

FIRST FACTS NOVEMBER 2011

Pastoral Ponderings...

My heart is filled with gratitude and thanksgiving this beautiful time of year. Some of the many things I am thankful for is my wife and my church family for all the prayers that have been prayed for me since my surgery on the 13th of October. I am happy to tell you I am back in the office at church. For another month per doctor's orders I am somewhat limited so my leg will heal properly. Thanks to all of you who brought food to the parsonage, your phone calls etc. ect.

Great Days of Service this year was hosted by our church. Audrey Price and Ora Mae Botsford headed up for our church. The lunch meal was provided on Friday October 21st. Ora Mae unlocked the Mottley building on Friday and Saturday. I understand J.D. and Gary Ballard came by to lend a hand each day as well. Theresa and Jeff Auch headed up the GDOS projects, (as they have for the last three plus years). A total of 32 projects were completed with over 130 volunteers made this years GDOS a great success . Thank God for our community and all the people who come together to make Van Alstyne a great place to live. We are truly blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

From our house to yours, R'Cella and I wish all of you a blessed thanksgiving season. Hope to see you in church this coming Sunday.

Grateful for Our Ministry Together,

Pastor Gary



SANCTUARY BANNER INFORMATION

We have three additions to the banners for worship.

Thanks to Ora Maye Botsford, Jerry & Gail Purkaple for their donation of the green banners that have been in place for October.

Gayle & James Flanery for a Patriotic banner & Carolyn & Zack Herring for the Chalice banner on our 165th anniversary celebration.

If anyone is interested in donating a banner, please contact Zack or Carolyn Herring.

Thanks



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NORTH TEXAS AREA MEN'S BREAKFAST  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CARROLLTON  
1835 WALNUT EVE., CARROLLTON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
8:30 AM  
PROGRAM: WE LAUNCH MIKE'S KIDS 2011

MIKE'S KIDS  
NOVEMBER 5-DECEMBER 11

As Christmas Season fast approaches it is time to begin filling banana boxes with gently used or new clothes and new underwear, toys, food, etc. for Mike's Kids in Los Fresnos, Texas area. **Final pickup of all donations is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011. the bus will be leaving Wednesday, December 14 from Community Christian Church, Richardson.**



Sunday October 16, what an incredible Sunday! Started out the weekend wondering how in the world we were going to have church Sunday with our pastor out, no music, and the Baked Potato dinner. It seemed impossible. But one of the scriptures that Casey and I chose, Matthew 6:34. We decided we would trust God, and go to church with an attitude of thanksgiving and worship. Our God is faithful. Who knew we could sing a cappella? I was so proud of the choir for stepping up and leading the congregation. They did a fantastic job! Our church family was wonderful and it was beautiful. Sitting at the front and looking out to the congregation was a beautiful thing to see, as well as hear. Everyone was singing. Thank you church family for being so encouraging to Casey and me, for supporting the choir, coming together to celebrate and worship. With some wonderful help we even managed to get dinner ready on time. We were a small group, but the fellowship was great. We delivered several meals as well. You encouraged our young people. They did a terrific job helping with the service and preparing the dinner. I was very proud of them. There were many others helping as well....including Jeremy and Erika who have stepped up so many times to help. The day left me with a wonderful, thankful feeling of church family.

Chowning Hayes



Donations are being received for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Please fill out this sheet and turn your donation of \$10.00 to church office during the week or put it in the offering plate and designate your check for poinsettia plant(s).

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$10.00 each.

Please pay when ordering and attach to this form.

Please Print

In Honor Of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for ordering will be Wednesday, November 13, 2011. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 27. Please pick up your flowers following the Christmas Eve service.

Thank you for helping make this possible.



Breanna Buckley, Charles Cate, Bobby & Naomi de Vos, Mary Dent, Bill Douglas, Billy Ray & Bookie Edwards, Jeff Edwards, Ethan Heilman, Christine Holmberg, Doris Johnston, Mary Kemp, Jordan Kerr, Matt Kunkle, Corinne LaGeose, Carlinda Lane, Chris Martin, Amanda Maupin, Joanna McDonald, Selby Sharkey, Monroe & Mary Lou Shelton, Sheila Spencer, Randy Stieben, Frances Sutherland, Linda Wood.

## Please remember these Folks

### Homestead Sherman Estelle O'Briant

1000 Sara Swamy Drive, 75090

### Orchard Park-McKinney Margaret Chaddick

3392 Medicaal Center Drive #136, 75069

### The Willows-Sherman Harold Purdom

3410 Post Oak Xing, 75092

### Meadow Brook Helen Cannon & James Tillett

P O Box 307, 75495

### Sherman Healthcare Center

Billy Ray & Bookie Edwards

817 W Center St, 75092

### Settlers Ridge-Celina Lee Dunn

1280 Settlers Ridge Rd, 75009

### Westridge Manor-Plainview Jo Reed

4304 W 2nd, 79072

## *SERVING IN THE MILITARY*

Isaac Abeyta, Cody Alexander, John Bull, Josh Bolden, Caleb Botsford, Wesley Brown, Gage Colson, Jocelyn Cupido, John Gannon, John Gondol, Luke Goplin, Brandon Harris, Thomas Herrea, Walter Hill, Landon Jones, Daniel Kelly, Captian Holly Killman, Matthew Love, Kevin Martin, Zack McClellan, Christopher Willian Nance, Cory Neil, Daniel Purdom, John Owens Scarborough, Kevin Paul Smiley, Jacob Smith, Daniel Smith, Will Stone, Clayton Tillett, Cody Yates

# PRAY FOR OUR



# MILITARY

**WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

|                              |                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GREETERS</b>              | <b>David &amp; Linda Wood</b>                                           |
| <b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>        | <b>Charles Rice</b>                                                     |
| <b>SERVING ELDERS</b>        | <b>Carolyn &amp; Zack Herring</b>                                       |
| <b>HOME CENTERED DEACONS</b> | <b>Patricia Ireland, Ann Crook</b>                                      |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>     | <b>Lee Ann Nance, Allie McTee,<br/>Audrey Nell Slack, Suzanne Exley</b> |
| <b>COMMUNION PREP</b>        | <b>Allie McTee, Sandi Heilman</b>                                       |
| <b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</b>     | <b>Donna Stieben, Theresa Griffin</b>                                   |

Attendance & Giving's for the month of:  
October 2011

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Worship        | Needed Weekly                    |
| attendance:    | average <b><u>\$2,207.00</u></b> |
| October 2: 80  | \$2,597.56                       |
| October 9: 74  | \$2,098.00                       |
| October 16: 80 | \$1,689.00                       |
| October 23: 80 | \$1,487.00                       |
| October 30:    | \$                               |

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

~William Ewart Gladstone

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday 9:45 Sunday School  
10:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:50 Worship

Monday 8:15 Walking Group

Tuesday 9:00 Walking group  
9:30 Angelic Threads

Wednesday 8:15 Walking group  
6:00 WNWW  
6:30 CYF

Thursday 8:15 Walking group  
7:00 Choir practice

Friday Church Office Closed  
8:15 Walking group

Saturday

## Events : November 2011

***November 6: Education & Worship committees meet following worship***

***November 7: Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.***

***November 12: Men's breakfast 7:30 a.m.***

***November 19: Young Adults gathering 6-9 p.m.***

***November 20: Thanksgiving luncheon following worship.***

***Community thanksgiving service 6 p.m. at Community Bible Church***

***Newsletter deadline***

***November 21: Elders meeting 7 p.m.***

***November 27: Advent begins, Hanging of the Greens***