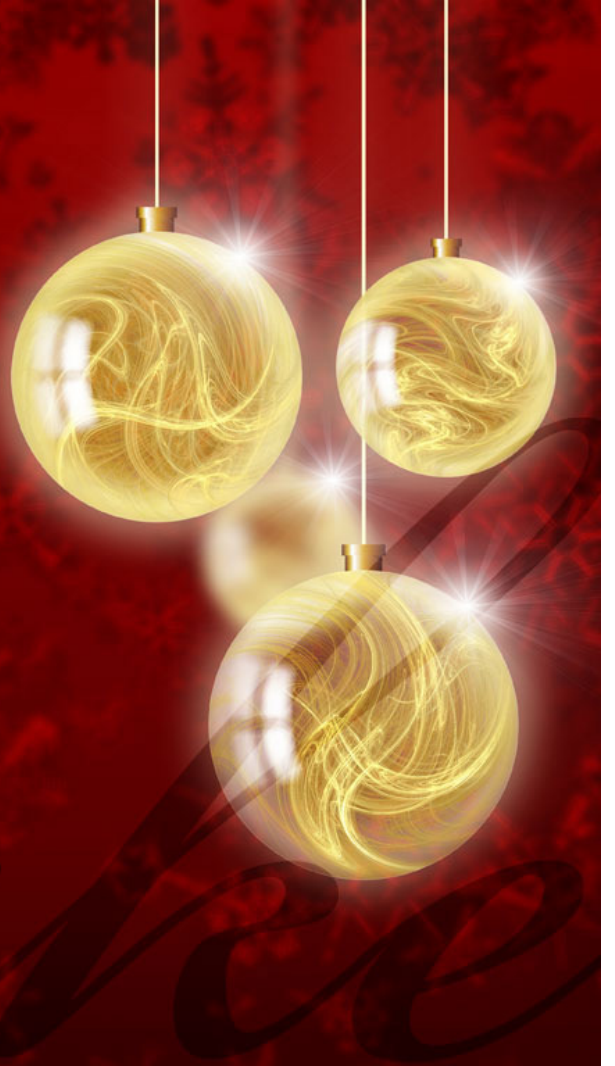


(Disciples of Christ)

FIRST FACTS DECEMBER 2010

*"Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:11



*Merry Christmas to all,
From Pastor Gary Gibbs,
Kathy Richardson
June Hunter
Patti Emerton
Debra Veale*



Once again I am excited about the season of Advent and all it brings to us about the birth of the Christ child. I am partial to Luke’s account starting with the words, “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.” Think of what has happened to us since that time in history. The story never gets old and should be celebrated again and again for as long as civilization remains.

Take time to share the “old old story” with your children and grandchildren this Advent season and thank God we have a country where we can once again share this story of our Saviour’s birth without fear of being put in prison. We all have so much to be thankful for this blessed season.

My prayer for myself and all my brothers and sisters in Christ is that we can again have that sense of joy that young children have when they see the Christmas lights, trees decorated and once again for a little period of time believe in the wonderful time of year we call Christmas!

R’Cella and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God’s blessings to each of you.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Gary



Gary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and food. It is a wonderful blessing to have such a caring church family during difficult times.

*God Bless You,
R’Cella Gibbs*

Happy Wedding Anniversary!

Floyd & Jean Young

Please come and celebrate the 65th anniversary of Floyd & Jean Young,

December 12, 2010 at

First Christian Church in Weston

The time will be 2-4 p.m. come & go, no gifts please.

If you would like, write down a favorite memory for the bride and groom to cherish forever.

Barbara Harlow
972/382-3191



*Thank
You*

I would like to Thank everyone for their cards & prayers during my recent health problems.

Thanks again,

Chuck Slack



A is for Angels, appearing so bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night.
B is for Bethlehem, crowded and old, birthplace of Jesus by prophet foretold.
C is for Cattle, their manger His bed, there in the trough where He laid His head.
D is for David and his ancient throne promised forever to Jesus alone.
E is for East, where shone the bright star which Magi on camels followed afar.
F is for Frankincense, with myrrh and gold, brought by the Wise Men as Matthew has told.
H is for Herod, whose murderous scheme was told to Joseph in a nocturnal dream.
I is for Immanuel, "God with us," for Christ brought man back to the Father's house.
J is for Joseph so noble and just, obeying God's word with absolute trust.
K is for King. A true king He would be, coming in power and authority.
L is for Love that He brought down to earth God enfleshed in lowly birth.
M is for Mary, His mother so brave, counting God faithful and mighty to save.
N is for Night, when the Savior was born for nations of earth and people forlorn.
O is for Omega, meaning "the last;" He's eternal present, future and past.
P is for Prophets, when living on earth foretold His redemption and blessed birth.
Q is for Quickly, as shepherds who heard hastened to act on that heavenly word.
R is for Rejoice. The sorrow of sin is banished forever when Jesus comes in.
S is for Savior. To be this He came; the angel of God assigned Him His name.
T is for Tidings of joy, not of danger, telling of Him who was laid in a manger.
U is for Us, to whom Jesus was given to show us the way and take us to heaven.
V is for Virgin, foretold by the sage, God's revelation on prophecy's page.
W is for Wonderful, His works and His words, the King of all Kings, the Lord of all Lords.
X is for Christ. It's X in the Greek, Anointed, Messiah, mighty, yet meek.
Y is for Yes, called God's Yes in His Word; God's answer to all is Jesus the Lord.
Z is for Zeal as it burned in Christ's heart. Lord, by thy Spirit to us zeal impart.



Kevin & Andrea Asbury, Bob Balch, Suzanne Bartholomew, Art & Betty Coker, Donna Cook, Donnett Dihel, Billy Ray Edwards, R'Cella Gibbs, Wanda & Charles Hix, Bessie Hix-Morris, Astrid Holland, Jordon Kerr, Amanda Maupin, Dwight Mungers, Pete & Paula Skinner, Ray Walker

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Isaac Abeyta, John Bull, Josh Bolden, Caleb Botsford, Josh Bowers, Wesley Brown, Josh Clay, Gage Colson, John Gondol, Luke Goplin, Brandon Harris, Thomas Herrea, Walter Hill, Teresa Vaught Hurley, Landon Jones, Daniel Kelly, Captian Holly Killman, Kevin Martin, Zack McClellan, Cory Neil, Orlando Orozco, Daniel Purdom, Jarod Rock, John Owens Scarborough, Kevin Paul Smiley, Jacob Smith, Daniel Smith, Will Stone, Clayton & Ryan Tillett, Cody Yates



DECEMBER 2010 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Greeters	Larry & Laura Cooper David & Linda Wood Nancy Boatman
Worship Leader	
Elders serving at the Table	Zack & Carolyn Herring
Home Centered Elder	Ora Maye Botsford & Allie McTee
Communion Servers	Gary & Ginger Madole Casey & Renae Heilman
Communion Preparation	JD & Ona Ballard James & Gayle Flanery
Coffee Fellowship	Dorothy Loftice
Chapel Deacon	Volunteers

Attendance & Giving's for the month of: November 2010

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old, familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Sunday School	Worship	Needed Weekly
attendance:	attendance:	average \$2409.00 :
November 7:32	87	\$2,145.00
November 14:		\$2,010.00
November 21: 31	95	\$2,218.00
November 28: 26	77	\$1,461.50

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday 9:45 Sunday School
10:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:50 Worship
6:00 Pastors Bible Study

Monday 8:15 Walking Group

Tuesday 9:00 Walking group
9:30 Angelic Threads

Wednesday 8:15 Walking group
6:00 p.m. WNWW
6:30 CYF
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday 8:15 Walking group

Friday Church Office Closed
8:15 Walking group

Saturday

Events : December 2010

December 4: City of Van Alstyne Christmas parade

December 5: Church Christmas Caroling 5 p.m.

December 6: Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 12: Children's Christmas program 6:30 p.m.

December 15: Last WNWW for this year

December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

Church Office closed December 24-January 3 2011.

