

(Disciples of Christ)

FIRST FACTS JUNE 2009

Pastoral Ponderings.....

Greetings in HIS name! How blessed we are to have a Lord and Saviour who loves us so much. As I look at the country side and all the beautiful flowers, green grass, it makes me know that life continues year after year as it should. Enjoy your vacation trips, being with loved ones and friends... it is great to enjoy life.

Next month I will be on vacation. The Worship Committee has already made plans for who will fill the pulpit while I am gone. No doubt, our congregation will be truly blessed by those who come to share God 's Word with you. God willing, I will be back in the pulpit August 2nd. Please pray for R ' Cella and yours truly as we travel and have some time to refill our "spiritual cups ". Our prayers will be with each of you, our Church Family is important to us.

In my files I came across the following short writing, author unknown. As we begin our summer vacations I wanted to share with you.

Not Now... *getting ready for church is so difficult with our tiny baby. While he/she is so small we don 't want to expose them to germs.*

NOT NOW.. *He/she screamed the last time we tried to have them in the nursery, and they are too energetic to take to church.*

NOT NOW... *I 'm ashamed to take him/her to church. They are old enough, they should know how to sit still in church.*

NOT NOW... *we want to start our children in Sunday School, but we have a new baby, and you know how that is.*

NO USE TRYING NOW... *those teenagers have a mind of their own. I wish our son/daughter would start running with some of the young people who go to church. WE are worried about some of their friends.*

NOT NOW.... *We 're all so busy. I wish our son/daughter and their spouses would get started, but they haven't been married long. They 're both working to pay for their new car. Sunday is the only day they have free.*

NOT NOW.... *They have new baby, and you know how difficult it is to take a tiny baby to church.*

SOUND FAMILIAR? (copied)

Have a nice summer, but don 't forget to come to worship.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Gary

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Greeters Worship Leader Elders serving at the Table Home Centered Elder Communion Servers Communion Preparation Coffee Fellowship Chapel Deacon	Keith Wendt Family Carianne Reed, Dacia Stieben J.D. Ballard, Ron Reed Ray Botsford Lee Ann Nance, Curtis Hicks, Gary Ballard, Suzanne Exley Patricia Ireland, Debbie Crawford Cole & Cassie Shook Patricia Ireland
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9-1-1 Change of Address Notification

The city of Van Alstyne Enhanced system will become operational soon. Our new 9-1-1 address will help emergency services find locations faster, saving valuable minutes in response time when dialing 9-1-1.

Our new address is valid immediately . Please make note of the changes. Our Post office box and phone numbers will not be affected by these changes.

Church address: Sanctuary- 274 S Waco St
 Mottley Building-148 W Fulton St
 Parsonage- 275 S Dallas Ave



Attendance & Giving's for the month of May

Sunday School attendance:	Worship attendance:	Needed Weekly average
		\$2425.00 :
May 3 :	84	\$3,045.00
May 10: 30	88	\$2,483.00
May 17: 39	102	\$2,553.22
May 24: 39	77	\$1,814.00
May 31: 30	72	\$1,848.99

"I think it's called subliminal advertising!"

OFF FOR THE SUMMER!

No Choir Rehearsal in the month of June.

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VBS dates have been changed to July 12th-16th

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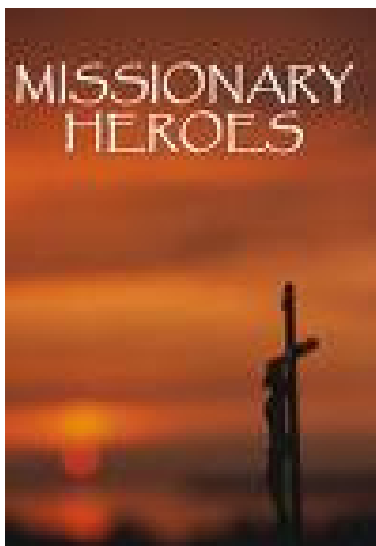
OPALS will not be meeting during the months of June, July or August.

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For the Months of June & July there will be no Elders meetings.



## MISSIONARY HEROES



Bobby & Naomi are getting ready to begin a term of service in South Asia, & would like your prayers! Naomi is the daughter of Steve Dobbins, a former pastor of FCCVA. They serve with Pioneer Bible Translators. Bobby does computer support & Naomi does language survey help to figure what languages & dialects still need their own translations. The country where they will serve is a sensitive location, so they need to be cautious in how many details about their work they share, & they also ask that you don't mention their names on the internet anywhere. We look forward to seeing them here on June 14.

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information you wish to provide for newsletter you may:

- 1) bring it to the church office.
  - 2) E-mail it to the church office:  
[fccva@airmail.net](mailto:fccva@airmail.net)
  - 3) Call it in to the church office 903/482-5515
- Deadline for the newsletter is the 3rd Thursday of each month.



**Additional copies of this newsletter may be found in lobbies.**

### ADDRESS FOR JOSH BOWER'S

RECRUIT BOWERS, JOSHUA G.  
1ST BN DELTA CO.  
PLATOON 1061  
40000 MIDWAY AVE.  
SAN DIEGO CA 92140-1061

THIS IS JOSH'S ADDRESS IN MARINE BOOT CAMP. HE HAS ASKED FOR A LOT OF MAIL AND PRAYERS.

THANK YOU,  
NICOLE BOWERS A PROUD MARINE MOM!

## Youth News!!

The youth group leaves for annual mission trip on Sunday June, 21. Upon their return, they will be presenting the service on Sunday June 28th. This will give them the opportunity to update the church on how the mission trip went. Don't miss this exciting service!

## Chowning Hayes



Meals on Wheels in Van Alstyne is in desperate need of volunteers to drive in teams of 2 for only 1 day per month from approximately 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is such a wonderful program for our elderly, if you are interest please contact Sandy Hill at the *Snap Center*, she can be reached until 2 p.m. week days @ 903/482-6341.

### Thank you to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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To all our Church Family, Thanks for all the prayers, phone calls and lovely cards we received. May God bless you all. Dude & Ann Crook

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Dear Pastor Gary and our Church Family, Thank you all very much for your prayers, cards and concerns for both Allen and me while I was in Canada. Sending a very special thanks to the Angelic Threads for their support, caring and wonderful friendship. Blessings, Audrey & Allen Price

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Dear First Christian Church, Thank you so much for the beautiful Bible. I will cherish it for many years to come. It was so kind of you all to remember me during this important time of my life, graduation. Thank you again for your gift,
Love, Kati Mae Magers

Thank you!



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WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday 8:15 Walking Group

Tuesday 9:00 Walking group
9:30 Angelic Threads

Wednesday 8:15 Walking group
6:30 CYF

Thursday 8:15 Walking group

Friday Church Office Closed
8:15 Walking group

Saturday

Upcoming Events : June 2009

June 1: Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
June 14: Bobby & Naomi visiting for morning worship
June 15: Committees mtg 6 p.m.
June 20: Youth leave for mission trip
June 21: Father's Day
June 28: Youth Sunday-Update on Mission trip