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March 15, 2011

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, March 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, March 20

9 a.m. Praise Service
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 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

Sunday, March 27

9 a.m. Praise Service
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Traditional Service
12:15 p.m. Cabinet Meeting



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



There is a movie about professional football called *Any Given Sunday*. The thought behind the title seems to be that week after week the glitz and glamour of promotion, the grind and bruises of the game, and the drama and politics of management, all unfold with almost ho-hum dispassion. Sometimes it is hard for the players to get emotionally pumped for the game because the gripes and complaints about salaries, coaching, and management sap their spirit.

Anne Cetas makes a similar observation about a man in her neighborhood out mowing the lawn on Sunday afternoon, just doing the same old chores that comprise his week-end drudgery. Her heart goes out to such people, whose lives seem to lack zest and enjoyment.

That begs the question, do we Christians approach our Sundays with the same dispassion, or even at times with the same dread? Do we sometimes just go through the motions, as if it were a duty that must be performed, even if our hearts are not in it? We read in the New Testament about the fervor and zeal that characterized the lives of early Christians. They were constantly on fire for their faith and approached each Sunday assembly with eager anticipation. They yearned to read scripture and hear a spoken message. They hungered for communion with each other and with Christ. They were eager to celebrate their salvation and sing songs of hope and joy. Every gathering was like a family reunion.

In Hebrews 10:24-25 the writer urges believers to make it a priority to encourage each other and to constantly renew enthusiasm for attending Sunday assembly, for that brief time together sets the tone for our whole week. It may be just an hour, but it is an "hour of power," and we need to be excited about it.

See you Sunday! Brother Les



Work Day Planned

Saturday,
April 2,
2011



9 a.m.- 2 p.m.



ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT
Jackie Cook
Sue Jimenez
Clellan and Catherine Johnson
Educational First Steps
Mariana Daffron

Thank you for your support.

Academy Happenings



Spring is in the air, and we are enjoying this beautiful weather by spending as much time as possible outside. Great things are happening at CVCA! This past Tuesday the children had an opportunity to get their Spring pictures made. They all looked so cute, and they were so excited! The photographer was wonderful with the children and had them all laughing. There's nothing more wonderful than the sound of children laughing.

Last week I was observing Ms. Debbie's class during circle time. This is the time of day the children discuss the topic of the month which is Spring. They were asked, what do you think about when you think of Spring? One child said, "flowers"; another child said, "butterflies,"; and one child spoke up and said, "the Easter bunny with a great big smile." Then I heard a little whisper, and the little girl said, "I get a new Easter dress." Such excitement!

The Academy's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Friday, April 22 . We would gladly accept donations of wrapped candy to put in the eggs. Please bring your donations to the academy office. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

The Academy Children will be singing on Easter Sunday, April 24th at the 11 a.m. service. They have been practicing their songs for this big day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week and takes time to stop and enjoy the beautiful Spring colors.

Blessings to all,
Natalie Guzman



Prayer Request



Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: Margaret Davis, Ruth Roan, Mae Dell Snipes, Jim Walker, Freeda Murphy, Lendell Clifton, and Jim Sanders.

Health Concerns: Anita Alexander, Mary Burns, Kathleen Alexander, Maxine Gunter, Anne Browne, Marian Walker, Vivian Horton, Paul Boriack, Opal & Joe Sullivan, Clara Tatsch, George Rasmussen, Elise Allen, Vernon Tatsch, Roger Frith, Rebecca Baker, Dick Barbour, Mary Sue Boyd, 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, Jessica Allen, Nathan Maulsby, Don Parker, Claudia Nolen, Barry Cook, Jason Jurca, and Gladys Mathias.

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

LET'S JAM

JAM – Jesus And Me – is the choir and class for 1st through 5th graders. There are 6-8 youth in attendance each Sunday. They are learning valuable lessons and new songs and having fun. Sunday, March 6, they decorated envelopes for the Easter Lily Service Project for the Music Ministry. The lesson was Jesus is the rock and cornerstone. Each took home a quartz rock. We are going to have T-shirts printed with JAM and Casa View Christian Church. We will have a Pizza and T-shirt decorating party on March 20. The T-Shirts will be worn when the JAM'S sing or go somewhere as a group. We are getting approval from the Property Department to redecorate the room. If anyone has colorful storage bins or other items, donations would be appreciated. Our goal is to have a couple of working computers in the room and internet access as well. There are wonderful Bible and Christian games, and the kids love reading scripture from the internet. Bring your children and grandchildren. You are also welcome to visit the classroom and see what's going on. What better time to invest in the future of Casa View!

Thanks,
Diane Maulsby & Helen Smith

Youth

Our garage sale is coming up on April 2. Start bringing your items in from all that spring cleaning! We are looking at a couple of other fundraisers for the end of the year to "bring it home" and have successful mission trips. Our CYF'ers will be going to Texas City, and doing mission work in and around Galveston and Houston. Our Chi Rho'ers will be teaming up with FCC Gainesville and doing mission work in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Gainesville. If you would like to make a donation to the youth group, just see Mike Fuller or Susan Blanchard. Thank you, Cheryl and Russ Yoxtheimer, for a recent donation!



**Johnnie Rodriguez
Memorial
Golf
Tournament**

**Saturday,
April 30
10 a.m.**

**For More
Information**

**Contact
Brian Cook
@ 972-686-4989**

Evangelism Ministry

Thanks to all who participated in the Newcomers "Texas Independence Day" dinner. The meal and decorations were provided by Sylvia Chaffin, Pat Kelly, John Lowe, Maxine Norris, and Carole and Chuck Hemler. Helen Smith talked briefly about the Small Groups Ministry and the new Jesus and Me Sunday morning group ("JAM") for those in second through fifth grade. Lots of exciting things are going on.

Then Dr. Les spoke about core beliefs of the Disciples of Christ. Special thanks to Maxine Norris for the game "Life Is Like A Box of Chocolates" and the many door prizes, and to Margaret Deal for her "Loving- Stitches" gift that was won by Patsy Thompson.

Chuck Hemler,
Evangelism Ministry



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1, 2011

**ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TAG, YOU'RE IT!**

*ISAIAH 6:8 Then I heard the Lord's voice saying,
"Whom can I send? Who will go for us?" So I
said, "Here I am. Send me!"*

**DISCIPLES CROSSING
3693 HWY 31 E
ATHENS, TEXAS**

**\$80.00 FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND
(Register by April 15)
ONE NIGHT PACKAGES AVAILABLE**

Forms are available in the hallway literature rack or see Reba Gibson or Sylvia Chaffin for Information.

All Church
Picnic

May 22

KidsQuest
In Mesquite

Casa Linda AARP Chapter

Monday, April 4, 2011, at 10:00 a.m..

Program: "Bonnie Parker's Baby Daughter"

Presented By: Jim Gatewood

Community Life Center of Casa Linda United Methodist Church,
1800 Barnes Bridge Road, Dallas.



Education

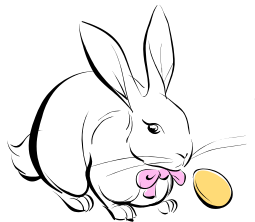
CAMP FORMS ARE IN! If you are interested in a summer camp, please see Susan Blanchard for your camp forms. Camp dates appear below. If you attended camp last year, a form will be sent to your home.

Discovery Camp (completed grades 2-3 with parent)	May 27-29
Grand Camp 1 (ages 4-10 with a grandparent)	June 3-5
Grand Camp 2 (same as above)	July 1-3
JYF 1 Camp (completed grades 4 or 5)	June 27-July 1
JYF 2 Camp (same as above)	July 18-22
Chi Rho Camp (completed grades 6 or 7)	June 13-18
Eighters Camp (completed grade 8)	July 24-30
Niners Conference (completed grade 9)	July 4-10
CYF Conference (completed grades 9-12)	June 20-25

Registration deadline for each camp is the Monday closest to 3 weeks prior to the start of the camp. Please see poster near the library for the fees and see Susan for more information about paying for camp. The earlier you turn in your form, the less camp costs you. Susan



EASTER EGG HUNT



Our Easter egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday right after the second service. We are in need of filled Easter eggs for this day. You can fill the eggs up and bring them to the library. Eggs are available for a very small price at Dollar Tree. Thank you in advance for making Easter special for our children.

Susan



Music Notes



I was taught a very important lesson today. I did not learn it from reading material in a required text book that I am studying. I did not hear this lesson through a meaningful sermon preached. I did not learn this wisdom from the lyrics of a sacred song, nor did I read it from a scripture. In fact, I did not learn this important lesson in any of the usual methods that many of us use to acquire wisdom.

The lesson I learned today was through the innocence of a little child. The CVCC Academy held a "practice" fire drill this morning. The children all filed in line to the outside parking lot. When they returned, Ms. Natalie had the children sit down in the hallway, up against the walls. She talked about safety in the event of a severe storm. She instructed the children how to sit on their knees, bend forward with their hands folded and placed over the back of their heads.



The older preschoolers understood and were great examples for the younger children. On the end of the row where I was standing, one of our toddlers, Aaron Allen (not quite two years old) was watching the event carefully. I helped him turn towards the wall, and he sat down on his knees. This is where the lesson I learned happens. He decided that instead of crouching down like the other children, he would do something different. He quietly folded his hands and bowed his head as if to pray.

I laughed at the time because he was so cute, but I have reflected on this moment all afternoon. Aaron has it all figured out. In times of crisis or despair, we should pray and trust in God.

Thanks, sweet Aaron, for teaching me today.

Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. – Matthew 18:3"

Darla