

## Church of Christ

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## Harvest House Food Ministry

2204 Nichols  
245-0306  
Open on Wednesdays ONLY  
9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

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## For the Records

December 4, 2011

Bible Study..... 110  
AM Worship.....216  
Wed. (11/30) .....131  
Love Offering Received.....\$10,583.97  
Weekly Budget Needed .....\$7720.94  
Budget Year to Date  
(Plus+ or Minus -).....\$34,146.47+  
Weekly difference.....\$ 711.38+  
Missions Offering.....\$ 392.00

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## Nursery Volunteers Today

Sherri Radford  
Vickie Fagan

*There is an attended nursery in room #4. You may stay with your child if you wish, audio feed there.*

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## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday:  
Bible Classes .....9:00a.m.  
Worship .....10:00a.m.  
Life Groups & Seekers.....5:00p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Bible Classes for all ages.....7:00p.m.

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## Elder of the Month

Doug Anderson  
If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please talk to the elder of the month.

## Prayer List Updates

Rita Rawlings chemo in Sugarland.  
Cindy Phillips is taking chemo.  
Jimmy Crum doing chemo treatments.  
Thomas Petter (Cindy Phillips' brother) esophageal cancer  
Geordan Burl (G.W. & Tricia Burt's son) he has Chronic Kidney Disease along with FSGS which means the filtering function is disintegrating & Arterial/Arterio Sclerosis of the kidney. The first type of treatment is high dosage of Steroids which have a 40% chance of working. They will know in 3-6 mo. if it is working.  
Sheila Kunz had more blood work done & will be having an ultrasound done soon.  
Barbara Gates recovering from broken hip at home  
Don Woods had cataract surgery on Dec. 7th. He is doing well.  
Rachel Ashworth has a mass in her cheek. She's looking for a specialist because of the area of the face it is in. Pray that it is a benign cyst.  
Emmitt & Pat Miller (Bob Fraley's niece & husband) were in a bus accident from ACU on a mission trip to Medina Children's Home. Pat is in the hospital with injuries.  
Mecaila Peebles (Alicia Lewis' daughter) will have a hearing test in a few weeks to see what degree of hearing loss she has. Thank you for all the prayers.  
Joyce Fraley is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is in a lot of pain.  
Crystal Roy (Niece of Bill & Suzanne Beaver) had a heart attack. She has multiple blockages, plaque, & a birth defect they found in her heart that prevents them from doing either by-pass surgery or stents. Medications are her only option.  
Jesse Jackson fell & broke his hip. The address for now is Baylor Medical Center  
Hoblitzelle Rm. 615  
3500 Gaston Ave.  
Dallas, Tx 75246  
214-818-5615  
He will soon be moved to a Rehab. Home address is 3223 Belmont Lane, Terrell Texas 75160 Phone # 972-564-5877  
Norma Gates is in Matagorda Nursing & Rehab for dizziness & is falling.  
Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz' cousin's 18 yr. old son) began 1<sup>st</sup> chemo treatment for Grey Area Lymphoma..  
James Cantu (Friend of G.W. & Tricia Burt) was in a serious car accident. He has a broken collar bone, 10 broken ribs, a broken ankle & foot. He also had to have his colon repaired. This past Wed. he had surgery on his foot & collarbone.  
Crystal Allison had surgery on her neck on Tues. She is home & doing well.

The complete Prayer list is on table at the back of the Auditorium.

## Shut-Ins

Sheila Kunz Artie Hicks James White

## Nursing Home

Legacy: Martha Jane Etie #724 Gerry Rogers #214  
Marguerite Kettle #216  
Bay Villa: Matthew Smith  
Matagorda Nursing & Rehab: Norma Gates

## Independent Living

Copperfield Estates Betty McNeill #238  
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## Upcoming Events

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program & Congregational Fellowship Meal  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Military Family Support Group Meeting  
Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Office closed for the Holidays  
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## Potluck Fellowship Meal

We will have a Fellowship Meal on Sat. night Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> following the Children's Christmas Program. Come be entertained by our children. There is a sign-up sheet on the children's kiosk for food.  
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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

## Christmas Program Practices:

Friday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00p.m. (dress rehearsal)



Nursing Home Caroling Trip

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1:45p.m. Christmas Caroling followed by Children's party.



Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00p.m. Christmas Program & Potluck Fellowship Meal - food sign up list on children's kiosk  
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*Visitors are our welcome guests!*

## Youth Group News

The Youth are selling beautiful scenic calendars with scripture for \$6.00 each. They will get \$3.00 to go on their individual accounts for the trips & retreats & other activities with this money. They make beautiful gifts!

## PRAY FOR OUR



## MILITARY

## Military Family Support Group Meeting

The Military Family Support Group will meet on Tues. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 7p.m.  
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## Office Closed for Holidays

The office will be closed on Fri. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Mon. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holidays.  
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## Medina Children's Home

Thank you for your generous contribution for the Medina Children's Home Christmas. We collected \$2577.00 to send to them for Christmas.  
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*Thank You Note*

Dear Church Family,  
Your flowers at the hospital & all the expressions of love & concern since returning home have only heightened my resolve to hurry back to worship with you again. I truly miss you. Joyce Fraley

## Worship Service

Dec. 11, 2011

647 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*  
997 *O Come all Ye Faithful*  
959 *Just a Little Talk With Jesus*

### Scripture Reading Shepherd's Prayer

595 *I Come to the Garden Alone*  
365 *How Beautiful*  
176 *Lamb of God*

### \*\*\*\*Lords Supper\*\*\*\*

All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance. The bread & fruit of the vine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim our unity with Him and with one another until He comes again.

### Offering: *Servant Song*

Children Down Front: *If You're Happy & You Know It*

### Children's Bible Hour

966 *Amen*

### Message By Larry Macomber

567 *Restore My Soul*

### Announcements

989 *Soon and Very Soon*

### Closing Prayer

**Please fill out an attendance card – white for members and gold for visitors. Please place it in the contribution basket when it comes around.**

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***Welcome Visitors!!!!***

## Sermon Notes

Presented by Larry Macomber

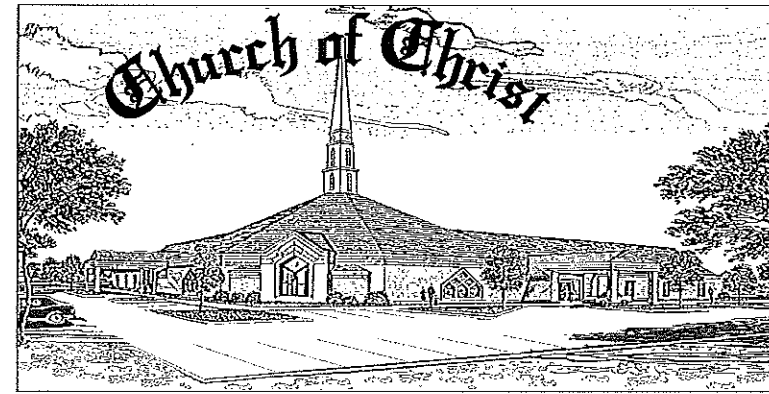
### Place of Renewal

Exodus 32  
1 Kings 19

I.

II.

III>



*Seek Life - Share Life - Obey One Life*  
*Focusing Our Lives Around ONE Savior, Jesus Christ*

**Pulpit Minister**  
Larry Macomber

**Youth Minister**  
Johnathan Dobbs

**Children's Ministry**  
Diane Beyer

**Elders**  
Doug Anderson  
David Carroll  
Bob Noster  
Glenn Organ  
John Rawlings  
Willie Rollins  
John Westbrook

## A Broken Mug

One of my favorite coffee mugs was broken this week. Not sure how it happened. Just found it sitting there on the counter with the handle broken off. A friend had given it to me because it has one of my favorite Bible verses on it. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God" ([Philippians 3:14](#)).

As I stood there looking with disappointment at my handle-less cup I realized that now the mug actually illustrates the verse. Before, it was a very nice coffee cup with a really meaningful verse on it. Now, it may represent what Paul had in mind when he penned the words. "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 3:12-14 NIV](#)).

Coffee mugs are made with a purpose. Mugs are made for drinking coffee, for drinking hot chocolate, for holding pens, for collecting change. They are not made to simply sit on a shelf and gather dust. When you use a mug there is the possibility that it will get damaged or broken.

Like the coffee mug we were created with a purpose. We were created for life. We were not created to sit and watch life go by. We were created to embrace life. Jesus said it this way, "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly" ([John 10:10](#)). Paul said we were created to do "good works" ([Ephesians 2:10](#)). The abundant life does not happen without risks. Doing good works is not without dangers.

Life is for living. When you live life, there are risks. When you live you may get hurt. When you live you may experience disappointments. When you live you may get damaged. When you live you may get broken. When that happened to Paul, he chose to press on. He did not allow his life to end with a broken handle. He kept pushing forward. He continued to move forward toward the prize God had called him to.

My mug with no handle will most likely be reassigned to be a penholder or a change cup. It has served me well. Many good cups of coffee have been consumed from that mug. But it is time for this mug to move on to a new goal, a new purpose for being.

What about you? Has life been unkind to you lately? Have you considered retiring, sitting out the fight, being shelved? Please don't. Take a lesson from my mug. Even if your handle gets broken ... press on. Move forward. Your handle is broken, but you are not dead. Keep living. God has something in store for you.

**Our only limitation is the size of our faith!**

Tom Norvell; [www.heartlight.org](http://www.heartlight.org)