

First  
Christian  
Church



Corpus Christi

## Sunday Schedule

Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Church School  
9 a.m.

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## “More Exciting Things”

The Christmas Season is now past, but the joy of the Christ-Child continues to live among us. And that joy and excitement will be evidenced in what's coming. Let me share some of those things...

We had our first Chi Rho and CYF youth meetings of the spring semester this past Sunday evening. Wow! I am so impressed with our kids and their leaders...and I just have to tell you that I have fallen completely in love with all of them. What a great bunch of young people and adult leaders we have and they are so much fun to be around. There are lots of great things planned for our kids for this spring semester...special learning opportunities each week; a mission trip being developed; a special “May Day Celebration Dinner” for parents and friends of the youth ministry; a mission opportunity right here at FCC; summer camp and conference weeks;...lots of super stuff for our youth. If you have a young persons in your family who are not participating, you'll want to encourage them to get on down to the church on Sundays at 5:00 p.m., 'cause they're missin' out on some great things.

Again comes the request: We need some help from our church family to provide a snack-supper for our kids on Sunday evenings. We have about 20-25 to feed, but it doesn't have to be fancy...hot dogs, mac-n-

cheese...whatever, but we do need your help. Please contact Terri Dupriest if you can assist either with a prepared meal or to provide funding for us to bring in pizza, etc. Thanks, in advance, for your caring.

### THIS COMING SUNDAY...!!!

Please be remembering that we have an honored guest with us this coming Sunday, January 29th. Rev. Dani Loving-Cartwright, our Regional Minister, will be here to share in leadership with us for the whole day.

Dani will lead a combined session of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the church parlor. She is going to tell us what's happening in the life of the Regional Church and what we can look forward to in the future. Some of you may not even know what we mean when using the term “Region.” It would be especially good for you to come and learn!...even if you're not a regular Sunday School attendee. Join us, won't you?! I'll have the coffee ready.

Dani will also be preaching for us during worship. I've heard Dani preach several times and I know you will be challenged and inspired by what she has to say.

Please, also be remembering that we will have our “5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon” immediately following worship. This will give us a chance to get to know Dani on a casual basis as well as to enjoy the wonderful culinary talents of our FCC

cooks! (...you!)

Following lunch together, Dani will then give leadership to an “Elders' Retreat.” Dani works with Elders of churches all over Texas and I know that what she will bring will be of benefit to the Elders here at First Christian. I would hope that every Elder will be responsive (and responsible) and attend this important meeting. Time...approximately 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. (We'll start earlier, if possible.)

Finally, Dani will meet with our Search Committee on Sunday evening. Yes, exciting things are happening with the search process, and Dani will help facilitate that meeting. Search Committee members...don't miss it, please.

Folks, as I said on Sunday morning, I am very proud of you and what's happening at First Christian. I have bragged on you to Dani and I surely hope that you will come and let Dani see first-hand why I speak so highly of you. Please don't let me down...let's have an 'Easter Sunday Crowd!!!'

I could go on and on about what's coming during Lent (beginning February 22), but I'll save that excitement for later.

God bless you...and, please let me have the privilege of seeing ALL of you this Sunday.

—Jim



# Reflecting on the Holiday Spirit

Now that the holidays are over, including Boar's Head, we can sit back put our feet up and reflect on the Holiday Spirit and the true meaning of Christmas.

## Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

What a wonderful year for the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival! It was another banner year with over 1,500 people in attendance and about 1,400 pounds of food gathered for the Food Bank. Thirty years ago our church family stepped out on a journey of faith with this unique ministry of sharing God's Word. Those 30 years have seen 117 performances, over 43,000 guests viewing the festival, and nearly 29,000 pounds of food raised for the less fortunate of our community.

On behalf of the entire Boar's Head Festival Guild, a sincere thank you to the more than 220 people who participated in the Boar's Head Festival — from cast to musicians, tech and crew to behind the scenes helpers. God's Light and Love are truly shared through the gracious gift of your participation in this Festival. Mark your calendars for January 5, 2013 — our 31st year!

—Trey McCampbell  
Boar's Head Guild

## Adopt An Angel

Adopt An Angel Thank You was received from Rebecca Rach with the Nueces



County Department of Human Services: "On behalf of our department and the families we serve, I would like to thank you for your charitable donations during the holiday season. Thanks to the individuals and organizations who contributed, many needy children were able to celebrate the season merrily. We look forward to working with you again next Christmas."

And a special note from the Adopt An Angel Committee: "Thank you all because every year we are amazed by the wonderful love and gifts that our Church gives to the CPS and DHS children that we adopt. What should be a joyous time of year for all certainly is because of your love and generosity. God bless you all."

—Jeanne Goodhew

## Children's Ministry Chair Christmas Card Tree

Every year we put up our Christmas Card Tree for you to be able to send greetings to the church and also contribute to the Minister's Discretionary Fund at the same time. A little more than \$790 was given through the Christmas Card Tree.

Added to this was the special offering taken at the Christmas Eve service bringing the total for the Minister's Discretionary fund to almost \$1,600. Many, many thanks to those of you who did contribute through one or both of these opportunities. These funds will help our pastor



to help others in emergencies throughout the year.

Sharing greetings are:

- Winnie Benkendorfer
  - Ann Jaynes
  - David & Gladys Green
  - David & Brenda Shell
  - Agnes Fankhauser
  - Shirley & Dan Evans
  - David & Nancy Dow
  - Beth Hoekje
  - Lynn & Scott Smith
  - Marie Pennington
  - Harriet Null
  - Nancy Fly
  - Wayne & Lucille Morris
  - June Pearce
  - The Jackson's & the Stephens'
  - Jim & Nancy Johnson
  - The Dulip's & Jay Long
  - Jeanne Goodhew
  - Bob & Mary Shannon
  - Holly & Jack Giesecke
  - Judy Kraft, Kim Kraft, Brittny Angle, Dallas Angle
- ### Christmas Day Special Offering

Many thanks goes to the members and friends who contributed to the Christmas Day Special Offering. Through your generous giving First Christian Church raised more than \$1,200 to be given to the Disciples Mission Fund.

This offering will return to the Southwest Region of the Christian Church to nurture our youth, to support congregational planning, vision forming, pastoral care and conflict management, and to provide for ministerial relocation, among other things.

Many thanks for your generous contributions throughout the Holiday Season!!

# 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon, Special Guest

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month. For several years, First Christian Church has had a potluck luncheon when there has been a 5th Sunday in the month. The potluck will follow the service and will be in Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring one of your favorite dishes to share. We encourage everyone to attend.

We are very privileged to have our Regional Minister, Rev. Dani Loving-Cartwright spend the entire day with us this Sunday. She will be conducting a combined class during the Sunday school hour and then will bring the morning sermon to us.

Come and fellowship with each other in the Lord.

## FCC Stewardship Report

### December, 2011

Pledge Income:

\$18,032.00

Non-Pledged Income:

\$12,748.21

**Total Income:**

\$30,780.21

Expenses:

\$43,971.49

Month Net Gain/Loss:

(\$13,191.28)

YTD Net Gain/Loss:

(\$ 1,818.31)

## News from the Pews

**In The Mail...** “Dear First Christian Church Members, Received your very nice Christmas card and was so glad to hear from you. I miss all the good people and think about all the time. I think you people are the most wonderful people in the world. I have been attending the First Christian Church in Aiken. It is a small church but has a big heart. The congregation is very friendly. They are similar to FCC in Corpus but still different in some ways. Have an un-ordained minister for the past five years. They are very dedicated to him and all the Bible classes and missions. They have a hearing devise that I use and hear very well with. Thank you again for the nice card and all the good wishes. May the Lord continue to bless each of you now and in the future. Love” —**Cecil Lloyd**

**This and That...****Rochelle Richards** has been given a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a sabbatical. Her sabbatical will begin May 28, 2012 for three months. The theme of her sabbatical is “solvitur ambulando” (it is solved by walking) — a quote from St Augustine of Hippo from the book *Labyrinth: Landscape of the Soul* by Di Williams. Please be in prayer for **Rochelle** during her sabbatical.

**Christian Sympathies to: Cathy, Hank & Hannah Harrison** on the death of husband and father, **Bill Harrison**. **Bill** died on December 21, 2011 and the service was held as First Christian Church on December 28, 2011...to the family of **Jim Young** who died January 21, 2012. The service will be February 4, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Sabinal, TX. He was a former member of FCC.

**Please pray for...****Lucille Morris, Reba DuBeau, Nan Pillinger, Ann Spellman, Margaret Russell, Eunice Dunn, Jim Davis, Phyllis Lansford, Jean & John Storey, Theda McConnico, J.B. & Betty Clark, Irene Moore, Maria & Kenneth Moseley, June Pearce, and Bob & Billie Sumpter** (all at home); **Irma Nolte** (Holmgren), **Hazel and Bob Andrews** (Villa), **Doris Williams** (Homewood), **Maxine Clanton** (Harbor Place), **Maxine Rhodes, Doraine Concklin** (Trinity Towers), **Mary Mayhew** (Palms Nursing and Rehab Center), **Cecil Lloyd** (South Carolina), **Kathryn Williams** (Los Angeles), **Paul Giraudin** (Katy), **Ruth Beal** (Lubbock).