

THE CHURCH VISITOR

From Pastor Paul



The Advent Journey

We are already approaching our third week of Advent and our Cantata "Do You Hear What I Hear" is this coming Sunday. The choir has worked hard and I am sure it will be a moving celebration of music and the Word come to life.

This would be a great Sunday to invite a friend or family member to church and don't forget our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service which will be here before we know it. We will have postcards with pictures of our sanctuary to be invitations for others to join us on Christmas Eve. This will make inviting others even easier. Let's fill the church on that Holy night!

This past Sunday was another great Sunday as I shared that we are called to be "Messiah Voices" to the world around us. Ninety-six were in attendance, and we also had our tenth (not a typo) new member join since August. I have never experienced such rapid growth during my time in ministry and I know all the glory goes to God who has brought our new brothers and sisters in Christ into our midst. I truly believe this is only the beginning as we move forward in our service to God.

I would also like to extend special thanks to Melissa Hall and Terri Williams for putting together our Christmas party on Sunday evening. Thanks also to Mike Visage and Judy Walther for wrangling up the thespians for our

exciting and humorous Christmas play. Thanks to the band and their stellar performance. Also, Brittany Joyner and her SS kids for the animals and other scenery.

To say the food at the party was exceptional would be an understatement. Thank you to Jonna Howard and her willingness to share her gifts in the area of cooking with our congregation. Several people told me those molasses cookies were some of the best they had ever had, and I am still eating the leftover oatmeal cookies here at church. All the food was awesome!

This church is coming to life. As God continues to bless us this Advent season let us together offer a prayer of thanks and praise to God for his work here at RHCC and for the future that he holds in his hands for us. With God all things are possible...



The entire staff of Richland Hills Christian Church would like to thank you all for your generous love offering. We are blessed to serve you all and look forward to the coming year and the promise that it holds for the future of our church. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!



Extra! Extra!

Keep your eyes peeled for some updates coming to the church to spruce up for the Holidays!

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

- 12.10** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (6:00 pm)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm)
- 12.13** DMF Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral (8:30 am)
- 12.14** Seeker's, Pioneer's, New Adult and Youth SS Classes (9:15 am)
Toddler SS Class (10:10 am)
Christmas Cantata (10:30 am),
Deacons (current & new) meet in sanctuary after worship for a brief training session
- 12.16** CWF Night Group Christmas Party at the home of Judy Walther (6:30 pm)
- 12.17** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (6:00 pm)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm)
- 12.21** Seeker's, Pioneer's, New Adult and Youth SS Classes (9:15 am)
Toddler SS Class (10:10 am)
Seeker's & Stricklin's SS Classes
Christmas Party at the home of Monty & Terri Williams (5 - 8 pm)

SERVING SCHEDULE

12.14.14

Worship Coordinator

Ryon McCann

Deacons (Month of December)

Sharon Cummings, Norma Hopkins,
Ryon McCann, Toby Runnels

Worship Leader

Evan Lawson

The Table

(Bread) Alan Baker
(Cup) Bill Agan

Children's Moment

Judy Walther

Greeters

Brian & Melissa Hall

Coffee Fellowship

Carol Jean New & Sandy Rutherford

Communion Clean-Up

Runnels Family



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays:

- 12/01 - Earl Geddes
12/07 - Kathryn Holiday
12/09 - Laura Crain
12/14 - Darletta Michael
12/15 - Ryon McCann
12/17 - Polly Slama
12/19 - Hunter Greer

December Anniversaries:

- 12/22 - Toby & Pam Runnels
12/24 - Tommie & Jean Plummer
12/24 - Willard & Florine Tyler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP (December)

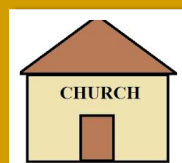


- 12/14 - Carol New/Sandy Rutherford
12/21 - Bill & Gay Agan
12/28 - Hall, McCann and Hall

Please watch newsletter WEEKLY to see if you are scheduled for Coffee Fellowship. Please contact the church office if you are unable to do it the week that you are scheduled.

FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Sunday, December 7



Sunday School	-	29
Worship Service	-	96
Faithful Giving	-	\$ 3,536



Welcome to Our New Members

Montrell & Mariah Sample, 7102 Glenview Drive, Apt. 206, North Richland Hills, TX 76180, joined our RHCC Family on Sunday, December 7.



DMF Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 13
8:30 am
at Golden Corral

Come out and join the men of RHCC for a great breakfast and wonderful fellowship together.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Please continue to pray for the following:

Ann Runnels
 Harold & Jody McClure
 Family of Scott Alexander
 Tommie Plummer
 The Martin Family
 Jerry Stoughton

Joe McCann
 Karla Richardson
 David Agan
 Nettie Campbell
 Dell Fielder
 John & Maxine Gandy
 Victor Barnet
 David Zuefeldt
 Stan & Preble Lehew
 Lee Carter
 Gary Morgan
 Lisa Klaus' mother

ANNOUNCING..

DEACONS MEETING Sunday, Dec. 14

There will be a **short** meeting for current and new deacons on Sunday, December 14, after worship. We will meet in the sanctuary for a brief training session for the **new deacons** (we want them to feel comfortable serving).

--Sidney Baker





*The 2014 Christmas Offering
for Regional Ministry
Received in many congregations on
December 14 and 21*

2014 Christmas Offering

We will be receiving the 2014 Special Christmas Offering on Sundays, December 14 and 21. Your gift is returned 100% to the Southwest Region.

As we move into new ways of doing Regional Ministry, and continue to practice sound stewardship of the gifts we receive, we hope that you will be a part of this adventure.



**Christmas Party for
Seeker's Class &
Stricklin SS Classes
This Sunday, Dec. 21
5:00 - 8:00 pm
at the home of
Monty & Terri
Williams
86 Regents Park Court**

We are having a Pot Luck dinner. Everyone, please bring a dish! Mark your calendar, and plan to join the festivities.



Shining Angels

The Shining Angels are due on Sunday, December 14. They will be delivered on December 15. Make sure they are "unwrapped" and place in a bag with the tag attached.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service 6:30 pm in the
sanctuary**



**All Church
Christmas Card
available two
more Sundays!
Dec. 14 & 21**

The All-Church Christmas Card, beautifully designed by Peggy Edwards, will be available in the Gathering Area for two more Sundays (Dec. 14 & 21). Save the price of cards and postage by signing the card and making a donation to the CWF Projects. **All names will be in the newsletter on Tuesday, December 23rd.**