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October 25, 2011

Activity Schedule

Sunday, October 30

9 a.m. Praise Service
 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Traditional Service
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, November 2

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
 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 9

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
 7:10 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

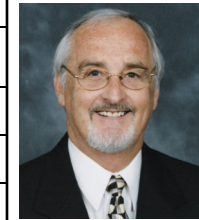
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

CASA VIEW CHRISTIAN CALLER

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The Road *Les* Traveled



Each year the church retreat seems to mark a pleasant transition from summer to autumn and with it a number of fun and exciting events. By October, our Scouting season is well underway, and Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. The Academy Craft Fair in November also adds a nostalgic touch to the whole fall season.

Fall also brings a number of important annual tasks for our church leaders. As I write, the executive committee is scheduling meetings with the staff to discuss individual performance, concerns, accomplishments and goals. We are also busy planning the annual Stewardship Campaign, which culminates on Consecration Sunday with a Thanksgiving Luncheon and a tally of our financial pledges for next year. And this year, Gray Powers will share with everyone an update on plans for resurfacing our parking lot and phase one of much-needed interior remodeling, which will include updating and expanding rest-rooms.

It is also a time for recommitment or replacement of ministry leaders, and if needed the nomination of new church officers. These are always announced and installed early in January. And of course, the music ministry is already making preparation for our annual Christmas Cantata, this year on December 18.

All that said, I want to announce an **Attendance Drive with a goal of 300 on December 18**. We have all been through a long hot summer that no doubt impacted church attendance. This August saw the lowest attendance average since 2002. With cool weather, there is a natural rejuvenation of interest in all the things we love. And church attendance should be part of that. So, let's all work together to motivate and pump each other up. In the past we have had our year's best attendance on Easter Sunday, and this year we want to do that in the winter season. So it is time to renew one of our favorite church mottos. Invite! Invite! Invite! Invite! See you Sunday. Brother Les

Stewardship Campaign Begins

**October
 30th -
 November
 20th**

DWM
Service
Opportunity
for the
Month of
October



Offering for
Aids afflicted
babies and
children

For More
Information
Call Ruth
Thompson

214-349-3943

Academy Happening



As the month of November approaches, we think of Thanksgiving, and then December brings the Christmas Holidays. These are happy times for most people, but for others this is not a happy time. In the months to come we will be discussing with the children about how we can pay it forward. There was a movie that I watched a couple of weeks ago that was called *Pay It Forward*, and it really touched my heart. It's about a young boy that attempts to make the world a better place. The purpose of the saying, "Pay It Forward" is to bring people together and inspire them to reach out to others. It's simple, just to smile at someone passing by, opening a door, letting someone go ahead of you in line at the grocery store, or just saying, "hello."

With children we need to teach them the meaning of compassion and helping others. Such as helping a friend clean up a certain area in the classroom or inviting another classmate to play if there is no one else to play with or helping one's mother and father around the house with certain chores. In turn this is a lesson that can be passed from generation to generation.

So, during this holiday season let's all come together and Pay It Forward. The world would be a better place if we all could just take the time to reach out and spread the saying of Paying It Forward.

Blessings to all,
Natalie Guzman

Luke 6:31
Do to others as you would have them do to you.



Academy Angel Craft Fair

Fundraiser for the Academy Ministry
Saturday, November 12th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



'Trunk or Treat Festival'

Casa View Christian Church
Sunday, October 30th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This will provide children from the church and community a safe place to go "trick or treating".

Have your trunks and truck beds decorated and ready by 4 p.m. in the church parking lot for children to pass by and "trick or treat".



Whether an individual, a Sunday School class, or as a church group, you can make this a success.

For more information contact Chuck Hemler

Nooz from the GM (God's Messengers, 6th - 8th graders)



Halloween Party, October 30th in the classroom. Come dressed in costume, but nothing scary!! We'll have pizza, games, and candy...of course.

Bring a friend or two... Please contact Diane Maulsby 214-728-5996, to RSVP...We want to make sure there is enough pizza. See you there!!

CASA LINDA AARP CHAPTER 3880

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10:00 A.M.
PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY:
POPULAR DALLAS MORNING NEWS
COLUMNIST, JACQUIELYN FLOYD

November Birthdays

- 11/1 David VanHooser
- 11/2 Nicole Escamilla
- 11/3 Debbie Martindale
- 11/7 Gabriel Flores
- 11/8 Karla Chaffin
Chris Cornell
- 11/9 Michelle Cox
- 11/14 Brian Cook,
Mary Lee Lankford
- 11/15 Chris Burns
- 11/18 Brandon Davis
- 11/19 Becky Bennett
- 11/22 Les Massey
- 11/24 Helen R. Smith
- 11.26 Wendy Bruno
- 11/28 John Letkiewicz
- 11/29 Lendell Clifton
- 11/30 Mariaha Smithhart



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, Mike Lewis, Elise Allen, Rebecca Baker, Paul Johnson, Rhonda Pettengill, Scott Chaffin, Mike Day, 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, Mark Daffron, Claudia Nolen, and Barry Cook.

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

Thank You



Casa View Christian Church has many expenses including our garden. **A BIG THANKS** for your donations!

Charlie Walls-Jerlene Riner-Martha Brashear



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.

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Here we are again. It's fall. And that means planning ahead. Every year being together as a church family brings many wonderful events and many reasons for joy and celebration. Every year also brings challenges, and we have certainly had our share of those this year.

The CVCC board, our twenty ministry leaders, and our long range planning committee are all prayerfully studying our many opportunities and options, to determine where the Spirit of God is leading us in the new year and the years to come. And we believe it will be full of divine blessing.

However, we cannot escape the reality that behind all our programs, ministries, and activities is one very powerful entity - money! Yes, to quote the lyrical adage "Money makes the world go 'round!'" And money is essential to support our church staff and pay the bills.

That's why our annual stewardship campaign is so very important. It is a time of reflection, planning, and commitment. And truly, everyone's contribution is important, whether great or small. So, during the next several weeks, as you hear and read stewardship messages, please be in prayer about your financial pledge for 2012. Also, review your current giving, and do your best to finish the year on target.

On **Sunday morning, November 20**, we will all have the opportunity to bring our pledges forward at a special time in our blended worship service, and during a fellowship meal at noon we will celebrate our victory. As people of faith, let us be confident, optimistic, and generous.



I wish to express my gratitude to all of you for supporting my daughter Sarah and me through the experience of brain surgery. Some of you wore purple. Some of you made and wore bracelets. Even a couple of you shaved your heads! I'm willing to bet most of you prayed. I cannot begin to tell you how much all of this meant to me. I especially want to thank Les and Darla for their encouragement and for the prayer you prayed with me the day before. I also want to give special thanks for Vicki for being another mom who could understand my fears. David, you were always willing to give me a hug, and that meant a lot. I will say, though, that one of the things that really blew me away was the Academy.



Natalie sent a note to the parents of our Academy kids asking them to wear purple to support Sarah, and a lot of them did! The Academy staff did too! I want you to see this adorable picture of them all. When Natalie sent it to me on the day of the surgery, I got tears in my eyes. Thank you for being such an awesome support! Also enjoy this picture of the very bald Antonio. I haven't been able to get one of Charles yet! Love, Susan



Fellowship—Fellowship—Fellowship



Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 20, 2011

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon is just around the corner, and we need volunteers for one, or ALL, of the following areas:

- Purchase, cook and de-bone a turkey (Delivered **early** Saturday morning, 11/19, along with cooked giblets and leftover broth.)
- 1 or 2 homemade pies
- Help clean up after the luncheon
- Decorate Fellowship Hall

Watch for a signup sheet in the church bulletin. Volunteers will be contacted after November 6th with more details about the luncheon.

Thank you,
 Fellowship Ministry
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 Carol Rodriquez
 Carolyn King (972) 681-7421

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Casa View Christian Church

Katelyn Fuller and Patrick Peachee
Saturday October 29 , 2011
2 p.m—4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Come and Go



Music Notes



Sometimes we are called to minister at unpredicted times, in unanticipated ways and to unexpected beings. I have always believed that God puts opportunities for ministry in our paths. It is our challenge to recognize these opportunities and respond in a Christian manner.

There are “normal” ways that we minister: to a person who is ill, reaching out to someone that is grieving, praying with one those is struggling to make positive changes in their lives. Then, there are the “unexpected” ways that God presents to us and calls us to be His hands, feet, listening ear, kind embrace.

A couple of weeks ago, Susan was entering the church building, and a stray dog followed her up to the doors. The dog was obviously lost and looking for help from a kind person. That sounds easy enough, but the dog happened to be a pit bull. Susan spoke gently to the dog, and it lay down outside the doors, exhausted from its search for home. Susan came in and told Natalie and me about the dog. We went out to see about it. The dog was not quite grown, had been well cared for, and was very docile. With no collar or tags, we could not locate the owner. It was a hot day, so I brought it cool water. Two bowls later, the dog’s thirst was finally quenched. We fed it a snack, and it went to sleep on our church welcome mat. Susan, Natalie and I talked about the significance of this lost soul finding its way not only to our church, but to its resting place on our mat that states “Casa View Christian Church: A place to belong, be loved and believe.” Animal Control picked up the dog, and we certainly hope its owner was able to locate and claim it. Even though it was a dog and not a human, I was reminded that we are called to minister in lots of different ways.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”
– Matthew 25:35

Darla Allen

