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November 15, 2011

## Activity Schedule

**Sunday, November 20**  
 9 a.m. Praise Service  
 10 a.m. Sunday School  
 11 a.m. Traditional Service  
 12:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Luncheon  
**Monday, November 21**  
 6:15 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal  
 6:40 p.m. Chancel Choir  
**Wednesday, November 23**  
**Church Office & Academy will lose at 12 p.m.**  
 No Prayer Group  
 No Adult Game Day  
 No Youth Group  
 No Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday & Friday November 24, 25**  
**Church Office & Academy will be closed**  
**Sunday, November 27**  
 9 a.m. Praise Service  
 10 a.m. Sunday School  
 11 a.m. Traditional Service  
 6:30 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal  
 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



### Disciples Women's Ministries (DWM)

1st Tuesday of the month  
 Day Group 9:45 a.m.  
 Night Group 7 p.m.

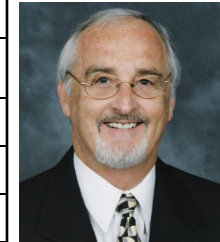
**Lovin' Stitches**  
 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month  
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

# CASA VIEW CHRISTIAN CALLER

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## The Road *Les* Traveled



Something seldom seen these days is a big sign that says JOB OPENING. Lots of people are looking for work, but opportunities are scarce. So I hope you will respond with enthusiasm when I write that we have several openings here at CVCC. Not paid positions, unfortunately. We are talking about opening for volunteers, particularly ministry leaders.

Each year around this time I contact all our ministry leaders to see who's committed for another year and who's ready for a break. And we do have several changes for 2012. Some openings have already been filled. I want to thank **Jim Morgan** for his diligent service with Property for the past several years. His big shoes will be filled in 2012 by **Russ Yox-theimer**. **Tricia Perez** led our Cub Scouts for the first two years. She is now Tiger Cub Den Leader, and the Ministry Leader will be **Becky Barnett**. We thank **Linda Roan** for leading the Shepherding Ministry this past year. In 2012 **Dona Williams** will take over that role. And we also thank **Carole Hemler** for her leadership with Education, and **Chuck Hemler** for his innovative leadership with Evangelism in 2011. Going into next year, the two of them will take on Outings, along with **Linda and Fred Benavides**.

**Sylvia Chaffin** has been heading up Membership in the absence of **Wanda Crocker**, and we are grateful to both of them. We also thank **Samantha Alford** for her work with the Academy last year. She is now employed as one of our Academy Teachers, so we are looking for a Ministry Leader to offer support, guidance, and a listening ear for Natalie Guzman, the Academy Director. And last, but certainly not least, we thank **Cory White** for bravely facing the challenge of Worship Ministry in 2011.

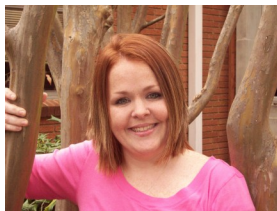
Those leaders who are continuing will be recognized at our Officer Installation Service in January. The ministries that are currently open are **Academy, Education, Evangelism, Worship, and Membership**. Interested candidates may form a line outside the minister's office. Or just call me. Let's talk.

Brother Les

*Gave  
 Thanks  
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 Grateful  
 Heart*

### Academy Happening

The Academy children had a blast! They enjoyed trick or treating throughout the church building. They celebrated Halloween with a party at the end of the day with our school- age children. Below are a couple of pictures for you to enjoy.



As we approach the Holiday season, we give praise to God. Our Academy is truly blessed to have teachers who are willing to be so dedicated to their job. We all have realized that we all must be a team in order for our Academy to be a success. The Academy Ministry has touched so many families and children throughout the years. The children of Casa View Christian Church have been given the opportunity to learn about God and the many blessings He has given us.



fundraiser.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Academy Craft Fair. There were many church members attending, and people who live in the neighborhood also came. We give thanks to those who supported our



May your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Blessings to all, Natalie Guzman

### Find Us On Facebook!



Casa View Christian Church is now on Facebook! If you have an account on Facebook, look us up. You'll get updates on upcoming events. You'll see photos. You can write on our wall. It's pretty amazing!

DWM Service Opportunity for the Month of November

Coats for Casa View Elementary

For More Information Call Ruth Thompson

214-349-3943



### Mike's Kids



Mike's Kids supports children who have been abandoned or forced out of their homeland. Each year the North Texas Area Disciples of Christ Men's Fellowship, and Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries join forces to support this benevolent program by donating new toys, socks, and underwear. CVCC members have always responded generously in the past. The familiar banana boxes have been placed throughout the church building. You may start bringing your donations November 5 - December 11. On Sunday, December 11th, you will have the opportunity to bring your gifts to the front during either of our services (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.). Giving to needy children is a great feeling! Let's all participate! If you have questions, please call the church office.



### December Birthdays



December 4	John Letkiewicz III	December 20	Carole Hemler
December 6	Zane Allen, Sylvia Chaffin	December 21	Elliott Distler, Pearl Mann
December 7	Anne Browne, Janie Flores	December 24	Bob Bartlett
December 10	Edward Escamallia	December 26	Stormy Smithhart
December 11	Brian Gatten, Klint Kelly	December 29	Trenton Kelly
December 13	Tricia Perez	December 30	Helen Smith
December 14	Billy Mears	December 31	Allan Davis, Rick Powers
December 15	Robert Trevino		
December 16	Morgan Cox		
December 17	Larry Stembridge		
December 19	Talia Bruno		



### Hanging of the Greens



It's that time of the year again to start thinking about decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas Season. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, November 20, after the Thanksgiving Luncheon to decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. If you love to decorate for Christmas, your talents are needed. Please contact Vicki Bell in the Church Office to sign up to volunteer to help get our church building ready for the Advent season.

Thank you, Vicki Bell

### WORSHIP WITH GOLDEN ACRES

Susan brought the message from John 6, the feeding of the 5,000, to the residents and friends at Golden Acres at 4 p.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Songs were sung a'capella and enjoyed by all. Communion was served, and appreciation was expressed by some who don't have the opportunity to receive communion at any other time throughout the year. It was good to see the Cliftons in worship with us, but we did miss the Walkers; perhaps next time. This is a great chance to share our faith and worship experience with others; join us next time, you'll be so very blessed.

### Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

December 17

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.



### Prayer Request



**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:** Margaret Davis, Ruth Roan, Mae Dell Snipes, Jim Walker, George Rasmussen, Marian Walker, Freeda Murphy, Lendell Clifton, and Mary Sue Boyd.

**Health Concerns:** Anita Alexander, Mary Burns, Kathleen Alexander, Maxine Gunter, Anne Browne, Opal & Joe Sullivan, Kaye Chaffin, Jim Reed, Rosemary Coleman, Elise Allen, Rebecca Baker, Paul Johnson, Scott Chaffin, and Cindy Wisdom.

**Friends & Family Concerns:** Tres Harper, John Letkiewicz III, Albert Long, Dixie McWilliams, Ethan Powell, Sarah Martin, Murphy Baty, Mike Matula, Jeff Hudson, Pat Moss, Don Parker, Claudia Nolen, and Barry Cook.

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

**Sympathy:** We regret to announce the passing of Mike Lewis, son of Mickey Lewis. His memorial service was held Saturday, November 12, at Eastgate Funeral Home.

### Fellowship—Fellowship—Fellowship



Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon  
November 20, 2011  
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### SEASONS OF GIVING

At Casa View, seasons of giving occur the year round. Now we are approaching the season where the needs seem greatest and pleas for help more desperate. Hunger in the United States is at the highest level in 52 years according to Week of Compassion. Disasters around the world call for our attention as floods and famine rock the world. Your help through outreach giving aids God's people both here and abroad. The latest request for budgeted funds totals \$7100 and is being put to the best possible use. Thank you for your dedication to the church and for making this money available. Thanks also, to Disciples Women, Youth, Sunday School classes and individuals who continue to go beyond basic giving to care for others. If you need gift ideas, check out the Heifer International and World Vision catalogs in the literature rack in the main hallway.

Reba Gibson  
Outreach Ministry



### POINSETTIAS



**We are rapidly approaching the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. One of the highlights of our Christmas season is the colorful display of red poinsettias in the sanctuary. Your Casa View Christian Church Chancel Choir offers, as a service project, the opportunity to purchase these beautiful poinsettias in order to commemorate your loved ones. You may purchase poinsettias *In Memory of, In Honor of or Just Because* you want to show someone how special they are to you.**

**You will find special envelopes in the pews beginning Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, for use in ordering your poinsettias. Please be certain to specify how you wish the poinsettia to be noted for your loved one: *In Memory of, In Honor of or Just Because*. The poinsettias are \$10 each, and payment should be included in the envelope at the time of your order. The last day for this year's order is 12-4-2011. The poinsettias will be in display from 12-11-2011 to 12-18-2011, and a bulletin insert will recognize your gift and honor your loved ones. Poinsettias can be picked up and taken home after the worship service on December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**This is a special time of year and the colorful display of the poinsettias enhances our sanctuary. Remember that your participation in this project adds to the beauty of the Christmas season.**

Music Ministry

## Trunk or Treat News 2011

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this Trunk or Treat so successful. There were 12 decorated "trunks" and over 230 pounds of candy given out. A special "THANKS" to the Scouts for drinks and popcorn, to the youth for handing out fliers door to door, to Carol Rodriguez and Jackie Cook for face painting, , to Brian Cook for security, to Katrina Day for pictures, and to the businesses of O'Reily Auto Part (by Fiesta), Canine Commissary, and Flaming Burger for letting us advertise. Over 75 brochures and fliers were given out to adults for advertising our Church and Academy. The prize for the 'best' trunk was given to Sue and Felix Jimenez.

Chuck Hemler  
Evangelism Ministry



## Music Notes



'Tis the season to be jolly! No, I am not talking about Christmas, but rather the time in our church year that is called Consecration. As Christians, this time of year is a chance to examine our hearts and minds and joyfully designate a portion of our time, talents and financial blessings for the coming year at Casa View Christian Church. What a joy it is to have the opportunity to share our blessings with others! Just think, God may work through your time, talent or financial giving to change someone's life. You may be the face that someone is able to see Christ in, or perhaps your faith story will open the door to bring someone closer to God. Wow! How exciting! God's ministry knows no boundaries, and we have the privilege of being Christ's hands, feet and voice in this community to further His kingdom. How awesome is that! So...yes, 'tis the season to be jolly!

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Joyfully,  
Darla Allen

## Youth News

On November 5, eight high school youth traveled to CYF Fall Rally at East Dallas Christian Church. As many of you know, our North Texas Area sponsors three major area events for high school students each year: Fall Rally, Midwinter Camp, and Summer Conference. It is an opportunity for our youth here to get to know youth from all over the North Texas Area. They get to make friends with youth from FCC Garland, Creekwood Christian Church, Irving North, and so forth. Then the next event they go to, they get to know them all over again. It really takes Christian fellowship to a whole new level. Some youth form lifelong friendships this way. What better way for youth to have support on their Christian walk. This year's theme is "Training Day". The emphasis is on spiritual training with a sports theme. It's going to be an awesome year for our high school youth.

In other news, we are still working on raising money for Mission tTrip. Our trip this year will be to Austin, TX. We are selling calendars right now. Beautiful 2012 calendars with scripture. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. In addition, we are selling pies and cheesecakes...perfect for the Christmas season. The confectionaries will be available for pick up on December 11. These also make wonderful gifts and can add a great baked goodie to your holiday table. Plan on ordering this Sunday!

Susan