

Reflections

First Christian Church of Baytown

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Dees' Doodle

"Let your mind start a journey thru a strange new world. Leave all thoughts of the world you knew before. Let your soul take you where you long to be...Close your eyes let your spirit start to soar, and you'll live as you've never lived before."

Eric Fromm, 1900 – 1980

My dear friends,

By the time that you read this we will likely have said goodbye to one another. Our paths will have parted as you begin a new journey as God's people. Many of you have asked me what I think about the future of First Christian of Baytown. I can answer that question without hesitation.

I believe your future as a part of Christ's church is on the rise. In the last few years, we have learned that we can hear God's voice speaking to us. We have learned that God's word is not a secret to be discovered or decoded. Rather, together we have learned that by practicing a disciplined spiritual life, being still and listening for the Good Shepherd's voice, and letting go of all the "noise" that masks God's presence; we can experience God's presence and know God's purpose for our life together. There are many in this congregation who are now listening intently. That voice will not lead you astray. It will lead you into greater paths

of service and deeper experiences of God's presence.

Please know that you will always be in my prayers. Even though our relationship will change in the coming years, my love for you will not diminish. You have been my companions, my friends, and my church family. You have walked with me during very difficult days. You have stood by me. Your love and support have become part of my life story and I thank God that you were there.

In closing, I commend the words attributed to Eric Fromm and were made popular in the musical "Phantom of the Opera." All of us are entering a strange new world called tomorrow. May we let go of yesterday and embrace that new day allowing our souls to be led by the voice of the Good Shepherd. "Close your eyes let your spirit start to soar, and you'll live as you've never lived before."

*Shalom, my friends, Shalom,
Bob*



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Newsletter Deadlines
First of the Month – 1st
Mid-Month Issue – 15th

Church Staff

Bob Dees
Pastor

Kirsten Jackson
Administrative Assistant

Jim Gilbert
Director of Music

Bonnie Gilbert
Organist

Nini Riggs
Nursery Attendant

Bill Fontenot
Bookkeeper

Arturo & Claudia Chanax
Associate Ministers

Michelle Hutchison
Pastoral Assistant

2010/2011 Elders

Cindy Brill
Gaye Giles
Lee Hales
Rick Harris
Margie Rowe
Kevin Turner



Summer Camp Dates



CYF CAMP	June 13—19, 2010	9th thru 12th graders
Early-Bird Fee \$280.00 by May 13th	After May 13th the fee will be \$320.00	
<u>ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 28TH</u>		
Eighter's Camp	June 27—July 3, 2010	8th graders
Early-Bird Fee \$280.00 by May 27th	After May 27th the fee will be \$320.00	
<u>ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 11TH</u>		
Beginners Camp	July 6—9, 2010	2nd thru 3rd graders
Early-Bird Fee \$280.00 by June 11th	After June 11th the fee will be \$320.00	
<u>ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 25TH</u>		
Chi Rho Camp	July 11—17, 2010	6th thru 7th graders
Early-Bird Fee \$250.00 by June 18th	After June 18th the fee will be \$290.00	
<u>ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 2ND</u>		
Junior Camp	July 19—24, 2010	4th thru 5th graders
Early-Bird Fee \$165.00 by June 6th	After June 6th the fee will be \$205.00	
<u>ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 18TH</u>		

Camp forms are located outside the church secretary's office. Please pick one up and fill out completely and return as soon as possible with 1/2 of the fee. The church pays for the other half. Kirsten will be able to notarize your form. The camps fill up fast so do not wait until the last minute or you will miss out.

Volunteers Needed

The Education Committee is asking for volunteers to rotate in bringing a simple breakfast for the children during the Sunday school hour. On the average, we have about 10-13 children attending Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact Claudia Chanax.

Items Needed For VBS

Please start saving your store bought medal pie pans. VBS will need these for a craft project. We need about 50 or more pans. You may bring them to the church office. Thank you in advance for all of your help as we prepare for Vacation Bible School.

Pictorial Directories



The Membership Committee is putting together a Pictorial Directory. It has been over 5 years since our last pictorial directory and a lot has changed since then. We have chosen Olan Mills to help us again with the directory. What we will need from you is to contact the church office during the week to schedule your family portrait or see Willena Cherry on Sunday mornings. You have 2 dates to chose from: Monday, May 3rd or Tuesday, May 4th. The time is from 2:00 p.m. thru 9:20 p.m. Each time slot is 15 to 20 minutes. Each family will receive from Olan Mills a FREE 8x10 Portrait if you should participate plus you will receive 1 FREE directory when they are complete. After your photo shoot, you will preview your portraits on an imaging system. Choose the portrait you want for free and then you have the option to purchase extra copies for your family and friends. If there are several families who would like to take a generational photo together in addition to your immediate family may do so. All they request is that all the families schedule their portraits around the same time slot. If you are not able to get your picture taken by Olan Mills, please contact the church office so that we can arrange for your picture to be taken by a digital camera so we can still put you in the church directory.

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Family of Dick Haley
 Rev. Roemer Hudler—Fell & Broke his Hip—Had Hip Replacement Surgery
 Rick Harris—Recovering from Foot Surgery
 Bob Redick—Virginia’s Lakeview Home in Willis—Hospice Care
 Antonio Quintanilla—Claudia Chanax’s Dad
 Rich Sobray—Todd Sobray’s Dad—Treatments
 Louise Hahn—Judy Gills’ Mother—Health Problems
 Jimmy Cherry—Recovering from Back Surgery
 Ruth Richards—CB Rehab on Baker Rd—Rm #203
 Bette Edwards
 Jerry Young—Friend of Claire Sinclair—Needs Prayers
 Margie Stevens’ - Cindy Brills’ Mom—Broken Leg
 Edra Schutze—Home Recovering
 Frances Giles—Butch Giles’ Sister—Cancer Treatments
 Luke, Jacob & Sharen Hales
 Marjorie Smith
 John Rowe
 Martha Jane Bradley—Brenda Smith’s Mother—Stroke
 Warren Tassin—Margie Rowe’s Friend—Cancer
 Christine Butler
 Jimna Craig
 Rick Blackmon – Jo Dickerson’s niece’s husband
 Wade Adair—J’Nette Toups’ Brother—Hospice Care
 Michael Peterson - Kirsten’s Dad
 Doris Maloch—Gaye Giles’ Mom
 Sue Haley
 Eleanor Hasty- Gloria Bridges Sister
 Jackie Hooper Fuller

Earthquake Victims
 Our Country and its leaders, Our Military and their families

Homebound

Frances Clanton – St. James House
 Hildred Gerber – Regency Village Nursing Home- Webster
 Carlene Hobbs- Remington # 226
 Marjorie Smith—Mount Batten House #7—Highlands

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Andrew Chapman, Audrey Bryant, Christine Butler, Gil Fuentes, Lola Putnam, Nini Riggs, Rich Sobray, Vickie Ponder, Jo Dickerson, Marjorie Smith, Frances Giles, Sue Haley, John Burdyski



Please Pray for:

Figuratively Speaking

Date	April 11, 2010
Sunday Morning Worship	54
Sunday Morning Visitors	6
Offering	\$2,058.00
March Total Monthly Income	\$8,052.50
March Total Monthly Expenses	\$11,644.74

Date: May 2, 2010

Speaker	TBA
Lay Reader	Larry Brill
Communion Elder	Lee Hales
Offertory Elder	David Chandler
Deacon Chair	Todd Sobray
Children’s Moment	Gary Brown
Comm. Prep.	Chuck Hutchison
Greeters	Rick & Jackie Harris

Book of Acts	Acts 11:1-18
New Testament	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 13:31-35

Date	April 18, 2010
Sunday Morning Worship	60
Sunday Morning Visitors	9
Offering	\$2,560.00
Balance in General Fund	
As of March 31, 2010	(\$183.87)

Date: May 9, 2010

Speaker	TBA
Lay Reader	Michelle Hutchison
Communion Elder	Gaye Giles
Offertory Elder	Cindy Brill
Deacon Chair	Jackie Harrie
Children’s Moment	Claudia Chanax
Comm. Prep.	Larry & Cindy Brill
Greeters	Doug Huddle

Book of Acts	Acts 16:9-15
New Testament	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
Gospel	John 14:23-29

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Meetings & Announcements

MEETINGS

Chalice Companions meet Tues., **May 4th, 11th & 18th** at 7:00 p.m. and Wed., **May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th** at 10:00 a.m.

Exec. Committee meets Wed., **May 5th** at 6:30 p.m.

Board meets Wed., **May 5th** at 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet meets Wed., **May 12th** at 6:30 p.m.

Elders meets Wed., **May 26th** at 6:30 p.m.

CMW meets Tues., **May 11th** at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Committee meets Sun., **May 30th** at 6:30 p.m.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

Bob Dees email address will change to the following: bob@deespix.com. Please make this change in your church directory.

