

HCC's Christian Visitor

Hurst Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 26, 2009

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Youth Minister

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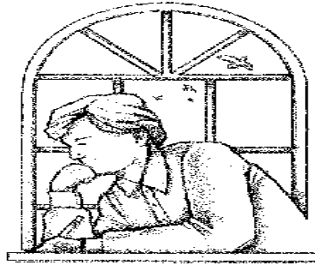
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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**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
- *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 (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

Summer is definitely here! How many days have we had over 100 degrees already and it isn't even August. They call these the dog days of summer don't they?

Growing up my family rarely had a dog. We had just a few of them, and usually for short amounts of time. Two years ago I got our current dog "LJ." Kristen and I have been so spoiled because LJ has been such a wonderful dog and great pet. I have now become a complete dog lover.

There is a reason that they call dogs "man's best friend." Dogs are great. They never hold a grudge even when you don't do what you are supposed to do. They know when you are hurting and will try to get close to you to give you comfort. When you really need a friend they will sit by you rather than try to "fix" you. They are extremely loyal, and will do their best to protect you if need be—or at least they'll try. AND, they are always ready to play!

Those really are great attributes to have in a friend aren't they? (loyalty, love, support, protection, companionship, empathy, compassion, grace/forgiveness)

All of those attributes can be found in God too. God sent Jesus to teach us how to do many of those things if not all of them. We learned what it means to love one another. We learned what it means to have compassion for one another (The Good Samaritan). We learned what it means to forgive.

We also know that even though we've been taught those things we've also been shown those things. God loves us, has compassion for us, forgives us, and protects us. How amazing is God that even when we mess up and fall short, we know that God will always be there?

We were never promised a perfect life, but only that God would be present with us on our journey. We all face adversity all the time. Isn't it wonderful to know that God is there with us through it all? But even more than that, God gives us the opportunity to be in ministry with God. God sent the Holy Spirit to fill us and empower us to participate in God's ministry not just as bystanders, but as people on the playing field of life, a life lived in abundance.

But also don't forget to hug your dog today!

Blessings,

Chris

AREAS OF SERVICE

7/26/2009

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. Chris Carathers

8/2/2009

Presiding Elder: JM Gilley

Counting Elder: Karen Anderson

Diaconate: Richard Fenn, Pedro
Olaque, Clyde Ann Barras,
and Florence Aime

Comm. Prep: Pearl Stinchcomb

Communion Invitation:

Rev. Chris Carathers

8/9/2009

Presiding Elder: JM Gilley

Counting Elder: Karen Anderson

Diaconate: Richard Fenn, Pedro
Olaque, Clyde Ann Barras,
and Florence Aime

Comm. Prep: Pearl Stinchcomb

Communion Invitation:

Rev. Chris Carathers

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

7/25 Saturday

7/26 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

7/27 Monday

7/28 Tuesday

7/29 Wednesday

7/30 Thursday

7/31 Friday

8/1 Saturday

9:00 A.M. Church Clean Up
and Fix Up

8/2 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

8/3 Monday

7:00 P.M. Elders' Meeting

8/4 Tuesday

8/5 Wednesday

8/6 Thursday

8/7 Friday

8/8 Saturday

8:00 A.M. Elders' Retreat

8/9 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

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

**Board Retreat
Saturday, August
15th
From 8:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.**

This is an important event so
we urge all Board members
to please be sure and attend.

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.

Dee Yeats

**Will celebrate her 80th
birthday on Saturday,
September 12th
From 2-4 :00 p.m.**

In the Fellowship hall

Please join her as she
celebrate her birthday.

Joy Tullous

**Will celebrate her 80th
birthday on Saturday,
September 19th
From 3-7:00 p.m.**

In the Fellowship Hall

Please join her as she
celebrates her birthday.

Elders' Meeting Schedule - 2009

August 3
September 14
October 5
November 2
December 7

Elders' Retreat
Saturday, August 8th
From 9:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

We ask that all Elders'
please try and attend.

**Senior Minister Search
Committee Members**

Sandra Hall
Jim Hays
Kim McCarty
Pedro Olague
Pat Reinecker

Ex-Officio Members

Michael Bond
Karen Erby

**Youth Minister Search
Committee Members**

Karen Anderson
Laura DuPuy
Ferne Hays
Jonmichael McBurnett
Lana Player

Ex-Officio Members

Rev. Chris Carathers
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Karen Erby

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Choir Rehearsal
Has been Moved
To Thursday Nights
At 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 9th
Reception in Honor
of Rev. Chris Carathers
Following the worship service.
This will be the pastor's last
Sunday.

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 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
July 12, 2009	\$ 1,467	\$ 2,400	\$ 60,138	\$ 67,200
July 19, 2009	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,400	\$ 61,163	\$ 69,600

Counter Schedule For 2009

	Counter	Elder
July 26th	Sandra Hall	JM Gilley
August 2nd	Glenda O'Steen	Karen Anderson
August 9th	Mike Bond	Karen Anderson
August 16th	Elston Hall	Karen Anderson
August 23rd	Sandra Hall	Karen Anderson
August 30th	JM Gilley	Karen Anderson
September 6th	Glenda O'Steen	Dee Yeats
September 13th	Mike Bond	Dee Yeats
September 20th	Elston Hall	Dee Yeats
September 27th	Karen Erby	Dee Yeats

ATTANDANCE

June 21 2009	
Worship	68
June 28, 2009	
Worship	51
July 5, 2009	
Worship	46
July 12, 2009	
Worship	45
July 19, 2009	
Worship	49

Sunday, August 2nd is Justin Floyds last Sunday as our Youth Minister. We will be having a reception in his honor after the worship service.

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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 it church. So far the 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 offerings 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