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February 15, 2011

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, February 16
 11 a.m. Prayer Group
 1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. Adult Game Day
 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Chi Rho (Middle School)
 7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. CYF (High School)
 6:30 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal
 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 20
 9 a.m. Praise Service
 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Traditional Service
 12:15 p.m. Parent Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, February 23
 11 a.m. Prayer Group
 1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. Adult Game Day
 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Chi Rho (Middle School)
 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. CYF (High School)
 6:30 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal
 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM)

1st Tuesday of the
 month
 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Lovin' Stitches
 2nd & 4th Saturday
 of each month
 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
 in the Parlor

CASA VIEW CHRISTIAN CALLER

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The Road *Les* Traveled



Like most preachers, I have what is called "the homiletic habit." Everything I see, hear, or experience is a sermon idea. I carry a notebook so I can write them down before I forget. And during these past two weeks in the snow and ice, I saw a number of things that reminded me of life in a church family.

For example, picture this. I am driving down 78 through Garland, on my way to the church building. A guy in a big 4X4 Dodge truck goes rumbling past, doing about 50 mph, tires humming, slinging snow high into the air. He is well equipped for hazardous driving and seems to know what he's doing. But he's scaring everybody else. In the outside lane, going exceptionally slow is a little old lady in a silver Mercury Marquis. She is clutching the steering wheel, focused on staying within the ruts, tapping her brake often, and trying hard not to exceed four mph. I pass her on the left, as do several other cars, and try not to crowd her routine. Then a young man wearing earphones and driving a little blue Honda shifts gears, weaves in and out of traffic, and accelerates ahead. People scowl as he goes by, some easing off the accelerator and others moving over to give him space. Sure enough, as he reaches an ice-laden bridge, he goes into a skid, does a couple of 360s and slams into the center guard rail. The right quarter panel is dented, but the car is still operable. The little old lady in the Mercury slows to a halt, rolls down the window, and asks "Are you alright?" He is angry, embarrassed, but okay, and waves a sheepish "thank you."

Yes, a church is made up of all kinds. Some are reckless and impatient, and others are slow and cautious. Some are constant care givers and others are constantly in need. Some learn from experience and mistakes, and others never do. But like any other family or community, we're all in this together.

God bless us every one. Brother Les

Elders'
 Breakfast

February
 19
 9 a.m.

Fellowship
 Hall



Family Game Night

March 12

6:30 p.m.

Bring a snack to share

JANUARY GOLDEN ACRES WORSHIP

Larry Crocker brought the message to approximately 35 of the residents for the 4 p.m. Chapel Service at Golden Acres. Communion was served by Sherry Clement & Helen Smith, who also assisted Larry with leading the songs. This is a special time for the residents, and the receiving of communion is an added blessing to them.

Our next "5th Sunday" service will be in May, with Les presiding. If you can assist with communion on that day, please let us know. Thanks so much for your willingness to share this brief time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sylvia Chaffin

Chuppets

Our Chuppet group performed in the second service on February 6. They did a puppet skit about cheering for the right reasons, the hungry in our country. The kids did a fantastic job! More importantly though, they learned about hunger in America and how one in four hungry people in our country is a child. We will continue to bring puppet skits to you as we learn more about God's world.



NEW MEMBER : TIKAL CARNES

Tikal Carnes was born in Corpus Christi on August 4th. His home is at 10831 Castolon, right around the corner from the church, and his cell phone is 214 - 207 - 6597. He joined our CVCC family on Sunday, January 23rd. He is the fiancé of Mona Johnson Eakins, daughter of Merle Johnson. Tikal is an employee of Main Event in Richardson and keeps the bowling lanes in top shape for all the youth and adults that come to play. He has an adult son in San Antonio, and Tikal's hobbies include bowling, fishing, hunting and golf; sounds like a good 'small group' candidate! Let's make him welcome as he joins our fellowship of believers and reaps the blessings of many new friends, and we of his presence as well. WELCOME, TIKAL !

Youth Yak

Well, the ice got to us. We have missed two meetings so far due to ice! But we were in luck as the icy weather didn't cause us to miss Chi Rho Midwinter weekend in Athens. Last year the camp didn't have electricity so we held Chi Rho Midwinter at FCC Gainesville. The year before, we were somewhat dismayed to find Dakota doubled over in pain. A trip to the Athens hospital, and one less appendix later, Dakota was feeling better. We were beginning to wonder about the tradition of going to Chi Rho Midwinter. Thankfully, all went well this weekend. Joshua Perez, Christopher Burgess, Hoyas Utle, Skyler Martindale, and Dakota Distler attended, and we all had a great time with worship, fellowship, and learning about God. Please enjoy these pictures of our weekend.





A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing



Prayer Request



Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: Margaret Davis, Evelyn Troegle, Ruth Roan, Mae Dell Snipes, J.D. LeFlore, Jim Walker, and Jim Sanders.

Health Concerns: Anita Alexander, Mary Burns, Kathleen Alexander, Maxine Gunter, Anne Browne, Lendell Clifton, Marian Walker, Vivian Horton, Paul Boriack, Opal & Joe Sullivan, Clara Tatsch, George Rasmussen, Elise Allen, Vernon Tatsch, Roger Frith, Rebecca Baker, Ruth Thompson, Kaye Chaffin, Freeda Murphy, Samantha Mummert, Paul Johnson, Felix Jimenez, Mike Day, and Cindy Wisdom.

Friends & Family Concerns: Tres Harper, John Letkiewicz III, Albert Long, Dixie McWilliams, Ethan Powell, Murphy Baty, Mike Matula, Jeff Hudson, Don Parker, Claudia Nolen, Barry Cook, Holly Ross Hillman, Linda Carson, Jason Jurca, and Gladys Mathias.

Military Personnel: Rusty Merciers, Nicole & Randy Mounts, Jesse Keller, Ben Taylor, Logan Miller, and Michael Miller.

Death: We regret to announce the passing of Maxine Vulagmore. Maxine was a charter member at Casa View Christian Church. Her service was February 3 at Restland.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Caleb Murray, great – grandson of our own Vivian Horton. He is a junior at Kemp High School and was recently elected president of the Texas Beta Club its t state convention. He will be attending the Broyhill Leadership Conference this Summer in South Carolina and has been invited to run for president of the National Beta Club when it meets in Nashville in June. We know you’re proud of him, Vivian, and we share your joy and wish him well in both South Carolina and Nashville.

CASA LINDA AARP CHAPTER 3880

PROGRAM "MIRACLE OF THE MONARCHS"
MONDAY, MARCH 7. 2011
PRESENTED BY: JANET SMITH
Community Life Center of Casa Linda United Methodist Church,
1800 Barnes Bridge Road
Join us for fellowship, fun and interesting information

Souper Bowl of Caring



Enjoy these pictures from our Souper Bowl Sunday! You will see pictures of our Boy Scouts leading us in the pledge of allegiance, everyone enjoying soup, lots of cans, MVPs and winners, cheerleaders, “penguins” and much more. Our MVPs were Jim and Beverly Mormon for the NFC (Ruth Thompson accepted the award for them) and Mike Fuller for the AFC. The AFC collected more cans, but just barely. Most of the canned goods went to White Rock Center of Hope, and the rest stayed here for our own food pantry.



♪♪♪♪♪ Music Notes ♪♪♪♪♪

CVCC Souper Bowl of Caring IV

- S**uper Souper Bowl effort by each conference
- U**nbelievable spirit, fun & fellowship
- C**aring for community in need
- C**ans, cans and more cans, 1370 food items.
- E**ffective community service
- S**uper Soups at the luncheon
- S**ouls and bodies nourished.

Thanks to all of our CVCC family for participating in this great event!

Long Range Planning Meeting

We want to say thank you to the intrepid members of our Long Range Planning Committee for efforts beyond the call of duty. Thirty-three men and women (a combination of ministers, ministry leaders and board officers) met this past Sunday for the second time, and over lunch discussed key issues relevant to our church's mission, goals, and strategy as we move forward. We are a lot like the children of Israel standing at the Jordan River wondering how to proceed. We are confident that God is with us, but sometimes we just aren't certain which way to go, what to carry, and which battles to fight first. Sometimes we are frustrated more by the many options and opinions than we are by the problems themselves. Sometimes also we get frustrated with each other trying to express our concerns and visions, and then to arrive at a consensus.

By mid afternoon we had agreed on several key steps in moving forward. Those will be reported to the congregation soon. We also want to thank all those in the congregation who submitted surveys. Your comments and suggestions were tabulated and summarized for the committee's consideration, and they helped to form a basis for the committee's recommendations to the church board.

As is always the case in churches, there is not a single thing we can do that will please everyone. We have to be reminded often that pleasing ourselves is not the objective. We are trying to please God and to accomplish God's will. To do that we all have to be willing to compromise, give in on some things, and be willing to cooperate with our leaders as they make the ultimate decisions. To that end, we praise God for the opportunities and give God the glory for the victories.

♥♥♥♥♥ Academy News ♥♥♥♥♥



This weather has been off the chart for Texas. The Academy was closed for a couple of days due to the snow and ice. When the children returned to school, all they talked about was the snow and playing outside.

The children have been focusing on the meaning of prayer and ways that we show love toward our friends and neighbors. I feel when we teach our children the good in life, it is passed on into their adult years. It starts with a small child and is planted in his or her life for years to come. We have been blessed to have had the

opportunity to touch so many little lives.

The other night I was so proud of my three-year-old son. I had invited my mother and grandmother for dinner. We were sitting down to eat and he said, "I want to pray." We all bowed our heads, and he began to pray "Thank you God, Amen." After his prayer he looked at all of us and just smiled and said, "This is what we do at school." My heart just melted. I have always known that good things were happening at CVCA, but now I see in my son's eyes the excitement about praying.



This week the children have been making all kinds of Valentine crafts. Our Academy children enjoy making crafts and showing them to their

parents. I would imagine the outside of our parent's refrigerators are decorated with all of their art. On Valentine's Day the children will celebrate with a party at the end of the day. The children are looking forward to exchanging Valentines with their friends.

A big thank you to Felix and Sue Jimenez for the Valentine treats for the children. Also, thank you to Jackie Cook for her donation of the building blocks. We greatly appreciate your support.

Our bible verse for the month of February is "*We love because He first loved us.*" (1 John 4:19)

Hopefully, the bad weather is over, and we will be able to enjoy warmer weather.

Blessings to all,
Natalie Guzman