

Disciples Good News



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We **ALL** matter! I am not going to get into a discussion about the issue of do Black Lives Matter or to argue a point on either side. What I want to stress is that we

ALL matter in so far as changing what is happening in our society today. We are all probably aware of the terrible events going on around our world. The killings in Nice, France, the attempted coup in Turkey, the shooting of the black men in Baton Rouge, and Minneapolis, the shootings of the police in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

We can also think of the many other major shootings that have occurred in schools, churches, and nightclubs around the country. Each of these incidents spark arguments and debates about the need for the weapons of war on our streets and the elimination of racism in our society. That is a valid debate which needs to continue, but, what I want us to consider is what is our role in all of these incidents.

As Christians, we need to do more than sit at home watching television and to lament these tragedies as they happen, to discuss them with our friends, families, and church family, and then go about our way. As humans it is not enough to simply be sad for those who are shot and their families who have lost one they loved.

What **WE** can do is **PRAY**. It matters not if you are Pro NRA and it's position relative to gun legislation, or if you are an advocate for restricting guns and their use in society. We should all want the same thing and that is an **END TO THE VIOLENCE!**

Jesus tells us the first commandment is to "Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and all your mind." He goes on to say the second is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Each one of us can practice these commandments in our daily lives. We can certainly work towards increasing our love for God in heart, mind and soul, and we can practice

loving all of our neighbors including those we disagree with and/or don't really like a whole lot.

More importantly, and in addition to our prayers for the cessation of violence, we can be pro-active by contacting our elected representatives to let them know we expect them to develop solutions that can be implemented to eliminate violence rather than providing us with political talking points in order to get our votes. When they say they are going to address the violence situation, tell them that it not enough. We want to know **HOW** they are going to address the issue!

Be persistent, and let them know when their answers are not satisfactory, and you can even show them your dissatisfaction when you vote. It really is time that we begin to reward those who show that they understand what it means to follow the two basic commandments of Jesus.

Our prayers to God on this issue of violence should not be so much as to say "God, stop the violence," as to say, "God help us to stop the violence." Jesus told us, "My peace, I give to you." He didn't say we have to ask for his peace...he said it is here...what we need to do is claim it! We need to claim his help to stop violence.

Blessings



PRAYER CONCERNS



Robert Allen's family
Joyce Barrington
Don & Pat Buehre

Steve DeLeon & family
Max Grubb
Alice McKenzie
Lorene Stebbins
First Christian Church, McAllen



SPANISH LANGUAGE SERVICE



This month, the 7th of August, our new

Spanish Language worship service will begin at 8:45 a.m. Joel Pereira and Pastor Max have prepared advertising flyers and radio announcements in order to promote this service. We hope all who worship at FCC McAllen will help make this service successful through talking about it to those who might be interested, and by praying for the success.

for the Tribe of Dan and the pot-luck decor.

The more we organize the better it feels. Getting close to actually having a classroom/parlor. Yeah!

HELPING HANDS



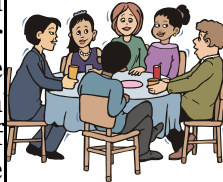
HELPING HANDS

We are reviving a method for adding to our church income that has been successful for us in the past. That is our "Helping Hands" offerings. You are invited to help us meet certain continuing expenses which can be of considerable financial value to the church. These contributions are suggested to be over and above any regular tithes and offerings. Some "Helping Hands" categories are: (You can contribute even a portion of the expense)

- Office Supplies: \$25.00 Per month
- Electric Bill: \$500.00 Per month
- Outdoor Maintenance & Water Bill: \$200.00
- Weekly Bulletin: \$10.00
- Monthly Newsletter: \$35.00
- Kitchen Supplies: \$30.00
- Janitorial Supplies: \$40.00

Being able to pay for these "ongoing" expenses each month would go a long way to providing financial stability for this congregation and allow it to devote time, effort and resources to outreach ministries and attempts to grow the church.

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<http://www.facebook.com/firstchristianchurchmcallen>
(Watch for Sarairis's work on facebook! She keeps it hopping. Thanks, Sara.)



GREET AND EAT

There will be no Greet and Eat in August. September will find us back at it.

See you then.

I'VE LEARNED:

I've learned that it's easy to go from the simple life to the fast track, but it's almost impossible to go back the other way. Age - 44

I've learned that regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow are twin thieves that rob us of the moment. Age - 29

I've learned that you can never have too many smart people in your life. Age - 48

I've learned that you never get rewarded for the things you intended to do. Age 76

I've learned that the trick is to live a long time without growing old. Age - 73

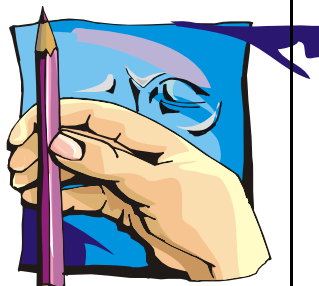
DEPARTED

On Tuesday, July 26, Robert Allen, a devoted member and attendee even on his bad days, left us to return to his Father in heaven. Please keep his children, family and friends in your prayers.



TRIBE OF DAN The Ministry of Creative Embellishment

Well! The shed is getting filled and just moving the Christmas decor there has opened up space



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

☺ Birthdays ☺

- 8/11 Glenda Kneblick
- 8/12 Anne Barrett
- 8/13 Baldemar Perez
- 8/19 Karen Kinerk
- 8/28 Bill Garrett

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, please write it down and put it in the

basket for Blanca to add to the list. Thank you.

♥ Anniversaries ♥
8/19 - Bill & Kitty Thomas



EVENTS

8/21 Board Meeting

8/22 School starts

Wednesdays- NO Bible Study for August

NOTE: (Any Questions? Check the website during the month for calendar additions or changes-www.fccdoemcallen.org)



Thank you to www.bestfreechristian.com for the clip art.

Ministers. The Congregation
Pastor. Max G. Grubb
Minister of Special Worship Services. . Joel Pereira
Board Chair. Phyllis Whittaker
Organist. Rexanne Pederson
Choir Director. Helen Baumeister
Children's Sunday School Teacher. . . . Oskar Lam

Children Sunday School. 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m.
Choir Practice. Out for the summer