Elder:	Frank Detrixhe

SCHEDULED LEADERS FOR DECEMBER 25

Deacons:	Sharon Boyd, Lyn Brown, David Perry, Terry Perry
Music Director:	Randy Stevens
Worship Leader	Peggy Jones
Offertory Elder:	Lisa Gandy
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Bell
Communion Elder:	Peggy Jones