

*The Dome*



# *First Christian Church*

## *Fort Worth, Texas*

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**Sunday, March 7, 2010**  
**Anderson Hall**  
**After Worship**

**Hostess – CWF Group V**

**All Women of the Congregation**  
**Are Cordially Invited**

**Today's CWF is not your old "CWF." Come hear about the new "Women's Vision" taking place in CWF/ Disciples Women's Ministries.**

**Women's Vision is reaching out to all -- college students, career women, stay-at-home moms, grandmothers, care-givers, retired, etc. No matter what age, there is a creative way for you to grow spiritually, work and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.**

**Please come and hear about this new venture in Disciples Women Ministries.**

**Spring Service Project**  
**Safe Haven of Tarrant County**

In addition to our luncheon meeting, we will have a collection for Safe Haven, which is a rescue shelter for battered women and children with a mission "to end family violence through safety, prevention and social change." It offers many services: Emergency Shelters, 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, Victims Assistance, Transitional Living, Bilingual & Educational Services, and Counseling & Legal Services. [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org). For our service project, we will have a shower where cash gifts will be taken together with donations of daily needed items, such as women and children's clothing, linens, over-the-counter medications, and feminine hygiene products. These should be **new** items, but Safe Haven also operates a used clothing store, *Berry Good Buys*. Women and children often leave with only the clothes on their backs and here they are able to get more. *Berry Good Buys* is also open to the public with the sales benefiting the shelter. We will also accept any like new clothing to be donated.



This is just a reminder that A Little Noon Music is this Friday, March 5, at noon in the sanctuary. Tenor Sergio Cepeda is our artist, accompanied by pianist Eduardo Rojas. A delicious lunch of Lenten Seafood Gumbo in the fellowship hall will follow the program. All of this is offered in one hour so you can come during lunch break. If you are not already downtown, free parking is available for 90 minutes at The Tower Garage, catty-cornered from the church and just west of The Tower. Bring your ticket to be stamped. We hope to see you at this enjoyable noon event.

**FW 1st provides a nursery downstairs near the Taylor Street entrance for infants through pre-school-age children.**

**Deadline for newsletter articles is *Monday* by noon.**  
**Please submit articles by e-mail, if possible, or in writing.**

**CALENDAR  
 REGULAR EVENTS**

*Sunday* **Sunday School**  
**Worship**  
**Youth Groups**  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
*Monday* **Bell Choir**  
*Wed* **Evening Prayer**  
**Chancel Choir**

*Mar 3* **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL!**  
*Mar 5* **Noon Music**  
*Mar 6* **Men's Breakfast**  
**Baby Shower**  
*Mar 7* **DWF General Meeting**  
*Mar 14* **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!**  
**Outreach Team**  
**Prime Timer Lunch**  
*Mar 15-*  
*Mar 19* **Spring Break**  
*Mar 21* **Board Meeting**  
*Mar 28* **Choir Cantata**  
**Birthday Lunch**

**WELCOME NEW  
 VISITOR**  
**Mackenzie Sconce**

**February 28, 2010**  
**Sunday School 57**  
**Worship 130**  
**Offering 4287**  
**The love of God extended through our members: Priceless.**

**Tom's Turn – Lent's Bold Prayers**

The monstrously powerful earthquake in Chile last Saturday raised a huge question for observers. An 8.8 quake on the Richter scale, the Chilean temblor was far, far stronger than the 7 point quake that hit Haiti last month. Yet the damage in Chile, though quite severe, was nowhere near what it was in Haiti. Our question, then, is "Why?" The answer, of course, is that Chile is better prepared for earthquakes. Their economy is stronger, and their construction practices and emergency response capabilities are far better. These pre-existing conditions made for less damage, less danger from the damage that did happen, and far greater capacity to respond and recover. Now, Chile is in great peril. No one belittles what will be needed to help there. But the fact remains that Chileans were better prepared because they face earthquakes all the time and plan their society accordingly.

That makes me wonder, here in the midst of Lent's questioning, whether we are well prepared for the task God has placed before us. Do we have in place the pre-existing conditions that will allow us to continue to be faithful? Of course we're well prepared, I want to say. And when I look at us I think we are. God has positioned us in the heart of a wonderful city of ever-increasing diversity. That ever-increasing diversity is of lifestyle, ethnicity, culture, politics and theology. Over the last decades, with every encounter with a new person, people of color, gay people, people less able or more able than our average, people from greatly differing backgrounds and from very different faith experiences—with every encounter with new people we have grown stronger, more experienced and better equipped to meet our future faithful to God's calling to bloom and serve here where we're planted. Just as the tectonic plates beneath us continue to shift, grand old Fort Worth is also shifting and changing all the time. I think God has prepared us for it. But sometimes I wonder.

I once had a church friend who, when I would share such a question as this, would say, "Well, are you prayed up on the matter?" So I wonder out loud here to all of us, "Are we 'prayed up' on this matter?" And to set a new standard for our praying, at least on this particular matter, let me refer you to a passage on prayer from Nikos Kazantzakis.

*My prayer is not the whimpering of a beggar nor a confession of love. Nor is it the trivial reckoning of a small tradesman: Give me and I shall give you.*

*My prayer is the report of a soldier to his general: This is what I did today, this is how I fought to save the entire battle in my own sector, these are the obstacles I found, this is how I plan to fight tomorrow.*

*My God and I are horsemen galloping in the burning sun or under drizzling rain. Pale, starving, but unsubdued, we ride and converse.*

*"Leader!" I cry. He turns his face towards me, and I shudder to confront his anguish.*

*Our love for each other is rough and ready, we sit at the same table, we drink the same wine in this low tavern of life.*

May the prayers of each of us during this Lenten season be so bold and so practical as we sit with God "in this low tavern of life." By reporting for duty—instead of merely whimpering or gushing or bartering—by reporting for duty in our prayers, may we be moved from where we are to where we need to be in order to meet the changing face of our city. May we learn, through our bold Lenten prayers of 2010, the faithful way forward for FW1<sup>st</sup>.

And while we're thinking about the effect of today's preparations on the future, I heard a couple of very interesting comments Sunday. At least two different people made the same comment to me as they waited in line to greet new members Ann and Brian. At least two people said something like, "I like to think I

**Tom's Turn** [cont.] two different people felt that they had been prepared to provide both the immediate welcome and long-term hospitality that made a difference in the lives of new people and in the life of the whole church. And how many of you can say the same for the folks that will join next?!?

I'll see you and your guest next Sunday. Remember to carpool when you can, and remember to wash your hands often. Join us for Evening Prayer from 6:15 to 6:45 each Wednesday. Parking is free after 6 that night. To prepare for Sunday worship please read 1 Cor. 10.1-13.

Peace,  
Tom

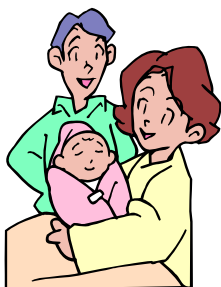
### More Joy

- Welcome new members Brian Graham and Ann Martini. Brian is an IT guy working out of Colleyville, and Ann is a supervisor of construction projects for the General Services Administration in FtW. Brian transfers here from 1<sup>st</sup> Christian in New Martinsville, WV, and Ann comes to us from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic here in Fort Worth. They live at 5712 Barrier Reef Dr., Ft W, 76179.
- It was great to see Getrude Myaen back in church though her sons were ill this weekend.
- Have you met Rebecca? Rebecca Weah and her family have worshipped with us for a few weeks now. They're recent arrivals from Liberia. She and husband Peter need work. The children (boys 2, 4 and 7 and a girl 12) need clothing. Call Tom P. or Susan Smith if you can help.

### PLEASE NOTE!



The Trinity-Brazos has suspended its [www.trinitybrazosarea.org](http://www.trinitybrazosarea.org) as of February 15. They have a new website that links directly to the regional website. It is [www.ccsww.org/tba](http://www.ccsww.org/tba).



### BABY DEDICATION

There will be a service of dedication of children and parents during the worship service this Sunday, March 7. Please call Tom or the church office IMMEDIATELY if you wish to have your family participate in this service.

## THE CON-DUKE-TOR

Dear Boys, Girls and Parents,  
We have decided to change our choir schedule to better prepare our boys and girls to sing in our worship services.

Beginning March 7, 2010 – the following schedule will be observed each Sunday morning. I trust that this new schedule will be better for all of us.

10:00 – 10:20 AM	Cherub Choir
4 – 5 year old children	
10:20 - 10:50 AM	FCC Youth Chorale
6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls	
11:30 - 12:00 noon	Choristers
Kinder – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade children	

It is important that all members of Choristers and the FCC Youth Chorale be present in the next few weeks as we prepare music for Palm Sunday, March 28, when we will sing an antiphonal song with the Chancel Choir. The final rehearsal for Palm Sunday will be in conjunction with the Chancel Choir on March 21. This rehearsal will follow the morning worship service. As always, thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,  
Jan Shelton



## Welcome New Members

**Anne Martini and Brian Graham**

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Discipleship classes will be held during the Sunday School hours, beginning Sunday, April 18, through Sunday, May 23. The classes are for any children or youth that are considering joining the church. The curriculum is aimed at children who are in the 5th grade or older. Please call the church office if you wish to participate.

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**Serving for  
MORNING WORSHIP  
March 7, 2010**

Senior Minister, Tom Plumbly

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9  
The Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8  
The Epistle: I Corinthians  
10:1-13  
The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9  
Sermon Focus: The skill of  
resisting  
Acolytes: Perry Nelson and  
Emily Gonzales  
Elder Loaf: Marlene Tuttle  
Elder Cup: Jerry Tuttle

Deacons: George Brady, Debby  
Brady, Karrin Atkinson, Marilyn  
Lansford, Wendell Tackett, Janice  
Tackett, Jim Pegg, Helen Scribner

Communion Preparation & Clean-up:  
Linda Blocker



**Sunday Schedule  
March 7, 2010**

*Elders Meet for Prayer* 9:00 am  
*Sunday School* 9:30 am  
*Cherub Choir* 10:00 am  
*Youth Chorale* 10:20 am  
*Worship* 10:50 am  
*Choristers* 11:30 am  
*DWF General Meeting* Noon  
*No Youth Groups!*  
*Prayer Shawl Ministry* 4:00 pm

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Tom Plumbly, Senior Minister**  
**Dr. Ted Klein, Associate Minister**

**Christy Suggs, Youth Director**

**Charles E. Duke,  
Senior Minister of Music**

**Jan Shelton, Minister of Music  
for Children and Youth**

**Mary Mason, Director,  
Burnside Handbell Choir**

**Peggy Grogan, Secretary**

**Janet Mengis, Bookkeeper**

**George Clemons, Custodian**

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**Web Site: [fccftw.org](http://fccftw.org)**

**PRIME TIMER ACTIVITY**



On Sunday, March 14th, after church we will gather in Anderson Hall for a "Brown Bag" lunch. We will then view videos of the 2000 Oberammergau Passion Play. Several from FCC have attended past Bavarian stagings of Christ's final sacrifice. The play is presented at ten year intervals and will be staged again this year. Contact Wayne and Emma if you have questions, 817 244-3260!



**EASTER LILIES**

Easter lilies will be on sale this Sunday, March 7. They can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. The lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. There will be a place in the foyer to sign up; or you may call the church office (817/336-7185) or Shari Harris (817/336-9333) to place your order. The cost is \$15.00 and is sponsored by CWF Group V.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## All Adult Classes for All Ages

**Loyal Fellowship**, meets in Chapel on ground floor  
Campbell's "Christian System"

Teacher: Ted Klein Contact: Frank Harris

**Round Table Discussion**, meets in the Library  
"The Ten Commandments for Today" by  
Walter Harrelson

Teacher: Sharon Cox Contact: Sharon Cox

**Seekers**, meets in Philathia Room, ground floor  
"Peter and Paul"

Visitors invited! New insights!

Contact: Kristy Keener and Ed Kolbe

**Sojourners**, meets in room off Anderson Hall North  
Study of Luke

Contact: Barbara Batts

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## Children and Youth

**Preschool**, meet in classroom at 9:30, class 9:30-10:00,  
choir 10:00-10:30

Teacher takes children to class-Marsha Stallard

**K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**, meet in Disciple Road Temple 9:30  
Shepherd (Carey Roberts) takes children to class  
Disciple Road, Rotation model Sunday School  
Parents pick up children at 10:30

**Junior High - Chi Rho**, meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,  
Chi Rho Room,  
Ronda Park, teacher

**Senior High - CYF**, meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Youth Lounge  
Ruth Cooper, teacher



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED  
TO  
A BABY SHOWER**

**"IT'S A BOY"**

*The Chancel Choir is hosting a  
Baby Shower for a choir member,  
Elizabeth Truit*

*Bookwalter.*

*Elizabeth has been confined to home-rest by doctor's  
orders. The shower will be at her home:*

*Saturday, March 6, 2010*

*2:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

*9017 Friendswood Drive*

*Fort Worth 76123*

*She is registered at Babies R Us and Target.*

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alberta & Jim Atchison                 | Elizabeth Bookwalter         |
| Ashley Crews                           | Don Davis                    |
| Emma Gardner                           | Gonzales family Leona Guyton |
| Ruth Karbach                           | Golda Koski                  |
| Mary Louise Long                       | Jon Marshall                 |
| Lois Marie Morrison                    | Parnell family Maidee Todd   |
| Cherilyn Tracy                         | Mary Wilcox                  |
| The unemployed within our congregation |                              |

### NEW CONCERNS

Family & friends of Marie Wood (Patty Plumbley's mother);  
Family & friends of Larry Housewright (Simons family);  
Shirley Tutlis (Oakes family);  
Leah Wilkinson (Bagley family);  
Getrude Myaen and sons Spark, Linus and Ron;  
Dorothy Jones (Jerry Jones' mom).

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Linda Adkins          | Stan & Karen Anderson   |
| Bard                  | Debbie Bernovich        |
| Deborah Besadesky     | Mary Bihm               |
| Selma Cunningham      | Deena Heide-Diesslin    |
| Ruth Heide            | Emily Hickman Jim Jones |
| Lindsay Luckett       | Reuben McKenzie         |
| Leo Moreno            | Stacy Morris            |
| Christopher Omar      | Larry Pugh Dean Ragland |
| Jason Russell         | Grant Story             |
| Capt. Tony Tinderholt | Phyllis Wilson          |

FW1st, for God's will to be done and not our own  
Names will remain on our printed prayer list for two weeks  
unless we receive an updated request.

## OUTREACH TEAM

The outreach team will have a meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, March 14. Please plan to attend this meeting so we can plan for 2010.

**Susan Smith, Team Leader.**