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## **FEB 13TH IS THE START DATE!**

On February we will have a **Stewardship For Property Drive**. Three years ago we built on to our Fellowship Hall, adding lots of room for the new folks that God kept sending. This new project cost over \$500,000 and we made a 3 year special giving commitment to see how much we could pay on it. Now it is time to sign up for another 3 year commitment of special giving to pay off the rest of the debt for our Education building. The Stewardship Committee, led by George Smithwick will present this new drive on Feb. 13th, and for 4 weeks we will be asking you to pray about what you can give to it. On March 6th, we will have Commitment Sunday and turn in our commitment cards, followed by a Barbeque provided free to you from our Leadership. We will stay at this until we together **"Go G. O. D.! (Get Outta Debt)"**

## **IT'S GARDEN TIME!!!**

On most Thursdays and Saturdays we will have folks working in the garden and we invite you to come and help us. BUT we also need providers, folks who will provide plants, seeds, hoses, garden timbers and more. BUT WE also need folks who will water, pick and put up vegetables...we need you!!! Call Wayne if you want to help. Bring your Grandparents and Grandchildren and let's have the best garden ever!

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## **Go G.O.D. FAMILY Classes Starting Soon!**

ALSO this month, on Thursdays, we will have **Get Outta Debt** classes led by Sherry Cooper. These classes will be part of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University seminars. These classes will teach you everything you need to know about dumping debt, building wealth, and changing your family tree. More than one million families have attended FPU with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days. You will love the material and if a Thursday meeting won't work for you, there will be at least one Sunday School Class that will use this Bible based, common sense, captivity breaking material. It would be good for everyone in the church to be a part of this.

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## **BOXING!**

This is the 4th year that we have taken a group of men to the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Ft. Worth. Sometimes some of you just meet us there while others ride the Church Van. If you are interested in going, let John Hathaway or the preacher know. The 2nd round of Golden Gloves will be the first weekend in March and some of us will go to that also.

## ELDERS AT THE TABLE

February 6 Perry & Adrienne Anderson  
 February 13 Karen Griffith & Alice Finley  
 February 20 John & Lynda Hathaway  
 February 27 Chuck Bailey & Jeff Cooper

## SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY

February 6 – “Let the Good Times Roll”  
 Psalms 23  
 February 13 – “Building For God and Self”  
 Nehemiah 2:17-20  
 February 20 – “Valentine’s Day/Week/Year”  
 I Corinthians 13:1-13  
 February 27 – “Reverse The Curse”  
 Romans 8:11-17

## NEW MEMBERS:

We want you to get to know the following folks by first name. We hope to have pictures in next Newsletter!

**Juan and Myra Santa Cruz** and their daughters, Luz (13) and Dora (10) joined our congregation by Confession of Faith on Jan.16. They live in Rio Vista, Juan works in the oil field, Myra is a full time mom and student. The girls are in 7th and 4th grade and their phone number is 817-526-4872.

**Joyce Kozora** joined by Confession of Faith. She is a teacher (Keller school system), working on finishing her Doctorate, is single, lives in Mansfield. Joyce is sister of our own Sherry Cooper and her son and his wife (John and Neana Willis) also attend our church.

**Kay Adams** joined by Confession of Faith. Kay lives in Keene, is disabled, and spends her time being a sweet grandma to Logan. Her phone number is 214-624-4905.

**Vicki Beaty** joined by Confession of Faith. She is currently unemployed, lives at 316 Wilhite (the LODGE) and is an awesome helper here at the church.

**Chad Camilleri and David Curtis** are you young men who also live at the LODGE and as long as God has them in our area, this church will be their Spiritual meeting place.

## WAYNE'S WANDERINGS

Good February to you all. I love coming out of winter time into early spring. This is the time of the year when we start putting in the garden, when umpiring classes start up, when we start making plans for Easter season, when summer events start getting planned. This is the time when days start getting longer and life just gets brighter for it. Life is good. I don't understand those who drag through life when it is so much fun living. Sometimes I wonder if I have found the "abundant life" that Jesus promised and I think I have!!!

This stuff is for real! When you get all your sin's "named, claimed, felt and dealt" and you eliminate or work on the "sin and weights that so easily beset us" then we can "run the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2). Even the tough days have Sonshine in them. I have no monsters left in my closet, no sins unnamed. I have a wife, family and church that loves me. I have a bit of balance in work, play and finances. I am happy, blessed and thankful. It just doesn't get any better than this!!! Thanks be to God who keeps His promises and blesses His children. I can't wait to meet you all in the Sanctuary to give thanks to our Lord and Savior. See you all in church!

*Da Rev*

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

|     |    | Attendance | Reg Offering | Other Giving |
|-----|----|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dec | 26 | 90         | \$1546.06    | \$18,317.00  |
| Jan | 2  | 129        | \$6,550.00   | \$76.00      |
| Jan | 9  | 145        | \$3,186.00   | \$385.00     |
| Jan | 16 | 143        | \$2,975.07   | \$205.50     |

## FEBRUARY CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

Class Hosting Pairs & Spares  
 (Led by Alice Finley)  
 Communion Irene Casillas

## WEDNESDAY MEALS

February 2 Baked Potatoes  
 February 9 Burgers & Tots  
 February 16 Pancakes & Sausage  
 February 23 Beans, Cornbread & Okra

## MISSION TRIP IS ON!

In a little more than a month a group of FCC will go to the valley of Texas to do deeds of kindness for those in need. We will work, pray, play, worship, play, pray and work for 7 days in warm March weather. We will go shopping at Port Isabel, swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, and maybe even fish on one day...all for about \$150/person. YOU ARE INVITED! We have room for 15 more folks to go with the 15 we have going at the moment...it is Spring Break - can you think of a better way to celebrate Spring Break. The trip is March 12-19 and we want you to go!!!!

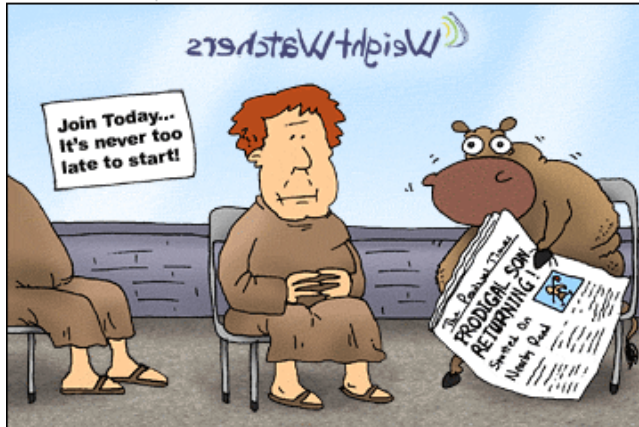
p.s.- Bring Beans, sacks of 4/8/25 pounds of pinto beans...bring in February!!!

## THREE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH WEEK

Here at FCC we now have three weekly worship services. Some of you are like our Pastor and work on Sundays, and need a time other than Sunday morning to go to a place where "scriptures are read, the Word proclaimed, communion is offered, music is sung and more. So now worship is offered every Sunday night (5:30 PM) as a "Prayer for Healing" service. Even on SUPER BOWL Sunday, folks will be in the Sanctuary praying and worshipping. Then there is Wednesday night worship (6:30 PM), when we have Candlelight Worship, a moving experience with Pastor Emily leading out. Come and worship, bring a friend, let God be Lord of your life all the days of your life.

## JOKE FOR FEBRUARY

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 15)

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Pastor Wayne (aka Da Rev)



## FEBRUARY 2011 YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

### Jr. High and High School

February 4-6~ Chi Rho Mid-Winter

February 6~ No youth Group

February 13~ Summer Mission Trip Meeting  
Youth Group

February 18-19~ 30 hour Famine

February 20~ Youth Group

February 25-27~ CYF Mid-Winter

February 27~ Youth Group

### K-5th grade

February 20~ Afternoon Activity (3:00-4:15)

### 3rd and Up Pastor's Class

February 20~ 1st Pastor's Class

February 27~ 2nd Pastor's Class

Summer Camp Forms will be coming out soon!  
Stay tuned so you don't miss the early bird special!

If you have any questions PLEASE call me at 309-267-1588 or email me! If you want to help with any activity please call or email as well.  
Thanks and PEACE~Emily

### Pastor's Class

Beginning in February Emily will be offering a Pastor's class for anyone in 3rd grade and up who is interested in being baptized or was baptized as an infant. This class will meet right after church 8 different times between February 20th and Easter. We will talk about: Life in Christ, Baptism, Communion, Disciples History, Spiritual Gifts, and several others. If you have any questions please contact Emily. Also she needs to know by February 13 if your child/youth will be participating. Thanks

## OTHER STUFF...

**Learn Spanish** with Myra, most Mondays at 6:30 PM.

**Men's Morning Bible study**, every Wednesday at 7:30 AM.

**Chi Rho Mid-Winter Retreat**, Feb. 4-6.

**AGAPE Meal** with the Lodge, 6 PM, Feb. 10th.

**Emmaus Gathering** in Joshua on Feb. 11th, 7 PM.

**Widow Patrol** at 9 AM, Feb. 12th.

**Bring food** for Operation Blessing, Feb. 13th.

**Potluck Dinner** after worship on Feb. 13th, bring a dish!

**St. Valentine's Day**, Feb. 14th, remember church secretary!

**30 Hour Famine** on Feb. 18-19th!

**Week of Compassion Offering** - Feb. 20-27

**Cabinet at Lunch** on Feb. 20th.

**Elders at 6 PM, Board at 7 PM** on the 21st!

**MEN!** Golden Gloves Boxing, Feb. 24, 25, and 26th!

**CYF Youth Midwinter Retreat**, Feb 25-27!

**REMEMBER to save aluminum cans,  
help with garden,  
pray without ceasing!!!**

## FEBRUARY

*February is the bridge  
That crossed into spring;  
A hint of springtime magic  
Is the gift that he would bring,  
And smiling through each snowstorm  
That winter send our way  
He knows the snow will vanish  
In a not too distant day.*

*February is promise  
To those who patient be  
That flowers soon will appear  
And leaves will clothe each tree.  
The white will be transformed  
To fresh green everywhere  
As February ushers in  
A warmer bit of air.*



*Lois Anne Williams*

## Others

*Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for – others.*

*Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true  
And know that all I'd do for You  
Must needs be done for – others.*

*Let "Self" be crucified and slain  
And buried deep; and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again,  
Unless to live for – others.*

*And when my work on earth is done  
And my new work in heaven's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of – others.*

*Others, Lord, yes, others,  
Let this my motto be;  
Help me to live for others,  
That I might live like Thee.*

*Author Unknown*

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