

# Disciples Good News



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October is a great month for us in the church. It is full of opportunities for celebrations and different ministries. October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the day of our second "Parent's Night Out" with Sarairis and Van Slusser serving as hosts for children to give parents a few hours of free time.

October is a month the church celebrates "Disability Awareness Month." During this month it is suggested that congregations realize that everyone has the opportunity to serve in one way or another. We can also become more aware of the needs of those who are challenged by disabilities.

October is also the month the church sets aside as "Ministerial Appreciation Month." On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we gather together in worship to celebrate "World Communion Day," along with other Christian churches throughout the world. On that day the Christian churches affirm that we are all children of the same loving God.

Locally, our church will have two important meetings during the month. On October 9, following worship, we will meet as a congregation to consider approval of a revision of our Constitution and By-Laws. These documents have been revised and approved by the Board of Directors and require approval of the congregation to become effective. The revisions have been posted in the lobby and copies are available for all.

On October 16 at the Board Meeting following worship the Board will hear a proposal concerning the retirement of Pastor Max. All of those who worship at First Christian are invited to stay following worship and learn how his retirement will affect the congregation now and in the immediate future.

It is good to be alive and serving the church and God in McAllen.

Blessings, *Max*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Joyce Barrington  
Don & Pat Buehre  
Steve DeLeon & family  
Andrew Flores



Max Grubb  
Alice McKenzie  
Lorene Stebbins  
Kristin Walker (Cathy DeGroot's daughter)  
First Christian Church, McAllen

## SPANISH LANGUAGE SERVICE

### PRAYERS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS



October will be the third month of attempting to introduce a Spanish language worship service. Beginning a new worship of this kind from scratch, with no one in attendance to begin with, is a very difficult thing. As people come in to worship and do not see any one, or just one or two, it is easy to become negative and not return.

Please include the success of this ministry in your prayers.

## THE PASTOR IS IN

During his continuing recovery from health issues, Pastor Max is spending more of his time at his home. Some of this time is devoted to rest and recovery as his doctors have suggested. They indicate he may require up to another 3 months before he has recovered and begins to have greater lung function.

Much of the work that is required of Max can be accomplished at home as well as in the office. He is able to write letters, answer correspondence, write sermons, and newsletters with his computer at home as well as in the office. Sermon preparation of reading, research and writing normally takes up about one hour for every one minute preached, which means that 20 hours of sermon

preparation each week for a 20 minute sermon can be accomplished at home as well as in the office. Telephone calls can be made and received on his cell phone at home as well as in the office.

Max is still able to come to the church office for a few hours each week to be certain other activities necessary to the operation of the church are being accomplished. Max does want members to know that he is still as available for visiting with them either at home or in the office as well as on the phone.



Sara and Van have a good thing going but if one more kid shows up next time they are going to need help. Pleased with the success of their second Parents Night Out, the kids chimed in also.

“I want to start coming here! When’s the next time?” 8-year old newcomer, Shawn said joyfully.

“Everyone had a great time and we really had no problems,” Sara grinned.

Yes, by the joy on the little ones faces, I’d say this was a smashing success! Thank you Sara and Van!!

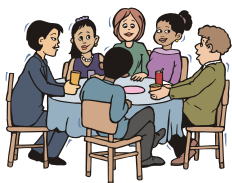


### **TRIBE OF DAN The Ministry of Creative Embellishment**

As we settle in more and more and get more of the final boxes unpacked, the Tribe can feel the excitement again of bringing a heightened sense of worship through visual embellishment. Ideas? Let us know. Comments? Let us know. It’s something that means a lot to us and we’d like to know it means something to you too.

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(Sara is our Facebook specialist and she makes it shine! Check it out.)

### **GREET AND EAT**



October 13, Thursday, at 11:30 a.m. Greet and Eat will be at Cracker Barrel at the

corner of Ware Road and Hwy. 83. We figured it would be a great time to see their fall decor! Plus, the food is great.

See you there!

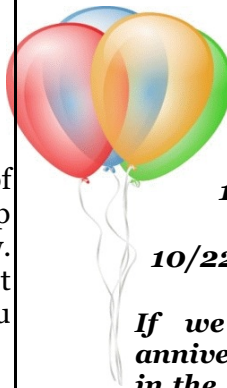


### **THINGS I’VE LEARNED**

I’ve learned that attractiveness is a positive, caring, attitude and has nothing to do with face lifts or nose jobs. Age-56

I’ve learned that the secret of growing old gracefully is never to lose your enthusiasm for meeting new people and seeing new places. Age-75

I’ve learned that the best thing about growing older is that now I don’t feel the need to impress anyone. Age- 79



### **OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

- © Birthdays ©  
10/5 Helen Baumeister  
Gene Percival  
10/22 Johnnie Collum

*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 ♥  
10/6/1984 Max & Roda Grubb



### **EVENTS**

- 10/1 Parents’ Night Out,  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**10/9 Special Congregational Meeting**  
**10/13 Greet & Eat, Cracker Barrel, 11:30 a.m.**  
**10/16 Board Meeting**  
**10/31 Halloween, Monday, Watch Out for the Trick or Treaters!**

**NOTE: (Any Questions? Check the website during the month for calendar additions or changes-[www.fcdocmcallen.org](http://www.fcdocmcallen.org))**

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**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**