



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

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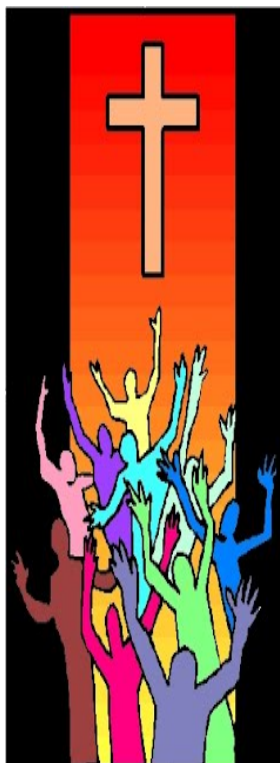


Join us Sunday evenings at 5pm for a casual and Spirit-filled worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will join together for 30 minutes of song, prayer, communion, and a scriptural meditation.

*Services start in September!*

I'm pleased to announce a new vision for Sunday evening worship to begin this coming fall, September 8<sup>th</sup>! While this new venture marks the ending of our current Contemporary Worship Service—an important part of our church's worship ministry the last 8 years—it also signals the beginning of a new form of worship and a confident testament to the power and relevance of Christ's ageless Gospel to every generation. Please join with me in giving thanks for all the dedicated souls who provided leadership in the past for the Contemporary service. Then, prepare for a new adventure in Christian worship! Called "The Gathering," the service is designed to offer a casual, Spirit-filled, refreshing way to begin a new week. The Gathering recalls the words of the Church's hymn: "We gather together to ask for God's blessing, to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own . . . ." (CH 276). Dan

## Youth Ministry News



### Sunday, May 5th

- 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

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



## GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 4th  
beginning at 7am!



# THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Sermon: "Way to Wellness"

Scripture: John 5:1-18

**Synopsis:** Over the past several years, I've engaged a wide spectrum of contemporary theologians in the study of hope and spiritual wellness. These theologians lock horns about which is more important: personal agency, or trust in God. In our walks of faith, according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it's probably best to think of the Christian faith as an on-going life-long collaboration with the living Christ: doing what we can to help ourselves but then realizing that in the final analysis, there are some things that only Jesus can do for us. The problem, of course, with all theological debates, is that we Christians tend to emphasize one side of the argument to the exclusion of the other. This Sunday's scripture lesson is a classic example. In pastoral care circles, among many clergy, the primary point of this week's passage is that pivotal moment when Jesus asks the man, "Do you want to be well." Here, we presume, is the answer to our health: are we finally willing to stand up and take responsibility for our personal health? And yet, as you read on past verse 9, what angered the Jewish leaders, what is truly alarming and noteworthy about this passage—what John's Gospel goes to great pains to say repeatedly—is not what the man in the story does. It's what Jesus chooses to do for him. And here, perhaps is a necessary, critical, corrective in our understanding of life and faith. It's not only about our ability. It's more, and primarily, about Jesus' power to heal.

# Senior Recognition

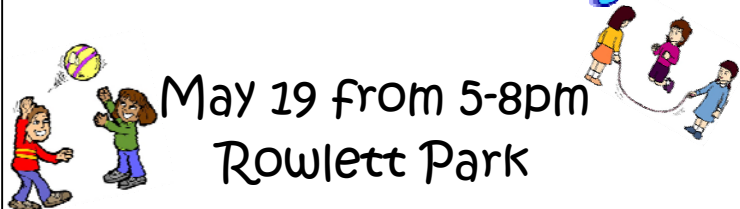
There are journals in the Fellowship Hall for members of the congregation to write notes and well wishes to our seniors. Senior Recognition is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5th**. During worship we will take time to honor our seniors. A luncheon will follow for the seniors and their families.



**Funeral and Cemetery Planning Seminar**  
**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

**Lunch will be served so if you plan to attend please **RSVP** to the church office**

# All Youth End of the Year Party



May 19 from 5-8pm  
Rowlett Park

There will be a cook-out and some awesome games. We are asking that JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF meet at the church at 4:30 pm so we can ride together to the park; we will return to the church at 8:30 pm. PYF, please meet us at the park at 5 pm. Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring a towel!

# Doves Covenant Group

The Doves Covenant Group will be praying for the following during the week of May 8th:

Carol White	Tom & Jane White
Orrin & Randi Wieseemann Family	Alex Williams
Duane & Vickie Wilde	Jo Williams
Carol Williams	David Williams, Logan & Levi
Gary & Becky Williams	Marian & Juanita Williams
Kyle & Christi Williams	



# North Texas Area Annual Area Assembly

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Renee Hoke**  
Trinity-Brazos Area Leadership Transition Project Minister

**Sunday, May 5th 3-5pm**  
(Child Care by reservation—call 972.272.2900)  
**East Dallas Christian Church,**  
629 N. Peak St., Dallas, TX 75246



# May Birthdays

1st Darween McPeak  
3rd Melody Biffle  
5th Dwight Brand  
8th Juanita Brock  
11th Sondra Martin  
11th James Hamilton  
12th James Axe  
13th Nicholas Moore  
14th Lisa Dyson  
15th Sandra LeFlore  
15th Eric Hill



Happy Birthday!

# 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.

Sharon

