



Happy Birthday

to those who have birthdays in March

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| 11th Carol White | 11th Harley Archibald |
| 12th Jeanne Dunn | 14th Eve Sutton |
| 14th Paula Newman | 15th Isabella Fuentes |

Inquiry Class Sunday, March 24, Sunday School Hour

Dan will meet with members who have recently joined the congregation in the Gap class room, to present materials that he recently wrote covering such topics as local church history, Disciples Church history, 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.

Pastor's Class

Every year the ministers of the church offer a special class for kids in grades 4 through 8. The class is designed to help youth understand what it means to accept Christ as Lord and become a member of the church through Christian baptism. This year the class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 17th from 4-7pm**. Each youth will receive a very nice notebook of information. If your child is in grades 4-8 and has not been baptized please encourage them to attend. Those who are high school age or older may contact one of the ministers about his or her desire to be baptized on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Please call the church office (972-272-5423) if your child plans to attend.



Please Join Us For a
Wedding Shower Honoring

Kristen Marlatt
&
James Dodd

Saturday, March 9, 2013
at Two O'Clock in the afternoon
First Christian Church Cole Parlor
115 S. Glenbrook Dr., Garland, Texas 75043
Hosted by Debra Goheen
Regrets only—972-523-0056

The couple is registered at
Macy's, Crate & Barrell, and Bed Bath & Beyond

Youth Ministry News



Sunday, March 10th

No Youth

CYF & College Bible Study
6pm on Wednesday nights

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

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

BEA AXE
LEE MACDONALD
JO LIMES
LAURA LEMASTER
PEGGY GUTHRIE

KEITH BIFFLE
MAY FOREMAN
WAYNE SMITH
DENNIS LEE

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES & JOANNE TERRY
UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR TWIN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN
GRAHAM DAVID BOYD & ELEANOR ELIZABETH BOYD
BORN MARCH 5, 2013, PROUD PARENTS ARE RUSS & SARAH

The church security system will be activated on Monday and Wednesday evenings. In order to have access to the building you will need to use the security code. Please call the church office if you need the code.



Pledged Offering Recap

	3/3/13	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,345	\$84,104
Received	\$13,557	\$80,908
Overage/(Shortage)	\$4,212	(\$3,196)

Easter Lily Order Form

Name: _____

In Memory of : _____

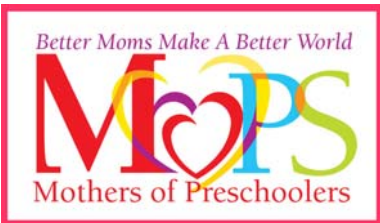
In honor of: _____

Pick up

Deliver to a shut-in

Easter Lilies are \$17⁰⁰/ per plant. Payment is due at time order is placed.

Due by March 25, 2013



Will Meet
March 10th
5pm to 7pm

Lot's Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"

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*

Spring Bible Study

Sunday, 10th at 6pm

Prayers of the Psalmist

March 10—Psalms of New Orientation

These are the Psalms that give voice to new understanding, a regaining of lost hope, or a strengthening of hope following an occasion of loss. We are changed through seasons of loss. Yet in Psalms of New Orientation, we begin to incorporate life's losses into a new found sense of life and hope.



Women of Faith Conference

American Airlines Center, Dallas

Friday, September 20, 7-10pm and Saturday, September 21,
9am-5pm

The Dove Prayer Group is going to the conference and we have one extra ticket. We have great seats since we ordered early. 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 10, 2013 (Lent #4)

Sermon: "The Problem With Running"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Synopsis: Traditionally, the Church has called this fourth Sunday in Lent Refreshment Sunday—a pause in the long arduous journey through the season of Lent. Here, the Church recognizes the need to provide some sustenance through the tiring disciplines of spiritual penitence. Here, the Church recognizes that even the best of us need some time to be replenished before we make the last leg of the journey to Jerusalem. Yet I wonder if sometimes we misuse this gracious freedom—use it not to more effectively invest ourselves but to escape, run away from, the challenges, the demands, that hinder us. As I read the story of Prodigal this Lenten season, I see a young man who sets out on a journey before he quite knows where he's going, or more precisely, before he knows why he's going. Luke says he squanders his inheritance in the course of his ill-fated travels. This week, I want to say that its OK to go home no matter the horrible messes we've created. That's the grace in this gospel reading. But I also want to lift up the gospel challenge and suggest that sometimes in our restlessness, in the face of those things which vex us, we may need to stay put and not run, dig in, and not try to escape. It is to say, I suppose, that sometimes the necessary spiritual discipline is to name those things from which we're running and to stop in God's presence.

Scripture Link: <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=224608432>