



Happy Birthday
to those who have birthdays in March

- 29th Lori Shugart
- 29th Sonia Martinez
- 30th Doug Armstrong
- 30th Jeri Harrison
- 31st Nancy MacDonald
- 31st Don McKenzie

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

- KEITH BIFFLE
- LAURA LEMASTER
- DENNIS LEE
- CHARLES TERRY
- WAYNE SMITH
- PEGGY GUTHRIE
- TAMMY WOLFE
- KENNY KIRKER

Today

March 31st Easter

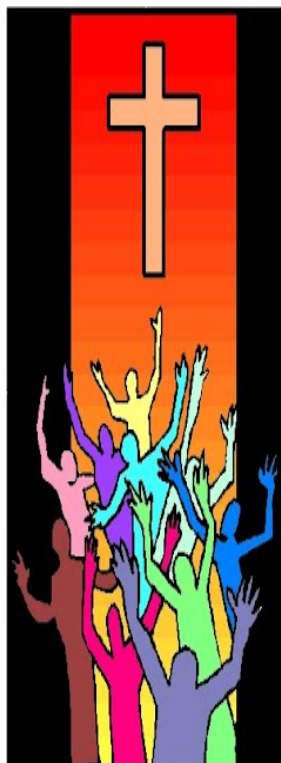
Breakfast 8-11am

Combined Worship 9am

Sunday School 10:15am

Christ Risen

Youth Ministry News



Sunday, March 31st

No Youth
Enjoy the Easter Holiday
CYF & College Bible Study
6pm on Wednesday nights
Early bird registration for
summer camps will be April
7th. Try to get your forms
in to save money on the cost
of the camps.

2013 VBS
June 16th-20th
Ages 4 - 5th grade

Doves Covenant Group

The Doves Covenant Group will be praying for the following during the week of April 3rd:

- Craig & Dolores Richardson
- Ralph & Jeanette Richardson
- Corky & Mary Roberts
- Ken & Sandy Rodrigues
- Mario Rodriguez
- Rick & Elaine Roeger, Rusty, Kent & Colin
- Richard & Marty Rogers
- Larry & Judy Ross
- Jason Rowell
- Jerry & Linda Rowell
- Kristin Rubio
- Susan Rushing



Pledged Offering Recap

	3/24/13	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,345	\$112,138
Received	\$8,097	\$104,497
Overage/(Shortage)	(\$1,248)	(\$7,641)

Bethnal Luda!



Come take a tropical vacation with the Youth of FCC Garland!
On April 7th at 5pm,
 join us as we travel to exciting Hawaii to investigate a **who-dun-it!**
 Dinner will be served as we consider who killed Chase Diamond

Tickets:
\$12 in advance
\$20 for two (in advance)
\$15 at the door

Proceeds go to Youth Mission Trip Nursery for kids under 5

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

As of now, we have not hired a new caregiver for the nursery. We ask that you continue to think of those in your circle that would be interested in a position on Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 12:30. We would prefer to hire two reliable helpers, but need one as soon as possible. We appreciate all of our members who are volunteering their Sundays to help us through this time. Please continue to pray for the person or persons who might be wonderful with our children. Thanks very much.

– Laurie Dodd, Personnel Chairman

CHANCEL CHOIR PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED Immediate Position Opening

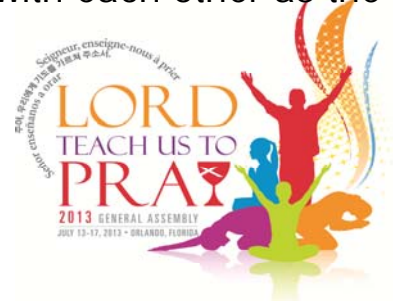
A piano accompanist is needed for Wednesday night rehearsals (7-8 p.m.) and a Sunday morning traditional worship service (8:30-10 a.m.) for the weeks between Labor Day and the last Sunday of June. The accompanist may also be needed for occasional special services. Compensation is \$75 per rehearsal/service. Contact Choir Director, Stan McGill, of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 115 South Glenbrook Drive, Garland, Texas, at (214)405-2035 or stan.mcjill1@gmail.com.

2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JULY 13-17, 2013 • ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The 2013 General Assembly theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," calls us to pray deeply for God's direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God. Oh, Lord, as we move together toward wholeness, teach us to pray.

Sherrin



**Church Office
 will be closed
 Monday,
 April 1st**



Thank you

I would like to thank the Church for the thoughtful and practical gifts of the New Oxford Annotated Bible and the Chalice Worship. I will use them daily with the knowledge that a supportive community stands behind these gifts and me as I seek to serve the people of Bethany Christian Church. I also wish to thank everyone who sent cards that were filled with such beautiful sentiments. No doubt I will have need to turn to those cards when difficult situations arise. Finally, I thank the Church for the many opportunities you have entrusted me with over the years. I feel incredibly blessed for having such a wonderful church family that will be with me wherever I go.

David Halleen

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Sunday, March 31, 2013 (Easter Sunday)

Sermon: "God Comes Back"

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Synopsis: The miracle of Easter, the Good News worth praising, is not that the crucified Jesus was raised from the dead. The Good News is that Jesus comes back to the very one who failed him. Jesus comes to Mary, and Peter, and doubting Thomas, and in these days, to us! In my life, I've often drawn from Martin Luther in saying that God is a hidden God—that more often than not God reveals God's self not only in the light of day, but in the dark places that seem to deny him. And true as that is, this Easter I want to declare the other part of the Good News: that in the risen Jesus, God comes to us today in ways that are unmistakable, and clear, and brilliant, and utterly jaw-dropping. This Easter, we don't simply remember Jesus' resurrection. We also give praise that as to Mary in the Garden Jesus continues to come to us. Today, we declare with certainty that God is abundantly revelatory, that the traces of his resurrection presence are everywhere to be found.

Scripture Link: <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=224608554>