

THE CHURCH VISITOR

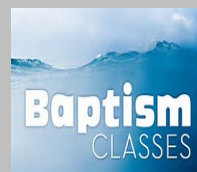


Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Giving and Sunday School?

As a pastor, several things that I look at as we do church are the numbers in Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Giving, and Sunday School. I truly believe that they are connected to the health and growth we see in our church. Several times in my ministry, members felt like this is an either-or proposition. But, the truth is, it's about yielding more and more of ourselves to God. When we give more of ourselves to God, we then discover more of God in us and those around us.

My heart's desire for every member of this congregation is to find the life in Christ "fulfilled beyond our imagination". That only happens when we stop holding back our very best from God. One of my many struggles is whether I am giving God my very best. What does my very best even look like. The last two weeks I have put some of the best of my remodeling skills in to the formerly pink bathroom at the parsonage. Soon you will see pictures of the work we accomplished. What I have seen is work that is more thorough and refined with fewer obvious mistakes. I'm aware of them because I made them. I learned from them hopefully not to repeated. That is our faith and how it grows. We start at the beginning of our encounter with Christ and we put forth effort, often hard work, to continue our goal of becoming more and more the image of Christ. The final destination is a place where the world does not see us, but only Christ and him crucified.

As we go forward, I hope all of us choose to undertake the work that is the life of a Christian. To study God's word with diligence and consistency. To worship void of our wants and desires to discover what the Spirit of God wants to show us. To recognize that God gives us all and we are called to share God's generosity with others. To further our study and be connected with others who are on the journey with us. Let us together as One Body, One Spirit in Christ, seek Him first and see what our lives become. You will never be disappointed following God.



Baptismal Classes

We had our first week for sign-up for upcoming baptism classes and we had two sign up. If you are interested in Baptism at Easter, I would like to begin classes for baptismal candidates in a few weeks. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Gathering Area if these classes would be of interest to you or a member of your family.



Say a prayer, make a plan, then invite someone to church! It really is that easy. It's also our responsibility! Once you get in the habit of doing it, you will get better and better at it.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 01.22** Prayer Ministry (8:45 am)
Seekers, Pioneers, Discipleship, Coffee House, Youth SS Classes (9:15 am - 10:10 am)
Preschool/Kindergarten Music Class (9:15 am)
Preschool SS Classes (9:45 am)
Morning Worship Service (10:30 am),
World Outreach Committee will meet after church in the Library (see article)
- 01.24** CWF Visitation Day (9:30 am)
- 01.25** "Blessed Threaders" meet (10:00 am)
Adult Choir (7:00 pm)
- 01.29** **LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY - (Proceeds will go toward summer church camp for our Youth)**
Prayer Ministry (8:45 am)
Seekers, Pioneers, Discipleship, Coffee House, Youth SS Classes (9:15 am - 10:10 am)
Preschool/Kindergarten Music Class (9:15 am)
Preschool SS Classes (9:45 am)
Morning Worship Service (10:30 am),
CWF Executive Board Meeting after worship

FEBRUARY

- 02.03** CWF Women's Retreat (6:30 - 9:00 pm)
- 02.04** CWF Women's Retreat (9:00 am - 3:30 pm)
(See full page ad in your newsletter today!)
- 02.05** Prayer Ministry (8:45 am)
Seekers, Pioneers, Discipleship, Coffee House, Youth SS Classes (9:15 am - 10:10 am)
Preschool/Kindergarten Music Class (9:15 am)
Preschool SS Classes (9:45 am)
Morning Worship Service (10:30 am)
- 02.07** CWF Day Group Meeting

SERVING SCHEDULE

01.22.17

Worship Coordinator

Patrice Morrison

Deacons (Month of January)

Brandon Hall, Joan Burgett,
Judy Walther, Toby Runnels

Worship Leader

Alan Baker

The Table

Mike Visage & Mike Morrison

Children's Moment

Charles Mason

Greeters

Brian & Melissa Hall

Coffee Fellowship

Jamie & Leah Hughes

Communion Preparation

Patrice Morrison

Communion Clean-Up

Rita Rowe & Theresa Tyler

Bible Class

In two weeks, I would like to begin a class on understanding the bible based upon the book from Max Anders entitled 30 Day to Understand the Bible. If you are interested in this class, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the Gathering area. —Pastor Paul

Hear Ye, Hear Ye



RHCC Women's Retreat will be February 3 - 4. All women are welcome. Invite friends. Registration forms will be in the bulletins through Sunday, January 29th.



FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE & GIVING

01.15.17

Sunday School	-	48
Worship Service	-	123
Faithful Giving (01.15)	-	\$ 2,643



Please let the office know if there is anyone that needs to be taken OFF of or ADDED to this list. We appreciate your help!

Please pray for the following:

- Iris Woodall
- Norma Hopkins
- Arlene Kendall
- Dalpa Lloyd
- Mildred Sampson
- Melanie Hatfield
- Nathan McGee, great grandson of Polly Slama
- Beverly Gleeson, Pastor Paul's aunt
- David Lott Family
- Sarah Wellman
- Wanda Noah
- Dale Proctor
- Bob & Kay White
- Tina Oblinger
- Jessica, niece of Gretchen Halfmann
- Duane McGormley,
Kevin McGormley's dad
- Mike Proppe
- Lincoln Mancuso
- Brenda Ledbetter
- Alvarado's granddaughter, Reagan



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS (JANUARY)

- 01/21 - Byron Graham
- 01/26 - Monica Williams



- 01.22 - Jamie & Leah Hughes
- 01.29 - CHILI COOK-OFF



Thanks for all the love, care, and prayers. I have treasured the cards and phone calls. Thanks to Pastor Paul, who was at the hospital the day of my procedure, and to the Hall and Stricklin families for furnishing me with a delicious meal. Thanks to CWF for the prayer pillow.

I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family!

—Norma Hopkins



Crib Nursery Guardian Angel Grandmas

- 01.22 - Melinda Carden & Ann Runnels
- 01.29 - Carol Jean New & Rita Rowe
- 02.05 - Charlene Cox & Anna Noah
- 02.12 - Florine Tyler & Teresa Baker



Play Room Parent Helper Schedule:

- 01.22 - Natalie Caruso
- 01.29 - Melissa Hall
- 02.05 - Leah McCann
- 02.12 - Leah Hughes



Welcoming Our Members

When is the last time you have had dinner with a member of our church? Now I'm not talking about the ones you hang out with all the time, but instead purposefully seeking out someone who you have not interacted with before or perhaps a new member. If you look in the Book of Acts chapter 2, we find that the early church was together all the time. They broke bread together daily from home to home.

I know many of our congregation enjoy sports and we know from our knowledge of teams that the more connected and the more time spent together the better they perform and the more they accomplish. The same is true of God's church. Deeper and more established relationships help us commit as a community more fully to God's work. So, let us in 2017 make a connection and reach out to those you may or may not know. Discover what these relationships can come to mean not only in our own lives but in the life of this Christ's body.



Loose Change Offering to be collected on January 29!

We will be collecting your loose change on Sunday, January 29. Start saving your change and make sure you bring it with you to church that day. Your donation will be going towards summer church camp for our youth!



Sunday, January 29

Following Worship

Come enjoy the fellowship and fun at the annual DMF Chili Cook-off! Everyone is invited to enter your favorite home-made chili or just come and enjoy this year's entries. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd Place. Soups will be provided for those not desiring the chili cuisine. Contact Monty Williams for more information and to enter the competition.

Come WOW the judges!!!



SAVE THE DATES

February 3 & 4, 2017

Richland Hills Christian Church
Women's Fellowship
will be hosting a
Women's Retreat at RHCC
on Friday, February 3 (6:30pm - 9pm)
Saturday, February 4 (9am - 3:30 pm)
(meals will be provided each day)

We would like to invite ALL women of RHCC to save the dates and join us for an enjoyable weekend of fun, food, and Bible study. The theme is "Restart, Rebuild, Rebirth". Our guest speaker will be Rev. Leann Griffin from the Welcome Table in Arlington. Cost for the weekend will be \$15.00. Scholarships are available.

Nursery will be available also!

Thank you!

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Quote from: Crazy Love

by Francis Chan with danae yankoski

“Christian today like to play it safe. We want to put ourselves in situations where we are safe ‘even if there is no God.’ But if we truly desire to please God, we cannot live that way. We have to do things that cost us during our life on earth but will be more than worth it in eternity.”

Quote from: GOOD or GOD?

by John Bevere

“Jesus instructs us to go back to what we first believed. In other words, we’ve strayed from holy living. We’ve devised a doctrine of grace that permits us to live no differently than the nonbelievers in our community do. It’s a seemingly good teaching, but is it God’s Word?”



Coat Drive for Binion Kids

CWF is going to be doing a “Coat Drive” for the Binion Elementary kids who may be in need. If your kids, grandkids, etc. have gently used winter coats that they have outgrown, please pray about donating them to this much needed project. You may bring them to church on Sundays and place them on the tables in the Memorial Hallway.

Thank you for your help in the Outreach Project!

BABY AND ME CLASS IS RETURNING!



We will kick off our spring semester of baby and me classes on Monday, February 27th from 6:30-7:30. The class will run every Monday evening through the 8th of May with no class on March 13th. If you have an infant/baby from 0-12 months, you are invited to come sing and play with us. Child care is available for older siblings so that you are free to spend bonding time with your wee one. A nominal fee will be charged depending on child care needs. If you would like to attend, please email Laura Crain at ljs00b@yahoo.com with: your name, your baby's name and age, names and ages of older siblings requiring child care, your cell phone number. Want to help share this ministry with your child's school/daycare? Laura Crain will have flyers available at church on Sundays!



We are in need of a few items for the Women's Retreat. We need old magazines and old or new cards (greeting, sympathy, etc.) If you have any of these that we can use, please bring to the church. We will be collecting these items for the next two weeks in the parlor area.

Thank you!



What do we spend our time doing? Relaxing, sleeping, hobbies, TV, and just surviving.

There are many awesome books in the Gathering Area! Why not reallocate our time and use more for the study of God's word. There are also books on other topics that seek to deepen our relationship with God.

Seek first the kingdom of God...



World Outreach will meet Sunday, Jan. 22 after church in Library. We will explain what Outreach does.

We hope to see those from last year and the ones who have noted on Committee sign up sheet that are interested.

We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Anna and Carol Jean,
co-chairs