

HCC's Christian Visitor

Hurst Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 12, 2009

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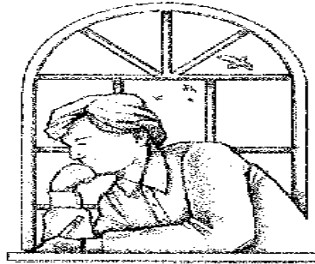
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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**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
- *Karen Anderson's Brother - Marvin
- *Pastor Clive Janeski - Lukemia, Pastor of Hurst Assembly of God
- *Diane Lloyd
- *Bill Emerson

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

It seems that a lot of our celebrities have been passing away lately. Of course there was Michael Jackson, but the list is pretty lengthy. I recently read an article written on Facebook about how we have our priorities all messed up in this country, and I thought it was very appropriate.

I have watched these last couple of weeks as people have mourned the deaths of these celebrities. People have hung on every word of news about Michael Jackson and Steve McNair to name a few. That may be because of the circumstances around their deaths, but still, it was as if there was no other news going on in the world. I don't know about you, but by the end of it I was tired of hearing about it all. Of course I'm also tired of listening to local news too because it's depressing. It has always been said that if you are looking for a job you shouldn't watch the local news because it'll make you not as confident when you do your job hunting.

What does that say about our society? News has now become entertainment, and entertainment has become news. The masses can't seem to get enough of magazines that spy on celebrities lives and tell of their every move. There is even a section in one of those magazines where they show celebrities doing ordinary things like grocery shopping to show how they are just like us.

What I want to know is where is all the good news? In the midst of the recession and 2 wars, in the midst of people losing their jobs, and the uncertainty about the future, where is all the good news? I did appreciate NBC Nightly News that for a while made sure to include at least one good news story about what is going on in our country at the end of their broadcast, but they have ceased doing even that.

We all know that times like these come in cycles. There are good times and bad, and that has been the case throughout human history. Each time it gets bad it always seems like it's the worst yet. Yet there is one thing that has remained constant throughout:

The "Good News."

There has always been a God who has called and claimed us as God's own. There has always been a God who calls us forth into new and abundant life. There has always been a God who took the first step by sending Jesus, Emanuel, God among us, to come here, walk through our lives, teach and preach and show us how to love one another. Michael Jackson didn't teach the world how to love, God did. It all comes back to the love we were first shown by God.

As Christians we understand ourselves to be "little Christ's." That's what Christian means. We are called to continue Jesus' ministry here on earth. WE are called to teach the world how to love and be loved. WE are called to minister to anyone who is in need, for we are not alone. God is with us, the Holy Spirit is here to guide us, and Jesus has shown us the way.

What an amazing God we serve, and what amazing love we have been shown.

Blessings,

Chris

AREAS OF SERVICE

7/12/2009

Presiding Elder: Lana Player
Counting Elder: JM Gilley
Diaconate: Belle Madalora, Pedro Olaque, Clyde Ann Barras, and Florence Aime
Comm. Prep: Kellie Briscoe
Communion Invitation:
Rev. Justin Floyd

7/19/2009

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7/26/2009

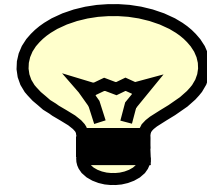
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

7/11 Saturday
7/12 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
7/13 Monday
7/14 Tuesday
7:00 P.M. Elders' Meeting
7/15 Wednesday
7/16 Thursday
7/17 Friday
7/18 Saturday
7/19 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
7/20 Monday
7/21 Tuesday
7/22 Wednesday
7/23 Thursday
7/24 Friday
7/25 Saturday
7/26 Sunday
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10:00 A.M. Choir Prep Time
10:20 A.M. Elder's Prayer Time
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Disciple Men's Fellowship

Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.



Food 4 Thought!
Courage is fear that has said its PRAYERS!

TBA "Current"

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

Elders' Please Make Note

The Upcoming Elders' meeting has been moved to Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

*Patsy Joyce Moore
And
Noel B. Pittman, Jr.*

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THEIR WEDDING SATURDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH OF JULY TWO THOUSAND NINE AT TWO O'CLOCK HURST CHRISTIAN CHURCH HURST, TEXAS Reception to Follow No Gifts

Fathers Day – School Supply Program for N.E.E.D.

In Memory of

D.R. Lites
Bill Kennedy
Jack Ford
Dennis Carathers
Helen Gilley
Robert Lloyd
Paul Fortney
Francis Nugent
A.F. Hall
John A. Douglas Jr.
Ted Bahm
Harold Reinecker
Frank Dotter
Leo Derr Friedley
Chester Merritt Sr.
Ray J. Brandt

Dee Yeats
Karen Erby
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Chris & Kristen Carathers
J.M. Gilley
Diane Lloyd
Jim Hayes
Sandra Hall
Elston Hall
Charles & Bobbie Douglas
Pat Reinecker
Pat Reinecker
Bud & Joann Dotter
Pat Emerson
Chet & Charlene Merritt
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In Honor of

Chris and Jeff Yeats
Duane Gage
Denis Tuomey
Ronald Lloyd
Aldo Rey
Raymond Jones
Ray Smith

Dee Yeats
Nancy Gage
Chris & Kristen Carathers
Diane Lloyd
Pat Reinecker
Melissa Batchelder
Lana Player

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon. I will always hold you dear in my heart. May God Bless each of you and guide you in the days to come.

Your Sister in Christ
Pat Moore

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>
June 14, 2009	\$ 1,901	\$ 2,400	\$ 52,280	\$ 57,600
June 21, 2009	\$ 1,730	\$ 2,400	\$ 54,010	\$ 60,000
June 28, 2009	\$ 748	\$ 2,400	\$ 54,758	\$ 62,400
July 5, 2009	\$ 3,913	\$ 2,400	\$ 58,671	\$ 64,800

Counter Schedule For 2009

	Counter	Elder
July 12th	Mike Bond	JM Gilley
July 19th	Elston Hall	JM Gilley
July 26th	Sandra Hall	JM Gilley
August 2nd	Glenda O'Steen	Karen Erby
August 9th	Mike Bond	Karen Erby
August 16th	Elston Hall	Karen Erby
August 23rd	Sandra Hall	Karen Erby
August 30th	JM Gilley	Karen Erby

ATTANDANCE

June 14, 2009	
Worship	46
June 21, 2009	
Worship	68
June 28, 2009	
Worship	51
July 5, 2009	
Worship	46

May Memorials

**Duane and Nancy Gage
For the DuPuy family**

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A Message From Stewardship

Summertime...And the living is easy...I love this time of year. But while we are enjoying the Summertime, we must not forget the church. The church expenses keep coming in regardless of us being on vacations, or in church. So far this first half of 2009, we have been truly blessed. We have operated in the black, with some money left over each month. BUT, now summer is here, and this is the time of year when our offerings go drop. Stewardship asks that you check your pledge for the first six months of the year. If you are current, that is great. If you are not, we would appreciate your trying to bring it up to date. If you are current and there is a little extra money that you could place in the offering plate that would be great.

Also, we ask that you be aware of the air conditioning setting. There have been a few times when we came in the next day to a very cool fellowship hall. The presiding Elder is asked to carefully check the settings before you leave the building. This will conserve energy and help keep the electric bills down.

Thanks for your good help.
The Stewardship Committee