

(Disciples of Christ)

FIRST FACTS JANUARY 2011

Pastoral Ponderings...

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, 2010 draws to an end and we begin another year, I pray for all to have a prosperous and healthy year in 2011.

We are so fortunate to live in a country of blessed freedom so that we may worship together any place any time. What a wonderful thing. I hope that you all will join me in prayer for peace and healing in our nation not only economically but also for unity of its citizens. God has blessed this nation but we must continue to seek his guidance.

Let us also pray for our church family to flourish and grow this next year. Thanks to all who give of their time and efforts to keep First Christian Church alive. We must all do our part to open our doors to the community and welcome them in so that we can continue the work of God. Let us not forget why we are here. Let us show Gods love and forgiveness to others. "How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him... up to seventy times seven." *Matthew 18:21-22* "Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called the children of God" *Matthew 5:9*.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In Christian Love,
Pastor Gary

To my church family, Board Chair, Benny Edwards and Pastor Gary. I was very surprised and overwhelmed on Sunday, December 12th. On behalf of the membership, Benny presented me with a beautiful plaque honoring me for my years of service to First Christian Church. I usually am not at a loss for words, however, I was speechless.

I feel that God blessed me with the knowledge to provide music for worship services. Serving as custodian began with helping Zack. I thought the cleaning of the building needed "a woman's touch", and this was something I wanted to do. I am so humbled to be honored in this way and at the same time I think of others in the church family that also serve. It takes all of us working together to serve God and our church.

May 2011 hold many blessings for the church and I pray it will be a wonderful year for all.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

In Christ's love,

Carolyn Herring

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON.

BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

ZACK HERRING AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank You 



Bob Balch, Suzanne Bartholomew, Joe Burk, Art & Betty Coker, Donna Cook, Donnett Di-hel, Billy Ray Edwards, Wanda & Charles Hix, Bessie Hix-Morris, Astrid Holland, Jordon Kerr, Amanda Maupin, Jason Miller, Dwight Munger, Cole Power, Pete & Paula Skinner, Mitchell Sorrels, 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

Congratulation to Cooper Reed ...

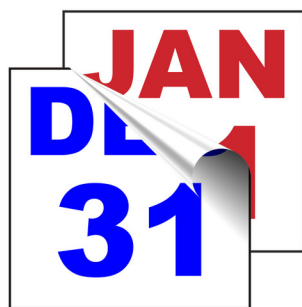


Cooper graduated 12/18/10 from UNT with a BA in General Studies focus in English, History, and Political Science.



JANUARY 2011 WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Greeters	Betty Samuels, Audrey Newman
Worship Leader	Audrey Nell Slack
Elders serving at the Table	Chowning Hayes, Mike Kee
Home Centered Elder	Benny Edwards, Cole Shook
Communion Servers	Mickey & Nancy Boatman, James & Gayle Flanery
Communion Preparation	Mickey & Nancy Boatman, Bill & Sandi Heilman
Coffee Fellowship	Carolyn Herring, R'Cella Gibbs
Chapel Deacon	Volunteers



Be always at war with
your vices, at peace with
your neighbors, and let
each new year find you a
better man.
~Benjamin Franklin

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

Sunday School attendance:	Worship attendance:	Needed Weekly average \$2409.00 :
December 5: 25	88	\$2,694.00
December 12: 37	98	\$2,728.10
December 19: 25	80	\$1,512.00
December 26:		

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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
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 8:15 Walking group

Friday Church Office Closed
8:15 Walking group

Saturday

Events : January 2010

January 3: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

January 8: Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

January 9: EDU Meeting following worship

January 15: Young Adults 6-9 p.m.

January 17: Committees/Elders 6 & 7 p.m.

January 20: Newsletter Deadline

January 26: OPALS 11:30 a.m.