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Dear Friends,

Have you given much thought to Holy mystery—that vast part of God's presence and movement that we experience occasionally or see whiffs of during the movement in our own lives? We speak about answered prayer yet wonder at unanswered prayer. We wonder about bad things happening to good people and the seeming unfairness of good things happening to seemingly bad people. We see natural disasters that happen in the world and wonder if God is in that or why didn't God prevent it. There is so much that we don't know, don't understand, and might never comprehend that we are left to deal with and live with mystery—often Holy mystery.

How does one choose to handle mystery, especially since it so relevant to having faith? The writer of Hebrews 11:1 tells us, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, directs him to instruct the deacons "that they must hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience" (3:9). While faith has a variety of meanings as it is used in various contexts, the faith we choose to accept as Christians starts with believing in the God that we cannot see, touch, or know fully. That belief fosters hope in a larger picture of who we are and what this world is about and where both of our futures are heading. Out of that belief and hope, we begin to put belief and hope into action which we call—faith. We view the world through eyes of faith, trying to understand the actions and reactions needed from us in each decision we make.

Our faith still challenges and invites us to wrestle with the mystery of God as an important journey for deepening our faith. We grow stronger and more confident in our trust and hope of God's love and presence when we have small bits and pieces of our faith confirmed by answered prayer, being unexpectedly saved from danger, or being ministered to by someone else. Sometimes it is not what

happens to us but what we do for someone else that becomes life-changing for them. The ways and mysteries of God are infinite in creativity and possibility; we see and understand so very little of it—but we try!

I have heard that some folks try to ignore mystery by avoiding dealing with it. They say that it is "just something I'm not supposed to know or try to know, so I don't go there." How they successfully stop themselves from trying or ignoring it I'll never know. Some, usually in times of crisis, try to give pat answers like: "This is God's judgment or punishment" or "God really wanted this person/these people to be in heaven." I have found that most any time I hear someone try to explain what God is thinking in a specific situation, they're usually guessing. For some, God's mystery, especially in times of crisis, breaks the back of their faith and it dies within them. There are others, however, who live and work well in the mystery of God. It pleases them to always be on a faithful learning curve and to anticipate that God has plans for their lives in and out of crisis.

In church we do not often talk about living in Holy Mystery. We do talk about living in faith because that is something we can practice and develop within ourselves and within the community that practices faithful living. Do we have all the answers—no? Do we seek and search for the "why" and "how" of things—yes! Faith invites us to take risks at times, trusting that there is more of God waiting to be discovered in a stranger, a new situation, or a new choice. What is your attitude or faith experience in dealing with God's Holy mystery?

In Christ's service together wherever He leads,
David

Prayers of Community

Immediate Prayers

Pauline McGoodwin fell at church while walking to her car. She is recovering well from surgery to repair a broken hip.

Katy Latham (& Patty) for Katy's study trip in Paris, France

Gordon Beck, brother of Colleen Wooten, is home after 2 weeks in the hospital; he did not have a stroke.

David & Barbara Horn, parents of Kevin Horn, as David recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Everett Loughry, Dick Loughry's brother, is in the last stage of cancer and is failing. Please keep Everett and his wife, Charlotte, in your prayers.

Family & friends of Carlos Benitez, young student of Leigh DuVall, due to his death from cancer

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

Family & friends of Pat Darnell, friend of Elaine Kellam, due to her death

Joys

Margie Renfrow was able to be in church on 1/29.

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, **Claudia Anneman**, Neil Baker, Boni Baver, Gordon Beck, Guy Braswell, Kenn Briscoe, Mitty Brown, Jonathan Buck, Gloria Burke, Joie Burnett, Raymond Butts, **Joy Coats**, Monique Cohen, Margaret & Troy Compton, **Allison Conway**, Coon family, **Frances Crook**, 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, **Dan Haddock**, Vera Hall, Cindy Hamilton, Joyce Hamm, Bryan Haywood, **John Hyland**, **David & Barbara Horn**, 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, **Debra Scroggins**, 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

Katy Latham will celebrate her 21st birthday in Paris, France on February 11th! We would love for her to get mail from her CCC family for her birthday. As far as we can tell a 1 oz. card mailed to France is about \$1.05. If you are unsure about it you can check the following link:

<http://postcalc.usps.gov/>

It is a little more complicated since it needs to go overseas but it would be great if she got a lot of mail from people! You can use regular postage stamps—they don't have to be airmail stamps.

Here is the address:

ISA Paris
Attn: Katy Latham
1 Rue Frédéric Sauton
75005 Paris France

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, February 4

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

Sunday, February 5

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. February birthday celebration in FH

Wednesday, February 8

No Choir Practice

Thursday, February 9

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:50 a.m. Worship
10:50 a.m. Junior Church
12:15 p.m. Valentine/Spaghetti luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 13

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 p.m. Stitches' meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:50 a.m. Worship
10:50 a.m. Junior Church
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall



Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH)



Annual Walk-A-Thon

Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Location: UTD parking lot, at corner of Floyd Rd. and Lookout Dr. in Richardson

Registration from 8:30-9:30am - \$10.00/person or \$20.00/family.

(All participants will receive a free RAIH t-shirt when they register to walk.)

Distance = 5 miles or 8 kilometers. Walk or run all or part of it.

For more information contact Mic Burnett at (972)669-1530
or mic.burnett@gmail.com

Sponsoring Congregations:

Canyon Creek Presbyterian
Community Christian
St. Barnabas Presbyterian
1st United Methodist, Richardson
Spring Valley United Methodist

All Saints Catholic
Church of the Holy Communion
United Disciples Christian
Unity Church of Dallas
King of Glory Lutheran
St. Paul's Cath.



Habitat Walk-a-Thon

This year, we'll be building one house again, rather than two. Our five-year agreement ended last year and the price of each house went from \$40,000 to \$65,000. We're still hoping to get back to doing two houses in a year (not every year though).

The Walk-a-Thon is where we get the most money for the houses. It's a very enjoyable morning, for a great cause. We've had good participation in previous years, and I encourage you to give it a shot. There are refreshments at the start (breakfast goodies), along the route, and at the end. You get a great Habitat t-shirt too!

If you can't do the Walk, you can still contribute financially. Carol Johns and I will be taking pledges or payment from anyone who would like. Just look for us at church.

Thanks everyone,

Mic Burnett

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.

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.

Membership

Come one, come all! The Membership Committee is planning a spaghetti luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 12 after worship. If you would like to help with food items, please sign up at the office window. We look forward to seeing each of you there for good food and good fellowship.

CCC Women

All CCC women are encouraged to participate in property workday on Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. I would like to work on cleaning the kitchen and bathrooms. Please bring your cleaning supplies.

All CCC women, please join us for breakfast at the Southern Recipe Café at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3. The Southern Recipe Café is located at 1381 W. Campbell Road.

Our main topic of conversation will be the annual church garage sale.

Patty Latham

Disciples Women Fellowship

The NTA Disciples Women’s Spiritual Life Retreat will be held in Athens, Texas April 13th-15th. The theme this year is Plug into the Power. The Early

Bird registration is \$85.00 for the weekend by March 23rd. Additional \$10.00 by deadline date March 30th. This includes housing, food, and programming.

Early Bird Fees Postmarked by March 23:

Pkg. #1 Friday and Saturday nights, all meals \$85

Pkg. #2 Friday night only and 4 meals \$70

Pkg. #3 Saturday night only and 4 meals \$70

Pkg. #4 Saturday day only, lunch and dinner \$50

Deadline postmarked by March 30th – Add \$10 to the above fees.

T-Shirts with this year’s logo are available for \$12 each. There is an additional fee for sizes larger than XL.

To register or for more information go to nta@ccsw.org or contact Cindy Kyle 469-233-5115.

Please call me at 214-755-1024 for a registration form or e-mail me at pbl@sbcglobal.net

Thanks,
Patty Latham

Outreach

We received the following request from Network:

"We have officially taken possession of the newly renovated space next door and are diligently working to get it open. We need your help! We are in need of clothing racks and hangers so we can begin sorting and setting up. Also, we need volunteers to work shifts when we open. Please pass this information along to your congregation or to anyone you think might be able to help us out!"

Thank you so much for your partnership!

Robin Wilson

Director of Emergency Services

741 S. Sherman Street

Richardson, TX 75081

972-234-8880 ext. 110, 972-234-8892 (fax)

[NETWORK of Community Ministries, Inc.](http://www.networkofcommunityministries.com)

Contact Robin Wilson if you can help supply the needed items or volunteer.

2012 Camping Schedule

Disciples Crossing

Athens, TX

Office: (903) 675-3692

After office hours: (903) 316-2032

All camps are open to campers from any of the three supporting Area Ministries: North Texas Area, Northeast Area, and Trinity-Brazos Area. CCC pays half of the cost for CCC youth.

Discovery Camp (completed grades 2 and/or 3 with parent)	May 25–27
Grand Camp 1 (Ages 4–10 with a grandparent)	Jun 1–3
Grand Camp 2 (ages 4–10 with a grandparent)	Aug 31–Sep 2
JYF 1 Camp (completed grades 4 and/or 5)	Jul 2–6
JYF 2 Camp (completed grades 4 and/or 5)	Jul 3–Aug 3
*Chi Rho 1 Camp (completed grades 6 and/or 7)	Jun 18–23
Chi Rho 2 Camp (completed grades 6 and/or 7)	Jun 25–30
NEA CYF Conference (grades 9–12) and Chi Rho Camp (completed grades 6 and/or 7)	Jun 11–16
Eighters Camp (completed grade 8)	Jul 8–14
Niners Conference (completed grade 9)	Jun 11–16
TBA CYF Conference (completed grades 10–12)	Jun 18–23
*NTA CYF Conference (completed grades 9 - 12)	Jun 25–30
Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) (Disciples Crossing) Contact your minister for more information	Jul 16–21
Young Adult Retreat	May 17–20

* Camp staffed by North Texas Area
For registration forms go to the [Camping Information page](#). Forms available in March 2012.

Stewardship Committee Meeting

A meeting has been called for Monday, 13 Feb 2012 at 7:30 pm in the church library. This will be to plan our efforts of Time and Talent for the Lord's work at CCC. Everyone is welcome to attend and help in His work.

Marvin Rogers
Stewardship Chair

Security

We received the following invitation from The Richardson Police Department.

"The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit cordially invites you and your staff to participate in our 3rd annual Faith-Based-Crime Prevention Conference. The theme of our 2012 conference will be "Protecting Our Greatest Asset: Children." We are excited to partner with the Richardson Childcare Director's Roundtable for this great event.

The conference will feature topics that concern the safety of children at daycare facilities. The topics covered will be:

- Safety
- Risk/Emergency Management
- Child Abuse
- Professional Development (effective communication)

The 2012 conference will be held at Richardson East Church of Christ, located at 1504 East Campbell Rd. Richardson, Texas on March 24, 2012, from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Registration for the conference will open on February 8, 2012 and end on March 9, 2012. Due to limited seating, it is imperative that all attendees register individually for this event. Preference will be given to those who are part of a faith-based organization (i.e. church, mosque, synagogue, or temple.) Due to training hours given for this event, all attendees will need to provide a photo ID to receive credit for attendance. Go to richardson-police.net for registration information."

Worship Attendance 1/22/11 72

Visitors 6

Debb Faulk Caroline Kellam
David Lederbord Arthur Roberts
Wayne & Mary Quick

Worship Attendance 1/29/12 65

Visitors 8

Debb Faulk David Lederbord
Arthur Roberts Wayne & Mary Quick
Danny & Linda Williams Khloe Wooten

Financial Report

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

Receipts for 1/22/11 \$3,947.00

Receipts for 1/29/12 \$2,262.30

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of

Jean Duffy

From

Lee Cole
Helen Coon
Cyndy Emmert & Art Roberts
Estates North Garden Club
Bill & Jane Keene
Joanne McKinley
Mary Anne Potter
Doris Ricketts
Dick & Joan Seawright
Lu Sifferd
Henrietta Wilson

Marge Richards Lee Cole

Notes from the treasurer: The board approved the 2012 budget during the 1/29/12 meeting. It will be presented to the congregation on February 19. Giving statements will be ready 2/5; I will mail any that don't get distributed at church that day.

Communi-K distribution: In order to save at least \$500 a year, CCC will no longer snail-mail the CK to people who have E-mail addresses. If you are a regular church participant and want a paper copy to read, Jeannine will continue to put paper copies on the counter where the mail boxes are. Thanks in advance for your acceptance of this change.

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, February 5

Isaiah 40: 1–5

Mark 1: 29–39

Sermon:

“Level or Not—Here I Come”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Karlan Fairchild
Acolyte: Faith Frieling

Sunday, February 12

1 Corinthians 9: 24–27

Mark 1: 29–39

Sermon:

“Running Full Out”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Mary Anne Potter
Acolyte: Addison Delay

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 15, 2011

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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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