

HCC's Christian Visitor

Hurst Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 9, 2009

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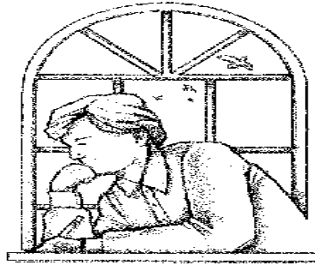
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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**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
- *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

I've been thinking a lot about what to say in my final newsletter article for HCC. Many thoughts have come to mind. I continue to see God and hear God's voice in the goings on of HCC. It was wonderful to hear about a small boy on Sunday who raised money for people who have nothing to eat so they could have cookies. It was wonderful to be challenged by Justin on Sunday to hear about what he knows and doesn't know and to ask ourselves the same thing.

What I know is that HCC has a very bright future! Three years ago this congregation took a step into a brave new world and began an intentional process of transformation. That is one of the most difficult things that a church can do because often times it means such enormous change, some of which people have a hard time adjusting to.

We have seen so much change in these last three short years. It is as if we took a train (HCC) and set it on a new set of tracks. The lifting and moving was the hard part. Now the train is on a different set of tracks, and you know what they say about trains don't you? All they can do is move on down the line.

As I struggled with this new call of mine to a new faith community it was hard to see why God would be pulling me away already. We have done so many good things and I have met and grown close to so many amazing people at HCC. We have shared lots of laughter, some tears, and plenty of frustration, but there has always been joy and hope and love and compassion.

Since my resignation, God's direction, both for this congregation and for my personal future have become more clear. As I hear it, it seems as though God is saying it's time for the next step for both HCC and myself.

There are so many wonderful things happening at HCC that there isn't space here to go into, but you all have seen and experienced it. It is so amazing when God's Spirit is alive in a faith community, when people are learning over and over what it means to be God's people, and when a faith community is engaging the world in missions. There is nothing better.

HCC is in my prayers and with good faith I know that God is here and moving in amazing ways. I look forward to hearing all of the stories some day about what happens in these next few years and how God continued to lead this faith community every step of the way.

HCC will always be in my heart and I will miss you all dearly, but I know you are in good hands.

“He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's go the whole world in his hands”

Chris

AREAS OF SERVICE

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

8/16/2009

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:

8/23/2009

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:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

8/8 Saturday

9:00 A.M. Elders' Retreat

8/9 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. Reception for Chris

8/10 Monday

8/11 Tuesday

8/12 Wednesday

8/13 Thursday

8:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

8/14 Friday

8/15 Saturday

8:00 A.M. Board Retreat

8/16 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

8/17 Monday

7:00 P.M. Elders' Meeting

8/18 Tuesday

8/19 Wednesday

8/20 Thursday

8:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

8/21 Friday

8/22 Saturday

8/23 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
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**

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Laura DuPuy
Ferne Hays
Jonmichael McBurnett
Lana Player

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Rev. Chris Carathers
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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>
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
July 26, 2009	\$ 1,719	\$ 2,400	\$ 62,882	\$ 72,000
August 2, 2009	\$ 3,746	\$ 2,400	\$ 66,628	\$ 74,400

Counter Schedule For 2009

	Counter	Elder
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

ATTENDANCE

July 5, 2009	
Worship	46
July 12, 2009	
Worship	45
July 19, 2009	
Worship	49
July 26, 2009	
Worship	48
August 2, 2009	
Worship	58

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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 hear, 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