

HCC's Christian Visitor

Hurst Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May 3, 2009

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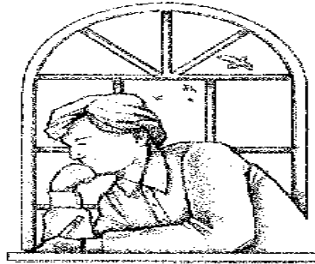
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**In our
thoughts
& prayers**

- *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
- *Diane Lloyds Cousin
- *Lana Player
- *Sandra Pollard
- *DuPuy Family - for the loss of David's sister, Dee DuPuy
- *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 (Group meets every other Sat.)	Sat. 5 p.m.	817-571-2929
Sandra Hall		817-283-0560
Dee Yeats	Sat. 9 a.m.	817-571-8136
Chris Carathers (Young Couples 20-35 Yr. Olds)	1st & 3rd Tues. at 7:00 p.m.	817-726-5333

Chris' Thoughts

Well, we are through the Lenten Season, and now, whether you know it or not, we are in Easter Season. Yes, the Lenten Season is 40 days when many people give something up for Lent, but the Easter season is JUST as long AND our journey ends on another VERY important day for the Church—Pentecost!

Easter Season is about new life, rebirth, and renewal. Just like spring comes after winter, so too Easter comes after Lent. Now, as we talk about new life and renewal, we know that the Disciples will be gathering once again at Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit and to “officially” begin their ministry in Jesus’ name.

This past Sunday in our scripture Jesus said to the Disciples: “As God sent me, so I send you.” That is a really BIG step to entrust us with so much! Jesus did amazing things while he was here. He fed 5000 men, preached more times than we can count, taught a new way to live in the world, showed us how to love one another, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and caused the lame to walk again. That is a LOT of stuff! Who are WE to think that we can do any of that?

But the fact is that is what we are called to do—engage in the SAME ministry both as individuals and as faith communities.

These past years have seen our congregation involved in many different ministries and outreach projects. We work with Beautiful Feet, N.E.E.D., take an annual mission trip to New Orleans to help with hurricane relief, send volunteers to our local schools to read to children, give rides to people who need to get to their doctor’s appointments, and now we’re beginning to work with Habitat for Humanity and are in discussions about beginning an outreach center here in the community that surrounds our church. We are involved in so many wonderful ministries outside of our faith community in addition to the wonderful caring ministries such as small groups, grief counseling, having a licensed professional counselor intern on staff, having shepherding groups, and other such ministries that are focused inside our faith community.

What a wonderful and dynamic congregation we have here! We are so blessed by God and so thankful that God’s Spirit is moving so much in this place! We have come a long way, but we have even more to be looking forward to. In the coming months we’ll be looking at starting a Mother’s Day Out program, updating our facility, implementing leadership training, and welcoming a new intern on staff that will fill Sammie’s position after June, among other things. There are SO many things going on at HCC that God has blessed us with. I continue to be so thankful that God has called us to be in ministry together, to and with each other and the world around us. I continue to listen and wait to see what amazing things God will do next!

Blessings,
Chris

Please Welcome Our Newest Member

Kim McCarty
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Hurst, TX 76053
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email: raidermom4@charter.net

Cara Jane McCarty
And
Christopher Ryan France
Will join in matrimony on Saturday,
May 16, 2009
At 2:00 p.m.
At Hurst Christian Church

DWM (Disciple Women’s Fellowship)

The morning group will meet in the HCC Library on Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. for their bible Study and Fellowship. Nancy LaPrade will be continuing her study on Paul. We are learning a lot about Paul. The study is so interesting! All ladies of HCC are invited, as well as any guests you might want to bring. We will conclude at 11:30 and to go lunch together. An offering will also be collected for our ministries. Call Pat Emerson at (817) 480-2585 for lunch reservations.

Tuesday Night Games Night

Tuesday night games night has been suspended until the Fall.

AREAS OF SERVICE

5/3/2009

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

5/10/2009

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

5/17/2009

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.

Upcoming Elders' Meeting
Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

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

5/2 Saturday

8:00 A.M. Church Clean Up day
And Painting Party!

5/3 Sunday

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

5/4 Monday

7:00 P.M. Elders' Meeting

5/5 Tuesday

5/6 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

5/7 Thursday

5/8 Friday

5/9 Saturday

5/10 Sunday

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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

5/11 Monday

5/12 Tuesday

5/13 Wednesday

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7:00 P.M. Youth Group
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study
7:00 P.M. ESL Classes

5/14 Thursday

5/15 Friday

5/16 Saturday

5/17 Sunday

6:00 A.M. Beautiful Feet
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.

Work Day - Saturday, May 2nd at 8:00 a.m. for Painting Day!!!
We will be painting the fellowship hall, so be sure to come ready to paint! The supplies have been purchased. Before the paint day, the acoustical panels in the Fellowship hall will have painters tape around them so the edges are protected. We are still in need of some equipment such as paint roller pans, paint roller handles, brushes, paint clothes, 6' and 8' step ladders and a 14' step ladder. We will be joined by the New Life congregation. Lunch will be served to the workers.

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

	Counter	Elder
May 3rd	Elston Hall	Carol Dorman
May 10th	Glenda O'Steen	Carol Dorman
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

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>
April 19, 2009	\$1,060	\$ 2,400	\$ 35,925	\$ 38,400
April 26, 2009	\$1,494	\$ 2,400	\$ 37,419	\$ 40,800

ATTENDANCE

April 12, 2009
Worship 110
April 19, 2009
Worship 62
April 26, 2009
Worship 58

“The Connection”

—a place to feel and get connected with God and each other!
Come join us on Wednesday nights!

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.**

Coming Soon!

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 will be a sign up sheet soon! (sponsored by the youth group)

Our deepest sympathy to David DuPuy and the DuPuy family for the loss of David’s sister, Dee DuPuy.

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Sammie's Bit

Sometimes when life gets a little overwhelming I enjoy reading children's books. It's just what I do to try and make sense of life. A new one that I received in the mail from a friend in Denver is called, "Only One You," and it's a story about a young fish named Adri. Adri's mama and papa share wisdom with the young fish about life that they have gained throughout the years. And although their words are simple and powerful, the meaning behind them give Adri comfort and guidance as he continues to grow up. Although the book is small, the teachings in the book give children of all ages (yes, even 21 year olds) the assurance that there is only one you in this great big world. So, make it a better place.

There are many lessons to be learned within the brightly colored pages of children's books. These books provide the knowledge that there is an importance placed upon each and every child. And every one of those children have the ability to make this world a better place. But why should that stop with children? Why isn't that highlighted within the church? As I watched the kiddos at Easter and Palm Sunday with wonder in their eyes, it ignited something inside of me as well. It is exciting to experience the joy, wonder, and celebration of Easter. Why shouldn't we carry that with us always?

Good luck on your journey,
Sammie

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