

# HCC's Christian Visitor

## Hurst Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May 17, 2009

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Youth Minister

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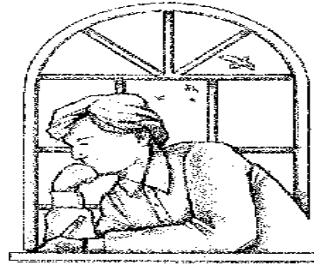
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**Office Hours - Tuesdays**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



**In our  
thoughts  
& prayers**

- \*Troops and the Country of Iraq
- \*Congregation
- \*Church Transformation
- \*Hispanic Community
- \*Economy
- \*Vida Nueva
- \*Peace in Gaza
- \*Samuel Rudzitis - Friend of Nancy Gage
- \*Joy Tullous
- \*Barbara DuPuy's sisters
- \*All those that have lost their jobs
- \*Kristin Carathers' Cousin
- \*Karen Anderson's Brother
- \*Sandra Pollard
- \*Lance Morris - fell and has a concussion and broken bones
- \*Brian Briscoe's father

### Small Groups

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Karen Anderson	Sat. 10 a.m.	817-232-9093
Mike Bond	Sat. 5 p.m.	817-571-2929
(Group meets every other Sat.)		
Sandra Hall		817-283-0560
Dee Yeats	Sat. 9 a.m.	817-571-8136
Chris Carathers	1st & 3rd Tues.	817-726-5333
(Young Couples	at 7:00 p.m.	
20-35 Yr. Olds)		

# Chris' Thoughts

I remember the first time that I realized that I wasn't going to get a summer vacation of 3 months. For many of us it comes early in life, but since I was in college for 10 years, it came a little later for me. Now granted, I was working most of that time, but still, not having school to worry about over the summer was a huge break!

This month of May is a big time in many people's lives. It is the month that we celebrate graduations and get ready for all the fun times of summer. The summer, as you know, is when many people take vacations, we have youth summer camps, mission trips, General Assemblies, and on and on. Even the church takes a bit of a break too! There is SO much to do in the summer.

Anytime we come to a time such as this, it reminds us of things from our past (like snow cones), but it also gives us a chance to look back and to look ahead in our lives.

This past school year has been an exciting one for HCC! Last August we formalized our small group ministry, restarted our youth group, began a college ministry, and began our Wednesday night Bible studies. This past year we sent a small group from our church on a mission trip to New Orleans, helped at Beautiful Feet with the homeless of Ft. Worth, gave money through Souper Bowl of Caring to fight hunger, and we continue to support N.E.E.D., our local schools, and many other outreach opportunities. We had a wonderful Advent and Lent Season, welcomed some new members to our faith community, held new/prospective member's classes, sent people to Men's retreat and Women's retreat, AND youth retreats. We have had a GREAT year!

This summer we have kids going to camp, some of our young adults are going to play softball with a group from Richland Hills CC, we have a Cats game night, and several other events planned.

This next fall we will again have our Bible studies, we're going to have a "Trunk-or-Treat" at Halloween, we continue to update our facility, we'll be starting a Mother's Day Out program, and many other things that we have in the works.

This is as exciting a time to be involved at HCC as any! There are so many good things going on, and so many more to come. We ARE a *growing* and *dynamic* congregation who is finding our way in the world and listening to where God is leading us. Can you think of anything more exciting and more terrifying all at the same time? Who knows where God will lead us!?

But I do know that HCC is full of wonderful and faithful people. I know that we are called to be engaged in some wonderful ministries together. I can't wait to see what God is going to do here next!

Blessings,

Chris

## AREAS OF SERVICE

### 5/17/2009

Presiding Elder: Barbara DuPuy  
Counting Elder: Pat Moore  
Diaconate: Belle Madalora, Fred & Billie Pallett, and Ann Smith  
Comm. Prep: Kellie Briscoe  
Communion Invitation:  
Rev. Sammie Bennett

### 5/24/2009

Presiding Elder: Barbara DuPuy  
Counting Elder: Pat Moore  
Diaconate: Belle Madalora, Fred & Billie Pallett, and Ann Smith  
Comm. Prep: Kellie Briscoe  
Communion Invitation:  
Rev. Sammie Bennett

### 5/31/2009

Presiding Elder: Barbara DuPuy  
Counting Elder: Pat Moore  
Diaconate: Richard Fenn, Pedro Olaque, Clyde Ann Barras, and Florence Aime  
Comm. Prep: Pearl Stinchcomb  
Communion Invitation:  
Rev. Chris Carathers

### Beautiful Feet Ministries

We meet the third Sundays of the month at 6:00 a.m. at the church and then travel to Beautiful Feet in Fort Worth. We will be meeting on May 17. Our church takes the Summer off from Beautiful Feet.

### Tuesday Night Games Night

Tuesday night games night has been suspended until the Fall.

### Grief Counseling Course

We are starting the Grief Counseling Course again on April 28 thru June 7, 2009. Times are 3-5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. We only completed 2 sessions before I became sick. So much time has passed we will just start over.  
JM Gilley

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

### 5/16 Saturday

3:00 - 6:30 P.M. Church Picnic  
At Chisholm Park

### 5/17 Sunday

6:00 A.M. Beautiful Feet  
9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Choir Prep  
10:20 A.M. Elders' Prayer Time  
10:30 A.M. Worship  
12:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 P.M. Board Meeting  
3:00 P.M. Grief Counseling Course

### 5/18 Monday

### 5/19 Tuesday

### 5/20 Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Brown Bag Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Youth Group  
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. ESL Classes

### 5/21 Thursday

### 5/22 Friday

### 5/23 Saturday

### 5/24 Sunday

9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Choir Prep Time  
10:20 A.M. Elders' Prayer Time  
10:30 A.M. Worship  
12:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
3:00 P.M. Grief Counseling Course

### 5/25 Monday

### 5/26 Tuesday

### 5/27 Wednesday

### 5/28 Thursday

### 5/29 Friday

### 5/30 Saturday

### 5/31 Sunday

9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Choir Prep Time  
10:20 A.M. Elder's Prayer Time  
10:30 A.M. Worship  
12:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
3:00 P.M. Grief Counseling Course

**Disciple Men's Fellowship**  
Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

## DWM (Disciple Women)

Ladies, In order to complete our Bible Study on Paul, we will need to meet one more time before Summer break. Those that were at the last meeting voted to meet on May 26th at 10:00 a.m. This is the last Tuesday in May. Our study has been excellent and we give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Nancy LaPrade for her many hours of preparation. If you would like to meet with us on this last one — come on! You will be blest by her knowledge.

## Counseling Services

### Brian Briscoe

I am licensed to provide individual, couple, group, and family counseling in depression, anger, anxiety, addiction, and many other issues. I currently run a men's sobriety support group on Sunday afternoons (<http://webpages.charter.net/javajunkies/>). For more information, call 817-907-6937 (907-O YES)  
Brian Briscoe, MS, LPC-i

## Mother's Day Tools and Blankets May 2009

TOOLS AND BLANKETS is a special mission opportunity that CAN involve all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold TOOLS AND BLANKETS offerings providing resources to help people throughout the world, INCLUDING the U.S.

Sponsored by Church World Service, this ministry works to eradicate hunger and poverty - providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in some 80 countries. Honor your mother by making a contribution on Mother's Day, and watch the video to see how your money helps real people recover and survive.

# Youth News

## Camps

It's that season yet again! Pack your bags, lace up the shoes, put the sun block on you nose, and don't even think about rubbing it in... Its time for camp! Camp forms are available on the youth bulletin board, if you have any questions be sure to find Justin and ask him.

We need people to get involved in the camps. One way that may seem simple is to offer the gift of camp to one of the many youth from our church that want to go. We need people to help scholarship the youth. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. The last thing we ever want to say to a youth is that they can not experience the holy spirit moving in the world, or fellowship with youth from all over the TBA, or have the opportunity to discover where they are called in this life, because they can not afford it. Please help in any way that you can. IF you have questions please talk to Justin.

## AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETINGS - - 2009 FORMAT

All handouts should be distributed before meeting is called to order

Motions should be turned in to secretary

Individuals wishing to make a presentation or report should notify secretary in advance

- A. Light candle, recognition of attendees
  - B. Prayer or devotional, Communion
  - C. Call to order, approval of minutes
  - D. Ongoing Ministry Opportunities
  - E. New Ministry Opportunities
  - F. Minister(s) presents Vision
  - G. Financial report
- Adjourn and thanks, close with prayer

“A Consensus-Driven Board”

Will be a place of action rather than just reading reports

Reports from Board can appear in newsletter

## Counter Schedule For 2009

	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Elder</b>
May 17th	Pat Reinecker	Carol Dorman
May 24th	_____	Carol Dorman
May 31st	JM Gilley	Carol Dorman
June 7th	Elston Hall	Lana Player
June 14th	Glenda O'Steen	Lana Player
June 19th	Pat Reinecker	Lana Player
June 26th	_____	Lana Player
July 5th	Glenda O'Steen	JM Gilley
July 12th	_____	JM Gilley
July 19th	Elston Hall	JM Gilley
July 26th	Sandra Hall	JM Gilley

# Facts and Figures

## General Fund 2009 To Date

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Total Received</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Year To</u> <u>Date Needed</u>
May 3, 2009	\$ 4,660	\$ 2,400	\$ 42,079	\$ 43,200
May 10, 2009	\$ 1,406	\$ 2,400	\$ 43,485	\$ 45,600

### ATTENDANCE

April 26, 2009  
Worship 58  
May 3, 2009  
Worship 52  
May 10, 2009  
Worship 55

### “The Connection”

The “Connection” will have it’s last Wednesday night before Summer break on Wednesday, May 20th

6:00:

#### Brown Bag Dinner:

If you’re coming straight from work, or you just don’t have time to get the kids fed, bring your dinner with you! We’ll have tables set up in the Fellowship Hall where we can all eat together and have a time of fellowship.

7:00-8:30:

#### Youth Groups:

Junior high and high school youth (*youth room*)

#### Adult Bible Study: “Building Blocks”

Lead by Pastor Chris—we will have a time of faith building and exploring together. If you’ve never picked up a Bible, or if you are well read in the scriptures, this will be a place you can call home! (*Parlor*)

#### ESL Classes:

Lead by Dee Yeats, and Pedro Olvera—this class is designed for Spanish speakers who want to learn more basic English (*choir room*)

#### Adult Bible Study:

Lead by Sammie Bennett (*Library*)

### 2009 Board Members

Board Chair - Mike Bond

Chair Elect - Vacant

Senior Minister - Rev. Chris Carathers

Youth Minister - Rev. Justin Floyd

Minister Intern - Rev. Sammie Bennett

Secretary - Lana Player

Financial - Glenda O’Steen

Trustee - Rev. J.M. Gilley

Elder Chair - Karen Erby

Elder - Dee Yeats

Elder - Barbara DuPuy

Diaconate Chair - Fred Pallett

Diaconate - Laura DuPuy

At - Large - Kelli Briscoe

At - Large - Pat Reinecker



All Church Picnic

May 16, 2009

Chisholm Park

3:30-6:30 pm

Food is furnished by Small  
Group Ministry of HCC

If you have any questions, call  
Barbara DuPuy at 817-285-  
9277 or 817-372-0176.

### Fort Worth Cats Baseball Game!

June 4th: All Church baseball game (Ft. Worth Cats). Richland Hills Choir will be performing the National Anthem, so we're taking a group to the ballpark. There is a sign-up sheet available, please sing-up if you plan to attend! (sponsored by the youth group)

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## **Sammie's Bit**

# **I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE!**

Just in case you missed the memo...that's why no one has really seen me the past few weeks. I just wanted to take the time to thank each and every one of you for all the support and love you've given me in my last two years of college. I look forward to my last month and a half here as we journey together.

Good luck in your journey and thanks for being a part of mine,  
Sammie

## **Baby Shower!**

There will be a baby shower for Caroline Cramer, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00. 817-595-2481; 8717 Brushy Creek Trail Fort Worth, TX 76118.

## **TBA "Current"**

The TBA (Trinity Brazos Area) Newsletter is available in the church office. Information is listed in the newsletter about upcoming Men and Women's Retreats.

## **Pictorial Directories**

We have begun talking about a new pictorial directory! It's been 5 years since our last pictorial directory. The photography places are doing more and more of the work, but we would still need to have someone here that would work directly with them. If you, or someone you know would like to coordinate this project for us, please let us know!

## **Attention Members!**

Due to the painting in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 2nd, we will be worshipping in the North/Main Sanctuary on Sunday, May 3rd