



# Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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### **Dear Friends,**

Beginning the New Year with the liturgical season of Epiphany around us, creates space and curiosity to ask the question, "How is Jesus currently revealed in the world?" Epiphany is the time for us in the church to refresh ourselves with the biblical stories of Jesus being slowly revealed to public scrutiny from His dedication in the temple when He was a baby through His baptism and the start of His public ministry. That question challenges us to look both symbolically and "real time" to determine an answer. Symbolically Jesus may be seen in acts of kindness and forgiveness that are sometimes simple and sometimes extraordinary. Jesus can be seen in acts of mission and ministry where God's love transforms lives, empowers healing, and especially when people are caring for those who suffer or those who are excluded.

In "real time" seeing Jesus as the composite of 34,000 different Christian denominational entities, not to mention their million plus congregational affiliates worldwide, tends to keep Jesus' face a little blurry. You and I should be able to see this massive gathering and recognize the Holy Spirit's presence holding us together—similar to Paul's analogy of the Church having many parts yet being members of the same body (1 Cor. 12: 14–27). Those who cannot make that analogy of the Church universal as the body of Christ may not see Jesus at all.

There is not just the visual image of Jesus to the world there is also the verbal message that is being presented. With all of the different preachers and evangelists on television, radio, and on the web (not to mention those in print)—where do we hear Jesus' voice or hear his teaching? Is it Joel Osteen or Rick Warren? Maybe His voice is heard in Pat Robertson, T.D. Jakes, or Bennie Hinn? Who do you hear speaking as Jesus would?

Epiphany leads us along the original way that Jesus was revealed to His community and then to the world of His time. How and where are we hearing and seeing Him today? Perhaps just as important and necessary is to ask ourselves how we are portraying Jesus in our lives. Do folks around us see Jesus in us? Is there a difference between being a Christian and showing Jesus to people around us? If you are living and speaking as a Christian, then you might still have some leeway when it comes to interpreting Jesus' teachings and applications for life. If you speak for Jesus, then you need to have the mind of Christ, the same passion and commitment, not to mention the depth of compassion and mercy that He had. You also need to see yourself as being poured out in this life; removing the safeguards that tell us to preserve and protect our lives so that they will be long and fruitful. The other key component would be an unswerving devotion and awareness for God's presence in all that you do. Trips to the grocery store are God moments. Mowing the yard is God time. The morning cup of coffee and the evening conversation before bed is Holy time. Preparing to come to worship at church or synagogue is excited Holy time because you will experience God in the midst of the gathered community who share the excitement of God's presence. Have you heard anyone speak from those qualities or life perspectives?

The season of Epiphany encourages these considerations as we follow the beginnings of Jesus' ministry. It is a time for reflection about His life and ours as He has called us to follow Him. How is Jesus seen and heard in each of us?

In Christ's service together wherever He leads,  
David

## Prayers of Community

### Immediate Prayers

Family & friends of Jean Duffy due to her death on January 15.

Joy Coats', cousin of Charlene Deming, cancer has reoccurred and has spread to her liver (stage 4).

Dan Haddock, father of Joanne McKinley's daughter-in-law, has cancer.

Mary Margaret Taylor's, mother-in-law of Amy Taylor, tumor has grown considerably; chemo is helping but her body and spirit are tired.

Allison Conway, friend of Amy Taylor, was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Frances Crook, ex-teacher of Amy Taylor, has been readmitted into hospital on ventilator and prognosis is she won't be able to come off. Pray for family & students whom she influenced positively.

Debra Scroggins', friend and voice teacher of Anne Speights, carcinoid was removed.

Kevin Wright, friend of Anne Speights, was hospitalized for multiple illnesses.

Raymond Butts, friend of Colleen Wooten, is in remission but will be undergoing radiation treatments for preventive measures.

John Hyland, friend of Kevin Horn, lost his job.

David & Barbara Horn, parents of Kevin Horn; David will have knee replacement surgery on January 17.

Claudia Anneman, grandmother of Christy Horn, is suffering from depression.

### Joys

The first classes were held in the new Harrison Building at Brite Divinity School on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Thanks be to God for this place to educate women and men to lead in Christ's church.

Matt Sullivan, son of Jan & Ean Sullivan, was home in time for Christmas.

Gary Fuller, friend of Julie Frieling, is back at work and is able to eat with no feeding tube.

### Ongoing Prayers for Friends and Family

#### *Community Christian Church*

#### *Israel*

*All Christians in countries where Christians are persecuted, up to and including death*

*All women who live in countries where Sharia law is strictly imposed*

*Families of war casualties*

*20+ MILLION unemployed and underemployed people and their families*

*Continuing victims of all disasters—fires, floods, earthquakes, droughts, etc.*

Rebecca Allard, Neil Baker, Boni Baver, Gordon Beck, Guy Braswell, Kenn Briscoe, Mitty Brown, Jonathan Buck, Gloria Burke, **Joie Burnett**, Raymond Butts, **Monique Cohen**, Margaret & Troy Compton, Coon family, Katy Davis, Doug Easley, Bobbie Ellis, **Linda Fairchild**, Mrs. Foster, Tyler Gall, Jasmine Garcia, Doug Gerbosi, Ryan Giddens, Christie Gill, Connie & Joe Gordon, Grace Church, Jerry Griffin, Vera Hall, Cindy Hamilton, Joyce Hamm, Bryan Haywood, Ronnie Horowitz & daughter Helen, Betty Jean House, Stella Jacobson, Kahn family, Liz Keene, Marv & Norrita Knecht, Roy Knight, Virginia Krueger, Carl Arthur Leppert, Roy Lewis, Robbie Longacre, Everett & Charlotte Loughry, Patrick Lopez, Lisa Lynn, Jim & Kayla McAfee, Jody McCutcheon, Megan McKinley, Duke Millard, Stanley Myers, **David Nichols**, Todd Oncken, Brown Plummer, Martha Quistian, June Rawlings, Leslie, Alan & Chance Redwine, Margie Renfrow, Helen Reynolds, Joe Ross, Larry Rutledge, Jan Savage, Janelle Schuyler, Shelby, Jeffrey Sholden, Laurie Stoeckert, Ana Stenzel-Wallace, Mary Margaret Taylor, Tami Taylor, Dwight Vance, Shelly Viscovo, Gwen Vloedman, Tammy and Shelby Wagner, Doug Watson, Christine Wickizer-Tobin, Dr. Brent Whitworth, Kevin Wright, Tracey Wyrick

## Service Men and Women

The people who serve in our military both at home and abroad, especially: Bryan Aft, Jeffrey Brown, Josh Brown, Chandler Berg, Chaplain Paul Carpenter, Dan Cockerham, Troy Dorsey, Aaron Duncan, Jason Fairchild, Chaplain Kyle Fauntleory, Camilla Maybee, Amanda Parker, Ryan Parker, Scott Pitchford, Shawn Sears, Matt Sawyer, Shane Shupak, Devin Watson, Jeff Williford, George Woodley, Rob Wright



### February Anniversaries

February 29 Elaine & Ken Kellam

### February Birthdays

February 2 Cory Houghton  
February 4 Caroline Kellam  
February 11 Helen Green  
Katy Latham  
February 14 Dee Penrod  
February 16 Russ Stovall  
February 21 Eulene Lee  
February 25 Lee Cole  
February 26 Dick Straw  
February 27 David Murph  
February 28 Joan Taylor

## Junior Church Leaders Needed!

As we move into 2012, we'd like to add several teachers to the rotation in Junior Church. It is NOT a difficult assignment. The teaching lesson is printed out IN BOLD LETTERS and the children spend a majority of the class time moving from reflection station to reflection station—on their own. You are simply an adult presence in the room.

I would invite you to SERIOUSLY consider this opportunity to be engaged with our children in their spiritual formation. All materials are provided. If you have questions, please call Dani Cartwright at 817-944-8794. There will be a calendar on the office window beginning January 1st for sign up for teachers!

Thank you for your care for our children!

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Property Workday  
8:30 a.m. DWM Meeting

### Sunday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Elders' meeting  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:50 a.m. Worship  
10:50 a.m. Junior Church  
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time in Library  
12:15 p.m. Mary Anne Potter's & Lu Sifferd's flock meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 26

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

### Saturday, January 28

8:30 a.m. NTA leader event at East Dallas Christian Church

### Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:50 a.m. Worship  
10:50 a.m. Junior Church  
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Board Meeting in library

### Wednesday, February 1

1:00 p.m. 55+ meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

### Saturday, February 4

6:30 p.m. Chili cook-off/game night

**NORTH TEXAS AREA LEADERSHIP EVENT WORKSHOPS  
EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**THEME—WORSHIP: WHAT ARE WE DOING AND WHY?**

**Keynote Speaker – Rev. Dr. Tim Hessel-Robinson**

**8:30–9:00 a.m.**—Prayer Breakfast and Registration

**9:00–9:30 a.m.**—Keynote with Speaker

**9:45–11:00 a.m.**—Workshop Session #1

- 1) Praying at the Lord's Table—Presenter, Tim Hessel-Robinson
- 2) The Use of Media in Worship—Mike Allen, member of FCC Rowlett
- 3) The Role of Worship in Producing Community—Chris Carathers, Pastor of Irving North CC
- 4) How to Adapt/Use Space for Worship—Midway Hills CC Worship team & Pastor Terry Zimmerman
- 5) The Children's Sermon—Larry Ross, NTA Minister
- 6) Warren Avenue Christian Church—Claude Maples, Transitional Minister
- 7) Grace Christian, Prosper—Doug Kriz, Pastor

**11:15a.m.–12:30 p.m.**—Workshop Session #2

- 8) A Theology of Sacraments—Presenter, Tim Hessel-Robinson
- 9) The Role of Worship in Discipleship—Norm Stolpe, Transitional Minister FCC Duncanville
- 10) A fresh Look at VBS—Ann Dotson, Associate Minister, FCC Rowlett
- 11) Church Leader Spirituality (2 sessions workshop for Elders, Deacons, and Church Leaders)—  
Barry Preston, Associate Minister, Northway CC
- 12) Youth and Worship—Arthur Stewart—Associate Minister, Creekwood CC
- 13) Casa View Christian Church—Les Massey, Pastor
- 14) Destiny Worship Center Christian Church—Phillip Ward, Pastor

**12:30–1:15 p.m.**—Lunch

**1:30–2:45 p.m.**—Workshop Session #3

- 15) How to Let the World Know about Your Worship—Chris Kelly, member of  
Northway CC
- 16) Preaching As an Act of Worship—Doug Skinner, Pastor, Northway CC
- 17) Church Leader Spirituality (Second Half of workshop)
- 18) Safety and Security at Church—Les Massey, Pastor, Casa View CC
- 19) One to One Mentoring—Ken Crawford, Pastor, Forest Grove CC
- 20) East Dallas Christian's "The Table"—Nathan Hill, Associate Minister, EDCC

**Worship Attendance 1/8/11 71**

**Visitors 6**

Rebecca Bourgeois Craig Duffy  
Debb Faulk Caroline Kellam  
Wayne & Mary Quick

**Worship Attendance 1/15/12 73**

**Visitors 11**

Rebecca Bourgeois Hal Coon  
Stan Coon Craig Duffy  
Neil & Zahra Duffy Debb Faulk  
David Kellam Wayne & Mary Quick  
Khloe Wooten

**Financial Report**

(2011 Budgeted weekly revenue: \$2,788.46)

**Receipts** for 1/8/11 \$4,190.73

**Receipts** for 1/15/12 \$3,190.27

**Board Meeting**

There will be a board meeting on **January 29 at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. The 2012 budget and proposed updates to the Policies & Procedures will be discussed. We need a quorum.

Mark Slaight  
Board Chair



**ANNOUNCING  
GAME NIGHT  
WITH CHILI**

Our annual Family Game Night will be held on Saturday, February 4, from 6:00–9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our food “theme” this year will be chili and fixin’s. There will be a sign-up sheet on the office window for those wanting to showcase their chili and for those who would like to bring snacks and fixin’s to go with the chili.

We will have someone overseeing the nursery or kid’s playroom, and we may have a volunteer or two who will bring Mac-n-cheese for the younger, delicate palates that may not be able to appreciate the subtle favors of chili.

As always, everyone is invited to bring their favorite games and enjoy great food and fellowship together. Mark your calendars and we will see you all on the February 4.

**Deacon Serving Schedule**

The following deacons signed up to serve during the month of **February**:



Colleen Wooten, Proctor  
Lee Cole Cyndy Emmert  
Carol Johns Kristin Slaight  
Paul Latham, Deacon Chair

**Sunday, January 22**

**1 Corinthians 7: 25–31**

**Mark 1: 14–20**

**Sermon:**

*“Called on the Edge”*

**Worship Participants**

Preacher: David Cartwright  
Lay Leader: Lu Sifferd  
Acolyte: Cameron Horn

**Sunday, January 29**

**1 Corinthians 8: 1–13**

**Mark 1: 21–28**

**Sermon:**

*“Authority and Responsibility”*

**Worship Participants**

Preacher: David Cartwright  
Lay Leader: Debb Faulk  
Acolyte: Holland Frieling

**Leading Worship for February**

Elders: Linda Fairchild, Karlan Fairchild

Deacons: Colleen Wooten, Proctor

Lee Cole Cyndy Emmert  
Carol Johns Kristin Slaight

## Join Us on Sundays

9:30 a.m.      *Sunday School*  
10:50 a.m.      *Worship Service*  
12:15 p.m.      *Fellowship Time*

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## Calendar Updates

For updates to the CCC calendar, check with the church office or the bulletin board across from the church office.

*The next issue will be Wednesday, February 1, 2011*

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Rev. David Cartwright	Minister
Jeannine Frank	Church Secretary
Rebecca Baker	Choir Director
Anne Speights	Accompanist
Hop Chu	Childcare
Santos Camarillo	Custodian
Mark Slaight	Board Chair
Julie Knecht	Board Vice Chair
Amy Taylor	Board Secretary
Mary Anne Potter	Church Treasurer
Teresa Gafford	Chair of Elders
Paul Latham	Chair of Diaconate

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