# Happy Birthday to those who have birthdays in March

20th Kyle Brashear 21st Kerri Newman 22nd Virginia Stone 25th Bernice Wallace 29th Lori Shugart 30th Jeri Harrison

21st Eulah Stiles 22nd Phillip Hill 23rd April Aston 26th Monica Martinez 29th Sonia Martinez 31st Nancy MacDonald

21st Tricia Chapin 22nd Jane White 24th Russell Fetzer 27th Jane Gipson 30th Doug Armstrong

### PRAYERS, JOYS, & CONCERNS... FOR THE FOLLOWING:

KEITH BIFFLE WAYNE SMITH **PEGGY GUTHRIE**  HOWARD GREENE LAURA LEMASTER **ERICH WOMACK** 

WE SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF JO LIMES WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 9, 2013

CONGRATUALATIONS TO GARY & MARY CARROLL UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER KYLER QUINN THOMPSON, BORN ON MARCH 8, 2013 PROUD PARENTS ARE JUSTIN THOMPSON & LANNA CARROLL

# Thank You

Thanks so very much to our church family for your love and support shown to us this past Saturday. James, Kristen and her family were overwhelmed and humbled by the beautiful shower and your sweet generosity. We thank you and love you.

David & Laurie Dodd



# We have a new nursery employee!

We welcome Amanda Morales to our church staff! Amanda will begin working in our church nursery this Sunday, March 17. We are very impressed with this young lady and her experience in child care. We are excited to have her on board.

> Laurie Dodd Personnel Chairman

# **Youth Ministry News**



# Sunday, March 17th

Pastor's Class Rm 201 4-7pm

Children's Choir 4pm

Snack supper 5 to 5:30pm \$3 donation

CYF, JYF, PYF & Chi Rho 5:30-7pm

CYF & College Bible Study 6pm on Wednesday nights

Don't forget we need your Mission Trip Registration due March 24th with \$50 deposit

# Doves Covenant Group

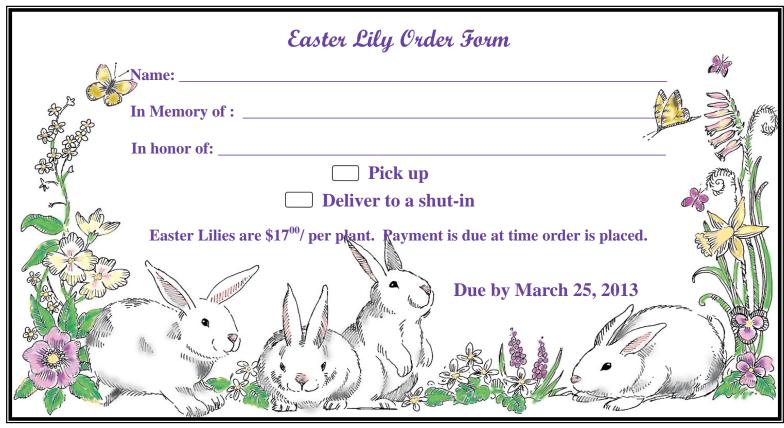
The Doves Covenant Group will be praying for the following during the week of March 20th:

Tammy Metzger Shirley Miller Nicole & Nicholas Moore Paula Moore Jim & Jeanette Murphy Paula Newman Gene Newman Bill Nichols Steve & Staci Norris Bruce, Kristen & Daisy Nowlin Wayne & Michelle Nurmi Family Ray & Laurie Ownes



# Pledged Offering Recap

|                    | 3/10/13   | YTD       |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Budgeted           | \$9,345   | \$93,448  |
| Received           | \$6,873   | \$87,781  |
| Overage/(Shortage) | (\$2,472) | (\$5,668) |



# Elder's Meeting March 25th 7pm at church

# CHANCEL CHOIR PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED Immediate Position Opening

A piano accompanist is needed for Wednesday night rehearsals (7-8 p.m.) and a Sunday morning traditional worship service (8:30-10 a.m.) for the weeks between Labor Day and the last Sunday of June. The accompanist may also be needed for occasional special services. Compensation is \$75 per rehearsal/service. Contact Choir Director, Stan McGill, of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 115 South Glenbrook Drive, Garland, Texas, at (214)405-2035 or stan.mcgill1@gmail.com.

# Lenten Services Palm Sunday, March 24th 9am & 11:15am Maundy Thursday March 28th 7pm Good Friday March 29th 12pm Easter Sunday Combined Worship March 31st 9am Breakfast 8-11am

## **Inquiry Class**

Sunday, March 24, Sunday School Hour

Dan will meet with members who have recently joined the congregation in room 213, to present materials that he recently wrote covering such topics as local church history, Disciples Church history, core beliefs, Denominational family heritage and Disciples church governance. If you're interested in

receiving this information, come to class or ask Dan for a copy of the materials.



The Dove Prayer Group is going to the conference and we have one extra ticket. We have great seats. The cost for Friday and Saturday is \$101. We will use DART for transport to the American Airlines Center. If you are interested please call Nancy Worden 972.475.8958. This is a spiritually uplifting event with outstanding speakers and music. The conference always sells out.

# THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Sunday, March 17, 2013 (Lent #5)

Sermon: "Grace Period"

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Synopsis: Why all the fuss about a gardener and his anemic fig tree? Because in the Kingdom of God, the fruitless, barren, paltry fig tree is representative of all those (even us), who have yet to become what God envisioned. We forget most of the time; and for some life has been nothing but a series of obstacles. But for most of us the story of our lives is having been given so much with which to work—loving parents, good education, proper training, countless opportunities to sit in God's House and to do nothing but soak up the Word of God. Perhaps God would be justified in recanting on his continued confidence in us. And yet, this week's passage teaches that despite our relatively incomplete lives, God is willing to give us more time, more grace.

Scripture Link: http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=224608462