

## FCC Family News

### Elders

Willard Birdwell  
Charles Bright  
David Campbell  
Larry Clute  
Larry Cohorn  
Bill Earley  
Jim Farrell  
Thad Floyd  
Steve Green  
Robert Kuban  
Morris Muckleroy  
Chris Oglesbee  
Phil Pegg  
Joe Still  
Rick Still  
John Windham  
Brad Woodard

## Our Meeting with 21st Century Is Almost Here!

If you are a member of the Board, an elder, a deacon, or a deaconess and you have not already called the church office to reserve a spot at the table for our meeting next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Strategies please call Treva today!

On February 19<sup>th</sup> following the late service we'll gather in the Family Life Center for a meal. Betty Shinn is in charge of the meal so you know it will be good. Following the meal we will move to the Youth Building to hear the first presentation by Bill.

If you are not a member of the Board, an elder, a deacon or a deaconess and would like to join us for this meal and presentation you are more than welcome to do so. Please call the church office and ask Treva to put your name on the list so that we can prepare enough food for you.

We ask that the entire church lift up the leadership as we move forward into the future God has prepared for us.



### Staff

**Senior Minister**  
Terry Hodge

**Associate Minister of Youth & Young Family**  
Mark Bridges

**Associate Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care**  
Michael Dean

**Director of Children's Ministry**  
Linda Green

**Office Administrator**  
Treva Gray

**Staff Intern**  
Traci Taylor



## Mission Trip Deadline is Feb 22nd

If you want to go with us on our Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic this summer you need to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 on or before February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Make your check out to First Christian Church and drop it in the offering plate or stop by and give it to Treva!

The dates of the trip are June 11-18, 2012. We will fly out of Houston Intercontinental on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> and return to that same airport on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated cost of the trip will be \$1500 which will include your airfare, food and lodging while we are in the Dominican Republic. It will be necessary for you to secure a valid United States passport in order to make this trip.

Due to the limitations of housing there will only be 20 places available for this trip. If you would like more information about this trip please contact Phil Pegg or Terry Hodge. You may also go to the website for the Eastern Dominican Christian Mission.





Rev. Terry Hodge

## What do you think about it?

Thomas Troeger, a Presbyterian pastor and gifted preacher, tells a story of an experience he had once. He wrote: "One day several years ago I was in a department store buying myself a new shirt when a complete stranger walked up to me and said, 'You must be Henry Troeger's son.' "I looked at this person and I said, 'I don't believe I have ever seen you.' "He said, 'Oh, no, you have never met me at all, but a long time ago I worked with your father. I was a close colleague of his and when I saw you across the aisle of the store, I said to myself, 'I'd know that face anywhere.' You are the very image of your father.'

"For several weeks after that, I would sometimes be going down the street, and maybe come around a corner, and catch my reflection in a store window. I started to see myself with the eyes of someone else. It is not like looking into the mirror in the morning. I would come around the corner, catch that reflection and I would think, 'That's Henry Troeger.' All of a sudden I would be seeing how I bore the image of my father."

The story caused me to remember the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 8:29. There he writes these words:

***"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."***

According to Genesis 1:27, we were created in God's image. Whatever else those words means they surely mean we were created to reflect the character of God. We were meant to be as compassionate, forgiving, accepting and gracious to those around us as He has been to us. Somewhere along the way the image of God in me got damaged and distorted. Instead of being compassionate, forgiving and gracious I have become selfish, unforgiving and careless. But according to Paul when I came to faith in Christ, the power of sin was broken in me and one day, one glorious marvelous amazing day, God by His power will restore the image of God in me. One day, THAT DAY the man I have become will be swallowed up in the man God created me to be and I will be "conformed to the likeness of His Son.

For now, I struggle against sin living in me. ***"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."*** But one day, THAT DAY God will deliver me fully and completely from the power of sin. I will be rescued from this body of death. Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ who gave gives and will give us the victory!

*Terry*



Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of Nora Ann Petty:**

Frank & Tricia Still

**In Memory of Evelyn Loven:**

Frank & Tricia Still

**In Memory of Pat Blackshker:**

Frank & Tricia Still

**In Memory of Stan Wisener:**

Frank & Tricia Still

**In Memory of Jim Dault:**

Frank & Tricia Still

**In Memory of Alice Ann Muckleroy:**

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Muckleroy



**WEEK OF COMPASSION**

**February 19th-26th**

The Outreach Committee will collect a special offering to share with people who have great needs.



**Christian Men's Fellowship  
Chili & Bratwurst Dinner  
Sunday, February 26th, 2012  
TIME: 6 to 8 pm (?)**

Please join with other men to enjoy a great night of food, fellowship and games in the family life center (gym) at First Christian Church.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 21st**

church office at 564-7389 or

Chris Oglesbee at james.oglesbee@bxs.com or at 559-3872.



**Upcoming Meetings**

**Deacon's Meeting**

**February, 27th at 6:00 PM**

(in Sanctuary)

**Deaconess's Meeting**

**February, 27th at 5:30 PM**

(in Choir Room)



**Sunday Vistors**

Stephen Dorville; Paula Griffin;  
Alex Garcia; Joe Wood & Bryce  
Hendry; Damurin & Chuck Powers

**Requests for Prayer**

**Hospital:** Rita Veroneau

**Home:** Dax Leyva & family; Janelle Badders; Lauri Phillips; Margie Pina; Rosemary White; Kimberley Greer; Maggie McCombs; Shelley Bearden; Sarah Nobles; Veda Jones & family; Ted Maness; the Pruitt family; Kenneth Dillard; Felecia Jenkins; the Powers family; the Hamilton family; the Mosley family; Charles Bright; Brent Walker family; Heather Brittain; Jerry Collins; Mary Summers; Greg Barger & family; Sheila; Gil Daniels; Schelly Corry; Price Coe; Cline McMurry; Mark Bridges; Andrew Hirsch; Becky Alexander McKernan; Betty Shinn; Douglas Clute; Stotts family; Guinn family; Mandrell family; Bob Hahn family; Carolyn Thomas; Pamela Runnels; Lois Forney; Earl Hightower; family of Evelyn Loven; Joe Williams; family of Pat Blacksher; Tyson Powers; Wilmer Mosley; Ms. Hale; Megan Davis; Robert Hancock; Christi Cook; Karen; Anna Mae Patterson; Cathy Slaydon; Annie Whitaker; Skinner family; Melissa Washington; Alexandra Norman; Ryan Davis & family; Doug Swearingen; Deborah Spellious; Gail Wright; Grant & Patty McKnight; Kasey Van Norman; Kelly Floyd; Neita Nattin; Eva Andrews; Norma Huth; Autumn Untiedt; Judy Gast; Charles Haley; Joshua & Chana Garrett; Oneta Poole; James Thomas Garrett; Jerry Harvey; Helen Hand; Gus Schultz; Don Brice; Joe Tom Harris; Lois Alexander; B.F. Ashcroft

**Soldiers:** All soldiers fighting in Afghanistan & Iraq; Austin Blackwell; Maj. Jason Day; Col. David Thomas; Jake Mansfield; Lt. Alanna Youngblood; Zach Hooper; Airman Blake Tatum; PFC. Doug Rhodes; Maj. Jeremy Gottshall; Jimmy Crocker; Cpl. Jimmy Marble; LCPL Joshua Dean; Cpl. Josh Cherry; Ross Lingren; Chad Wells; Michael Pennington; Jack Shumate; Charles Drinkard; Command Sgt. Major Michael Mosier

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**February 19th**

**SonShine Sunday School**

Scott & Chay Runnels  
Ruby Woodard

**SonShine Sermon**

Don McMurry

**SonShine Drivers**

Ruby Woodard

**Nursery Volunteers**

Kim Bower  
Kendall Windham  
Linda Mixon

**Children's Church Leaders & Helpers**

**Early Service**

Katy Crawford

**Late Service**

Alyson Scott

**Upcoming Events**

| Sun Feb 19  | Mon Feb 20  | Tues Feb 21                        | Wed Feb 22   | Thurs Feb 23  |
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| <b>9:00 am</b><br>Traditional Service<br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Sunday School<br><br><b>11:00 am</b><br>Contemporary Service<br><br><b>12:00 am</b><br>21st Century Strategies Meeting<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Youth Life Groups | <b>5:30 pm</b><br>Elders' Meeting<br><br><b>5:45 pm</b><br>Hannah DWM<br><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br>God's V.O.I.C.E. | <b>6:00 pm</b><br>Stephen Ministry | <b>8:15 am</b><br>Prayer Group<br><br><b>11:30 am</b><br>Ladies SG Study of James<br><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br>Prayer in the Sanctuary<br><br><b>5:00 pm</b><br>Outreach—backpacks<br><br><b>5:30 pm</b><br>Men's Bible Study<br><br><b>5:30 pm</b><br>AWANA<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Choir Practice<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>CYF<br><br><b>7:30 pm</b><br>Green's Small Group Bible Study | <b>6:00 pm</b><br>Praise Team<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Youth Life Group Leaders' Training |
|   |   |                                    |  | Fri Feb 24  |
|   |   |                                    |  | <b>2:00 pm</b><br>Friday Ladies SG Meeting<br><br><b>3:00 pm</b><br>Chi Rho               |

Combined Service 250  
Sunday School 147

**Feb. 12, 2012**

**Facts & Figures**

**Stewardship:**

Building Funds \$ 0.00  
Designated Funds \$ 50.00

General Fund received week of 2/6-2/12/12 \$ 6,430.81  
General Fund budgeted week of 2/6-2/12/12 \$ 13,453.88  
General Fund received to date this month \$ 18,272.59  
General Fund budgeted this month \$ 55,737.50  
General Fund received to date this budget year \$ 389,402.81  
General Fund budgeted to date this budget year \$ 413,226.29



Our family would like to thank the church for all the thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time. A special thank you for the Bereavement Ministry who provided such a wonderful meal after the service, and especially Brenda Hurley for delivery. We are so proud to call the members of First Christian our church family.

Sincerely,  
Brandon, Erin & the family of Pat Blacksher



Linda Green  
Children's Director

## Children's Ministry News

### Parents:

## Mark your calendars for the *Legacy Milestones Seminars*

March 11—Faith Talks

March 18—God Sightings

March 25—Teaching Your Child to Pray

Immediately following the late service until 1:30.

Lunch and child-care will be provided.

*You should be receiving a letter soon.*

### AWANA Awards

Isaac—Wing Runner Green Jewel 3

Joe Evan—Wing Runner Red Jewel 3

Philip—Hang Glider Green Jewel 4



Janaiya—Ultimate Adventure

Book 1 Discovery 3

Rachel—Ultimate Adventure

Start Zone

Shakeria—Ultimate Adventure

Book 1 Discovery 3





Mark Bridges  
Youth Minister

## The 411 Mark Bridges, youth Minister

### How's your day going with God...it's kind of important!

Sometimes in a good day, the presence of God hangs thick like a fog in my mind. That happened to me this past Friday morning. I tried to define it and why determine why He was present in my mind, but no particular reason showed up, I just thanked and praised Him for His presence. That evening around 10pm; I received a text from a brother that was having a crippling crisis of faith. I began to pour into him all the love and grace God's presence had given me that morning. Upon thinking back, God knew that that was going to happen and He was preparing my heart to comfort and reassure a struggling brother. If I had ignored God and just went about the day, I wouldn't have been there ready to help, and I would have messed up and caused a brother to stumble in the faith.

If we really think about it God wants to prepare us to handle every day in such a manner. He will give us all the tools and wisdom to not just manage the day, but to use the day to proclaim the love of Christ in our every action and word.

Let me ask you again. How's your day going with God?...Its really important to think about it. You never know somebody's faith or future faith may be hanging upon it.

God bless,

Mark