

Disciples Good News



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*McAllen's Voice of
Positive
Christianity!*



Last month I mentioned in the newsletter that we had seen a lot of activity in the first three months of this year and that things would not slow down during April. That turned

out to be very true and the prospects for May are the same. On Sunday, the first of May, we will welcome Joel Pereira to fill in at the organ for Rexanne to give her a break for the week. On May 8, Joel will preach during our regular worship. The Board is considering calling Joel to serve as Minister for Alternative as well as Spanish Language services. He is also a gifted musician who can help add new vitality to our traditional worship service.

May 8 is Mother's Day and May 15 is Pentecost Sunday. The Tribe of Dan has planned unique artistic elements for both of these celebrations. Following worship on the 15th we will serve cake and ice cream in the fellowship hall to celebrate the birthday of the founding of the church, which is one of the meanings of Pentecost Sunday. On Sunday, May 29th, the church will experience a first in many years event. We will be honoring one of our young people who is graduating from high school. Special recognition will be given during worship and a special reception will follow worship.

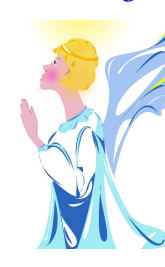
Besides the continued heightened activities these last few months, we have experienced a growth in worship attendance. During the first four months of 2016 our average attendance has increased by 45% compared to the previous year, and over 50% over 2014. We anticipate that the addition of new worship services, as well as increased outreach ministry, we will see a greater increase as the year goes by.

Your continued thanks to God for all that He has given to us in the past, as well as prayers for continued success, are important.


Blessings,



PRAYER CONCERNS



Robert Allen
Helen Baumeister
Pat Buehre
Steve DeLeon & family
John & Linda Jackson in the loss of mother and wife, Dolly Jackson
Alice McKenzie
Carol Fults in the loss of Philip Salvati
Lorene Stebbins
First Christian Church, McAllen



**Coffee with God...
Early Morning
Worship**

9:00 a.m.

TREES AND PLANTS

Our landscaping is far from complete. We still have a rock garden, a prayer garden, a labyrinth, and a playground that are in our long range plan. But . . . we rejoice in what we have completed. There have been many favorable comments about the planting that has been concluded so far. Some have asked about the identity of those plants which have been installed to this point, therefore the following list is provided:

Trees: *South Side (Front of Church):* 4 - Yellow Trumpets; *West Side (From south to north)* 1- Purple Vitex; 1 - Cedar Elm; 1- Vitex; 2 - Red Crepe Myrtle; 2 - White Crepe Myrtle; *Front Building Entrance* 2 - Texas Sabal Palms; *Front - East Side Entrance* 3 - Jacaranda; *Back of Church North East Side* 2- Anaqua; *North by Dumpster* 2 - Bottle Brush

Plantings: *Front Median Strip* - Copper Canyon Daisy

ground cover; *Circular Drive Boarders* Wedalia; *Entrance to Building (two sides)* Powder Puffs, Dwarf Barbados Cherries, Crown of Thorns, Padre Island Mist Flowers; *Front of Buildings (East & West Wings)* Blue Daze; *Southeast Drive Entrance (First two tree area)* Texas Mist Flowers, Mexican Honeys, Lions Ears, Lilac Purple; To be planted - Dragon Blood Red Sedum ground cover; *Southeast Drive Entrance (Single Tree area)* Purple Lantana, Copper Canyon Daisy; *North East Back of Building* Milweed Plants, Rosebushes

Future Landscape Plans:

Rear North East Side of Church - Rock Garden; *Center Rear of Church North Side* - Prayer Garden; *Northwest Side* - Labyrinth; *West side of church* - Playground.

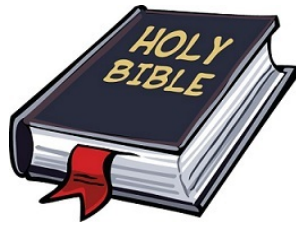


**RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
A SUCCESS!**

One again Pat Schroeder led the church to a successful rummage sale and bake sale in April. Of those she has guided, this was absolutely the most difficult to achieve our goals.

In past years we have collected merchandise for several months which resulted in large inventories of saleable items. This year, due to lack of storage space, we did not collect merchandise in advance and, as a result, we were dependent largely on items that had been stored by the church during our transition from the building on Nyssa and the temporary church on Alberta. The sale was scheduled after most of the Winter Texan members had gone home so their efforts were not available. Still, with all of the obstacles, the sale result was in excess of \$4,500. GREAT JOB!!!

The following are the volunteers who worked many hard hours to achieve this success: Joyce Barrington, Joyce Barnett, Helen Baumeister, Bev Benfer, Blanca Cortez, Daisy Delay, Abel Gonzalez, Roda Grubb, Tony Kalina,



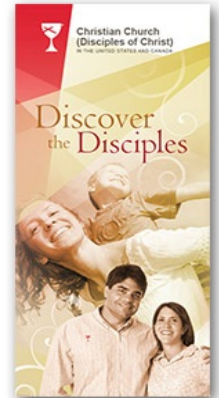
**BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS**

The weekly Bible study is on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. It is open to all and conducted as a reading/discussion study program to learn from the readings and from one another. In true Disciple tradition, interpretations are many and they provide great avenues of discussion.

We have received two items that can be used to attract people to our church. We hope you will distribute one, which is a brochure entitled "Discover the Disciples." It is an attractive tri-fold color, description of the church published by the Disciples of Christ. It is available in the Narthex and can be placed in racks wherever your friends gather.

The other is a Disciples Chalice "Sticker" which can be placed on your automobile, or on an entry door to your home. This item is purchased from the Disciples at a cost of 50 cents. We have a few available at the church office and can purchase additional stickers as the need arises.

Both of these are designed for us to "spread the word!"



**PROMOTE THE
CHURCH**

**CHECK OUT OUR
FACEBOOK**

In recent months Sarairis Slusser has taken on the responsibility to up-keep our Facebook page. Her additions to Facebook have been attractive, eye-popping, timely, and extremely appropriate for the church. Through Facebook, we are reaching a substantial number of people to make them aware of our church and our activities. Thanks, Sara, for a job more than well done!





TRIBE OF DAN
The Ministry of Creative Embellishment

Mother's Day, Pentecost and Father's Day are right around the corner. The Tribe will carry on.

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GREET AND EAT



Greet and Eat, our Fellowship, Food and Fun time, will meet on May 12 at 11:30 a.m. at BJ's in front of the Convention Center. Come and join us.

A REASON TO ATTEND

Joyce Barnett passed along a card with some wonderful writings on it which spell out a perfect reason to attend worship. It says:

“Every time I pass a church,
I pay a little visit.
So when at last I'm carried in
The Lord won't say, 'Who is it?'”

PASS IT ON

I've learned that almost no quality product sells for a cheap price. - Age 52

MAY CELEBRATIONS

☺ Birthdays ☺

5/1 Mark Menzio

5/10 Jim Moran

5/20 Chris Pederson



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 ♥
None this month



EVENTS

5/12 Greet & Eat, BJ's, 11:30

5/15 Board Meeting

Wednesdays-10:30 a.m.-Bible Study

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

Ministers. The Congregation
Pastor. Max G. Grubb
Board Chair. Phyllis Whittaker
Organist. Rexanne Pederson
Choir Director. Helen Baumeister
Children's Sunday School Teacher. Oskar Lam
Coffee with God Service. 9:00 a.m.
Children Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m.
Choir Practice. At Rest