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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

It was a joy to welcome Michael Horton into our fellowship this past Sunday by confession of faith. He began attending FCC at the invitation of Leroy, Dorothy & David and attends the Friends of Jesus Sunday School Class. Michael resides at #3 Redford Terrace, 76308, 691-2680. Welcome, Michael!

LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, January 29th, in both the Chapel and Sanctuary services. Montie Carroll will be giving the message in the Chapel service and Marjorie Parker in the Sanctuary service. We hope that you will be present at both services this Sunday to help support your fellow laypersons.

Faith And Current Events

TIME

with Dave

Join Dr. David Hartman on the last Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor for insights and discussion over current events. Formerly known as Colloquy.



Sunday, January 29th
9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

All Adults and Adult Sunday School Classes are invited to meet during the Sunday School hour to enjoy a breakfast provided by the Searchers & Open Door Classes, a short devotional and to fellowship with one another. Also, there will be a book signing of Marjorie Parker's new book, *Shaken to the Core (and Finding God's Strength)*.

ACOLYTE TRAINING
This Sunday, January 29th
9:45 am
In the Sanctuary
Those in 3rd through 6th grades are invited to attend.

* **OPEN FLOWER DATE** *
* If you would like to donate the flowers for the *
* worship service in the Sanctuary, the following date *
* is open: January 29th. To donate or for more *
* information, call Peggy Fitts, Flower Coordinator, *
* 781-2426. *

"SOUPer" Bowl
CYF Mission Trip Fundraiser
The CYF is taking orders for pre-made soup to be available on Sunday February 5, Super Bowl Sunday. The soup choices are Cheeseburger Chowder, Taco, and Creamy Chicken Noodle. You will be able to sample each of the soups this Sunday, January 29 in the Hallway outside the church office. Your soup will be available for pick up after church on that Sunday, February 5, in the Activity Center kitchen. The cost is \$6.00 for a 32 oz container that serves four, or get 3 for \$15. Order now and have your dinner ready so you can watch the "Big Game" that night. Thank you for your support!

This Sunday:
8:45 & 10:45 Services:
LAITY SUNDAY
8:45 Chapel Service: Montie Carroll
10:45 Sanctuary Service: Marjorie Parker
5:14 CGRM Worship Service:
Bobby Dean

Across Dave's Desk...

JESUS THE EXORCIST

For better or worse—no, check that, “better” is not an option—exorcism is making a comeback in popular culture. The latest regurgitation (in memory of what a green-faced Linda Blair did in the original *The Exorcist*) is called *The Devil Inside*. It is made in the style of a “mockumentary,” a fictional movie tricked out with a hand held camera to resemble a low-budget documentary. Its stylistic predecessors include *The Blair Witch Project* (which I haven't seen) and *Paranormal Activity* (which I did see for no good reason I can remember). *The Devil Inside* (which I would only go see at gunpoint) has what *Slate* magazine's David Haglund says may be the worst ending in movie history: the demons jump from a possessed mother into her daughter, various priests and the guy filming the movie and everybody dies in a car wreck. Evidently, the movie was pretty atrocious up until then, too. It pulled the neat trick of simultaneously setting a new box office record for movies opening the first weekend in January and getting an “F” from CinemaScore, which tracks audience reactions. In other words, a lot of people paid a lot of money to see a movie they hated: buyer's remorse on an epic scale. As a general principal, there are three kinds of movies I loathe above all others: those in which evil triumphs, those in which children are harmed, and those in which spiritual matters are treated with contempt. *The Devil Inside* seems to be a perfect trifecta of loathsomeness. I usually don't pan movies I haven't seen, but in this case I'm happy to make an exception.

Maybe even more alarming than the movie was the endorsement of its accuracy by “Reverend” Bob Larson, a Pentecostal preacher who bills himself as “the world's leading exorcist,” and whose previous vocations have included rock and roll music, motivational speaking and talk radio, all of which suggest a certain gift for self-promotion. He even offers a YouTube exorcism channel, a series of videos in which various poor souls are allegedly exorcised. I watched one, and then had Brett watch it with me. It involved a woman named “Veronica,” and Rev. Bob was purportedly freeing her from the curse of various Aztec and Mayan spirits and her children from “the curse of illegitimacy.” Without a doubt, something deeply disturbing was going on there. If it was a real exorcism then it was, by the very fact of being filmed, exploitive, which is utterly appalling for anyone who believes in the principal of pastoral confidentiality. But if a woman was genuinely freed of demonic possession by the power of Christ, whose name was repeatedly invoked, then maybe the lack of confidentiality is a lesser issue. The interaction between Rev. Bob (who bears a strong resemblance to Dr. Phil) and Veronica was either real, in which

case it was a miracle of authentic exorcism, or fake, in which case it was a shameless fraud. If the woman was not acting, she may have been suffering from multiple personality disorder or some other illness, in which case she would have been far better served going to a Christian psychiatrist or psychologist than to Rev. Bob. Or maybe it was like pro wrestling, a choreographed activity in which real people sometimes get really hurt. I just don't know. If the guy was real, may God shield and protect him. If he's a fraud, someone—or some thing—is going to be looking for him, and not with a pair of opera glasses, either. To paraphrase Nietzsche, if you stare into the abyss long enough, even if you're fooling around, eventually the abyss will start to stare back.

The most thoughtful fictional treatment of exorcism remains William Peter Blatty's terrifying novel, *The Exorcist* (the movie version was inferior to the book). Based on a real-life exorcism conducted at Georgetown University Hospital in 1949 (its young victim grew up to become a NASA engineer), Blatty was careful to incorporate authentic Catholic doctrine in what he wrote, emphasizing repeatedly that mental and physical illness do not constitute possession. The hero of the novel, Father Damien, is both a Jesuit priest undergoing a crisis of faith, and a careful, skeptical psychiatrist. Medical science has diagnosed more and more illnesses, including Tourette's Syndrome, schizophrenia, and dissociative identity disorder which, in the past, might have been considered evidence of possession, and the Catholic Church will sanction no exorcism until the alleged victim has undergone exhaustive medical screening and psychiatric evaluation. But if a miracle is something that happens outside the known laws of nature, then demonic possession may be something that occurs outside the known boundaries of the DSM.

In the Gospels, exorcisms—the liberation of suffering human beings from the power of demonic forces—are a sign of the coming of the Kingdom of God. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' first miracle was an exorcism. It took place in a synagogue in Capernaum, a small town on the northeastern coast of the Sea of Galilee. As he taught, a man possessed with an unclean spirit came into the synagogue and the spirit cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? / *I know who you are, the Holy One of God.*” The demons knew who he was even if the people in the synagogue didn't, and feared he had come to destroy them. Or at least dispossess them. Which he had. And which he did. And which he does.

To be continued

Dave

Prayer: Most merciful and gracious God, surround us by the power of the Holy Spirit, and shield us from the forces of evil, through the grace and mercy of your son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Brett Briefly...

ANOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT

This weekend, my family will be celebrating birthdays. First and foremost, my son, Blake, will be turning 11. Looking back at his growth over the years is an amazing thing. He is so bright and intelligent, but most of all he has a big heart. Make no mistake, Blake is all boy, with everything that implies, but I am proud to call him my son.

The other side of the coin is me. I will also be celebrating a birthday this weekend. Blake and I will spend some time in Oklahoma City to see our favorite comedian, Tim Hawkins, in concert. We may have a special meal. And that will be about the end of the festivities for me. (One thing I learned really fast after Blake was born just 2 days after my birthday was that my birthday is now basically an afterthought to his—as it should be.) While I am still young and have a lot of years still ahead of me (God willing), this is proving to be a somewhat difficult birthday. This year, I turn 35.

The psalmist says, “The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.” I will be the first to admit that math is not my greatest gift, but if the days of my life are seventy years—I’m not feeling particularly strong right now—then that would mean my life is half over. What?!?!?!? It seems like I’ve only just begun...and it’s half over? Kinda puts things in perspective.

Maybe that’s what makes this such a difficult birthday. Each new year-measured milestone signals that the inevitable is indeed happening—I am getting older, and death is another year closer! I can’t help but think of the old Merle Travis song “Sixteen Tons.” Go ahead, sing it with me!

You load sixteen tons, and what do you get?

Another day older and deeper in debt.

Saint Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go;

I owe my soul to the company store...

Don't we all feel that way sometimes? I tend to look at things on first glance in this gloomy sort of way. I am, after all, a cynical, pessimistic person by nature. But as I look at my life today, I am filled with joy.

That’s the difference a life of faith makes. In light of my faith, I know that death is not an end, but a new beginning. I know that being another year older means being another year wiser. Because of my faith, I know that there is more to life than all that I see around me. And most of all, I know that God loves me the same today as he did yesterday, the same this decade as last decade, and the same tomorrow as today. Thanks to the awesome power of Jesus Christ, I can celebrate life.

I pray that we all celebrate life everyday. God calls us not to just live life, but to live life abundantly and to the fullest. Let us each celebrate our life with God in the way we live the life God has given us to live.

Grace and peace,

Brett



- **The Life** meets every Sunday from 6-8 in the gym. Grades 6-12. Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, worship, and discipleship. We will have gathering worship, then break into small groups for deeper discussion and learning, then come back together for fellowship and communion.
- **Check In** every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 in the gym. Grades 6-12. This is a time to "check in" with one another in the middle of the week. Games, chill time, worship, and communion. Come support each other as we continue to do life together.
- **Chi Rho Late Winter Rally** is February 17-19. Forms are available at www.centralareacamps.com. They are due February 1. Cost is \$37.50. Don't miss it!!!
- **Planet Wisdom** for CYF is February 24-25. Cost is \$40. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

Sunday School Schedule

Children's Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

3 - 5 year olds meet in room 6

K - 2nd grade meet in room 15A

3rd - 5th grade meet in room 15B

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUPS & CHOIRS

3:00 – Chancel Ringers (Grades 9-adults) (Stratten Hall)

4:15 – B.L.A.S.T. Choir (Grades K-5) (Rm 10)

5:00 – B.L.A.S.T. Youth Group (Grades K-5) (Rm A2)

6:00 – The Life (Grades 6-12) (Rm A3)

PASTOR'S CLASS TO BEGIN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

An eight-week long Pastor's Class for young persons in grades 3-8, who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and what it means to take Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will meet on Sundays, February 12-April 1, from 3:00-4:00 pm in Room 310. Each student will be paired with an adult mentor who will guide him or her during the class. Students who are led to do so will have the opportunity to make a confession of faith on Palm Sunday and be baptized on Easter Sunday morning.

Young persons who are interested in taking the class are encouraged to talk to their parents and call the church office, 692-2282, to sign up.

*Take advantage of and enjoy your
First Christian Church Library and
its contents any time the church building is open.*

MEMBER NEWS

♥**Hospitalized:** at Health South Rehab is Tom Zahn. Released and back home are Sharon Roach, John Bridgman, Shirley Kerbow.

♥**Military Deployed:** are Nathan Hainline, grandson of Anna Hainline; Michael Jenks, husband of Michelle Jenks (former visitors); Jim Medley, husband of Wendy Medley; Bob Smyth, husband of Angela Smyth; Christopher O'Francia, a Marine adopted by Dolly Sloan. Please keep them in your prayers.

♥Our sympathies are extended to Bill & Mary Kathryn Tanner & Family on learning of the death of Bill's mother, Bettye Shelby, on January 20th.

We want to be as inclusive as possible with our Member News, so if you know about an honor someone received, an important event in someone's life, or about illness or death, please call the church-692-2282. Thanks!



FIRST TIME VISITORS

We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Jan. 22nd: Robert Benson, Carol Steinback.

THE DUEL

Thank you so much to everyone involved in making our rest stop at Hamilton Park a success. Thank you to the volunteers who donated their time and those who bake the delicious cookies.

FOR OUR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Minutes of the Church Executive Council and Board meetings, as well as financial statements of the church, are available to any church member at any time upon request in the church office.

Continuing in Colossians

with Don Anderson
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Hosted by Tres and Julia Ward
4414 Weeks Park Ln.

Don Anderson will lead us once again via video conferencing. Tres and Julia Ward, our gracious hosts, are inviting us to the comfort of their home as we grow in faith together. Please call the church office, 692-2282, or Tres & Julia at 696-3211 for more information.

**Religious
Sign Language
with Billy Thacker
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Rm 402**

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you requested offering envelopes for 2012, they are located in the Church Office.

PANTRY SUNDAY

February Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be on Sunday, February 5th. The item for collection will be peanut butter and grape jelly. There will be containers in Sunday School classrooms as well as in the Chapel & Sanctuary. Children may present their items during the children's sermon.

FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

THE CULTURE OF DISBELIEF: How American Law & Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion, by Stephen Carter, explains how we can preserve the vital separation of church and state, while embracing the faith of millions. A vast array of issues appear in a new light: everything from religion in schools to the Reverend Moon's mass weddings, from abortion to the Branch Davidians.

FROM THE MAILBOX. . .

The following Coats for Kids thank you notes were received from Sam Houston Elementary:

Dear Pie Partner,

Thank you for my warm coat. I love it.
Domiono

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for giving me a coat. It will keep me warm. And I love the color blue.

Love,
Cheyenne

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for the jacket you gave me. It is beautiful. I like it very much!

Love,
Alan

Dear Rev. Dave Brummett,

Thank you for the black coat. It fits so well! May be if we get snow this year, I can wear it when I play in it.

Sincerely,
Lindsey

Dear Rev. Dave Brummett,

Thank you for my new coat. It will keep me very warm this winter.

Sincerely,
Dillion

Thank you Kiwanis for my winter coat and I like and I wear it all the time and every day and thanks for giving it to me cause I needed one. Merry Christmas

Thank you for the coat Kiwanis. I love it so much
Kristal

Thank you Kiwanis for our coats I love the coats they are so warm and cozy.

Love,
Giovannah

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Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
in Rm 402

Billy Thacker would like to share his beautiful language with you. Billy is hearing impaired and experiences worship through the assistance of a sign language interpreter. Many have observed the beauty and grace of signing. Join us Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and learn a new language. (childcare available)



Please contact
Julie Coe if you would
like to participate or
would like more
information
692-2282
or

julie@firstchristianwichitafalls.org

Experience God's Family

Living Free

by Beth Moore
led by
Marjorie Parker & Gayla Morris

A Lenten Study for
Women
Begins February 22
Wednesdays at 10:00
a.m.

Beth Moore says the practice of “breathing scripture”
by praying God’s Word has changed her life.

During six weeks of group and personal study, you can learn to replace false strongholds with true freedom in Christ. As you pray scripture, you will realize the life God desires for you. You will understand more fully the five benefits available to every believer. The Bible study and Scripture-focused prayer will bring renewed purpose and joy to your life.

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TIME
with Dave

Join Dr. David Hartman on the last Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor for insights and discussion over current events. Formerly known as Colloquy. (childcare available)

Movies
with a 
Message

led by Pat Lauck
2nd Tuesday of each month
1:00 p.m.
FCC Theatre

Discover your *spiritual gifts,*
personal style,
and God-given
passion for serving
in the body of Christ

network
(revised)

led by Julie Coe
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Begins February 5
Room 310

Six dynamic sessions to help you understand who God has uniquely made you to be and guide you to a place of meaningful service in the life of First Christian Church (Childcare available)

**RESPITE
SERVICE**

SCRIPTURE
MEDITATION
COMMUNION

WEDNESDAYS
5:30 P.M.
CHAPEL

**COMMON
GROUND
RECOVERY
MINISTRIES**

SUNDAYS
WORSHIP AT 5:14
GROUP MEETINGS
AT 6:00 P.M.



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Matthew Roberts	13	Mark Burton	25	Ron Watkins
2	Vicki Kunkle	14	Melissa Ford Mac Reid	27	Roger DeVilbiss Lana Winfrey
3	Bob Carlton Barbara Lyne Ashley Von Loh Elizabeth Von Loh Christian Von Loh	15	Cathy Biggs Phyllis Lewis	28	Fletcher Shirley Mark E. Vallejo
4	Renee Harris	16	Chris Caraway	29	Betty Lyons
5	Art Litteken Jr.	17	Steve Burross		
6	Betty Crick Arvilla Taylor Mike Wilson	18	Alex McKethan		
7	James Irl Montgomery	19	Chuck Dalton Chris Loskot		
9	LaVeta Kaiser	20	Clyde Markee		
10	B.J. Barrett Bud Rafuse Ricky Scales Clyde Williford	21	Randy Carroll Nancy Roberts Yvonne Self Katie Simpson Andy Wilson		
11	Hunter Dalton Matthew Tull Michael Tull Dan Ward	23	Jim Biggs III		
12	Todd Brunson	24	Phyllis Litteken Garland Shelton		

& ANNIVERSARIES

1	Fritz & Yvonne Self	18	Dan & Carole Davis Frank & Glenda Tate
3	Phil & Dana Boswell	20	Alvin & Billie Burge
5	Derrick & Alicia Christoff	22	Roy & Helen Jackson
8	Chris & Caryn Walker		



*Happy
Anniversary!*

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																
<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Sunday Schedule</p> <p>8:45 & 10:45am Worship Services 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Journey Through Scripture (Parlor) 3:00pm Chancel Ringers (St. Hall) 5:14pm Recovery Ministry Worship Service (FH) 6:00pm Recovery Ministries Groups (12-19) 7:00pm Recovery Ministries Dinner (FH)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Youth Schedule</p> <p>4:15pm B.L.A.S.T. Choir (Grades K-5) (312) 5:00pm B.L.A.S.T. Youth Groups (K-5) (405) 6:00pm The Life (Grades 6-12) (403C,gym)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday through Friday</p> <p>7:30am-6:00pm Children Come 1st 9:00am-11:45am Young Ages School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays</p> <p>9:00am CCF (Chapel) 9:30am Encore Choir (St. Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (402/Chapel) 9:30am Encore Choir (St. H)</p> <p>5:30pm Respite Service (Chapel) 6:30-8:30pm Check-In (403C & Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Timothy 6:17-19</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>1:30pm Knitting Group (Parlor)</p> <p>7:00pm Church Board Mtg (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 15:1-10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 147:1-11</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John 2:1-11</i></p>																																																
<p style="text-align: center;">Pantry Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>12:00 noon Congregational Mtg (Sanc) 12:00pm Prime Timers Lunch (FH)</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Choirs & Youth Groups 5:00pm Sign Language Class (402) 5:14-7:30pm Recovery Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 John 1:4-10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10:15am Staff Meeting (310)</p> <p>6:30pm Spiritual Gifts Bible Study (310) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 10:29-31</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>10:30am Worship Planning (Dave's Office) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 4:00pm Encore Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p>7:00pm Colossians Bible Study <small>(4414 Weeks Park Ln)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 71:17-21</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (402/Chapel) 9:30am Encore Choir (St. H)</p> <p>5:30pm Respite Service (Chapel) 6:00pm Chancel Choir Dinner (FH) 6:30-8:30pm Check-In (403C & Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deuteronomy 13:1-4</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>1:30pm Knitting Group (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 131:1-3</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 3:12-17</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 12:4-13</i></p>																																																
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SERVING SUNDAY

Kenn Hill, Chris Showalter; Cheryl Smiley, Presiding
DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

Shirley Craft, Dwight Ross IV, Connie Ramsey

JANUARY DIACONATE SERVERS

Larry Ballard, BJ Barrett, Cheryl Caraway, Sarah Cook, Cal Edgemon, Eric Hartman, Garrett James, Melody Jennings, Lauren Johnson, Michael Pettibon, Connie Ramsey, Dwight Ross IV, Kay Sabine, Bob Smyth, Cary & Doug Thompson, Alice & Mark A. Vallejo, Angela Vallejo, Mark E. Vallejo.

SUNDAY ELDER COMMUNION VISITATION

The Elders will be happy to take communion to anyone who can't come to the worship service. Call the church office and your name will be added to our list.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 29, 2012

LAITY SUNDAY

- 8:45 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 5th Sunday Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)
- 9:45 Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 Chancel Ringers (Grades 9-Adults) (Stratten Hall)
- 4:15 BLAST Choir (Grades K-5) (Rm 312)
- 5:00 BLAST Youth Group (Grades K-5) (Rm 405)
- 5:00 Sign Language Class (Rm 402)
- 5:14 Recovery Ministries Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 FACE Time with Dave (Parlor)
- 6:00 The Life (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403C & Gym)
- 6:00 Family Challenges Support Group (Rm 310)
- 6:00 Alcohol & Substance Abuse Recovery Group (Rm 306)
- 6:00 Women's C.A.R.E. Group (Rm 307)
- 6:00 Anger Recovery Group (Rm 305)
- 7:00 Recovery Groups Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 30, 2012

- 7:30-6:00 Children Come First (M-F)
- 9:00-11:45 Young Ages School (M-F)
- 10:15 Staff Meeting (Rm 310)
- 6:00-10:00 Church League HS Basketball (Gym)
- FCC Tropics have a bye
- 6:00 Continuing Education (Rm 307)
- 7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

- 2:00 Library Cmte (Library)
- 4:00 Encore Choir (Stratten Hall)
- 7:00 Colossians Bible Study (4414 Weeks Park Ln)

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

- 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (Rm 402/Chapel)
- 9:30 Encore Choir (Stratten Hall)
- 5:30 Respite Service (Chapel)
- 6:30-8:30 Check-In (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403C & Gym)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir (Grade 9-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, February 2, 2012

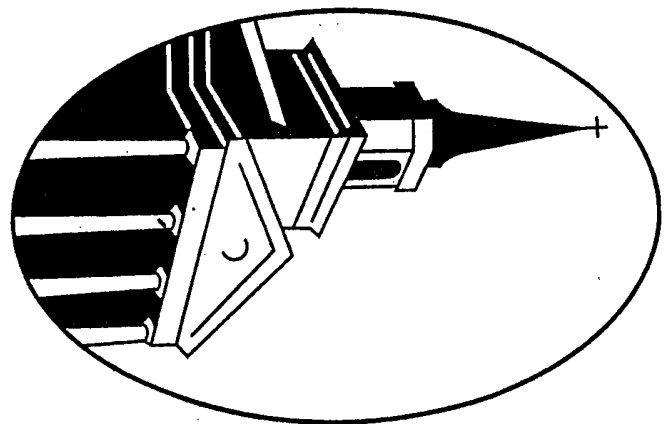
- 1:30-3:30 Knitting Group (Parlor)
- 7:00 Church Board Meeting (Parlor)

THE CHURCH STAFF . . .

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FOR THE RECORD . . .

Church School	140	
8:45 Worship . . . 71		10:45 Worship . . . 254
5:00 CGRM Worship Service	28	
Total Worship	353	
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week		\$15,956.24
Sunday Receipts for 1/22/12		\$24,233.14
Through Dec.: Income \$796,731.08		Expenses \$823,383.88



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The Meeting Place

A place for everyone between services

A place for sharing love within the family

Coffee is available for everyone in the hallway.

Get your first cup with us!

Running late to class or early to church?

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