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EMILY WILLIAMS MOVING TO HER NEXT CHALLENGE



After 3 years as our Youth Pastor while working towards her Master of Divinity degree, Emily will be heading back to Peoria, Illinois to be ordained as a full time Minister in the

Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. She will then go where the Lord directs into full time Christian service. To thank her for her work with us, we shall send her off with thanksgiving, feasting and gifts. Her last day with us will be July 31st and we will have a money tree that you provide leaves for, we will have a special gift for her, and we will have an All Church Pot-Luck Meal after worship on that day.

Mark your calendar, find your favorite recipe in the FCC Cookbook, save aside for our special tree and practice your hugging as we tell Ms. Emily "Thank You!!!" for the great work

she has done with our Children, Youth and Adults!
p.s. - You are invited to Emily's Ordination on August 17th, 3:00 PM, at the Glen Oak Christian Church in Peoria, ILL. Our church will present her a Preaching Bible as part of the service. If you are interested in being there, let Pastor Wayne know!



ELDERS AT THE TABLE

July 3	Chuck Bailey & Alice Finley
July 10	Karen Cowan & Jeff Cooper
July 17	John & Lynda Hathaway
July 24	Fred Bennett & Cindy Ashlock
July 31	Adrienne Anderson & Bob Brown

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!

Maybe if we pull out some or out Christmas decorations and sing some Christmas songs, then the temperature will drop below 100 degrees, do you think??? No, neither do we - BUT we can make a "Christmas in July" for some families in our city as we collect cleaning items and supplies such as Pine-Sol, brooms, laundry detergents, etc; also personal hygiene items such as shampoos and conditioners, hand soap, feminine products, razors and such; but also baby wipes, diapers and more, ALL for the Women's Crisis Center here in Cleburne. EVERY SUNDAY in July you are to remember Jesus birthday by loving others going through a tough transition time in their lives. Let's fill the box so the Outreach Committee has to decorate another one...and then another one.... Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!!!



**JULY 2011
YOUTH NEWS &
NOTES**

Attention all Youth and Parents!!!!!!

Come join us this month for Fun and Fellowship

For Jr. High and CYF:

July 4-July 9~ Niners Camp

July 17~ Swim Party at the Smithwick's @ 1:00 PM

July 18~ Six Flags!!!! (NEED TO KNOW BY JULY 3rd who is going and have money!)

July 24-July 29~ Summer Mission Trip

If you have questions call or email me.
Thanks and PEACE~ Emily

JULY CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

Class Hosting Seekers
 (Led by Ken Sickels)
Communion Robby Owen

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
May	22	133	\$1,597.19	\$146.00
May	29	103	\$2,077.25	\$55.50
June	5	99	\$4,790.00	\$101.50
June	12	87	\$4,703.68	\$86.50
June	19	105	\$3,189.77	\$260.50

STUMP PREACHING IN ORDER!!!

On July 3rd we will have stump preaching on Jesus's first sermon! Jesus came out of the wilderness proclaiming, "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand!" We believe if it was good enough for Jesus, it will be good for us! We have Alana, Deondra, Emily, Robbie, Nelson, Wayne, Sue and Rick all bringing a good word to us stumping Jesus style. Each will have 3 minutes and 33 seconds to stump preach and we will sing a song in between each. We invite you to dress "down" of this holiday weekend Sunday and bring a friend to worship. Worship of God is what made America strong and is the only thing that will keep it strong, so make worship part of your July 4th weekend!

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

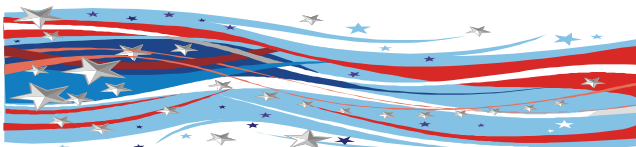
We have put together a Youth Pastor Search Committee to find a replacement for Reverend Emily who will be going to Peoria, Ill as of August 1st. This Committee is chaired by Susan Ellis and those on it with her are Robbie Owen, Jennifer Moore, Ricky Vidaurri, Dottie Bennett, Christa Moore, Jordan Smithwick and Alex Cooper. We are taking applications until July 15th and will then work through them to find our next wonderful Youth Pastor. Be praying for this committee as they seek out God's will in this vital ministry.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- July 6 Beans & Cornbread
- July 13 Loaded Baked Potatoes
- July 20 BBQ Chicken
- July 27 Hamburgers

SERMONS FOR JULY

- July 3 – Stump Preaching is back!
Matthew 4:17
- July 10 – “Follow the Leader!”
By Dwain Christophersen
John 10:1-5
- July 17 - “The Battle Is The Lords”
I Samuel 17:31-37, 41-51
- July 24 – “No Flow, No Grow!”
Luke 6:38
- July 31 – “A Legacy of Love”
Rev. Emily Williams
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14a



WAYNE'S WANDERINGS

Greetings for the 2nd half of 2011. Doesn't seem that long ago we were buzzing about Y-2K and all. Life goes on. Do you think it will ever cool off? (the answer is "yes, it always does!") I think June only had 2 days under 95 degrees and most days over 100, and summer has only just begun! I am thankful that when we rebuilt the Fellowship Hall we chose to also put new cooling units in the Sanctuary. We have had no problems cooling the building for worship each week.

We get our new lift this month and we need it! Last week at VBS someone had to carry our sweet Cassie up and down the stairs to get to class each day. Next VBS she will be riding in style! Remember that when we build and rebuild it will touch lives for the next 20-30 years. Our generation are part of the history of FCC that have been called upon to build and improve the Church facilities, many will benefit in the years to come that we don't know of but God knows them and is thankful for our work for others. We leaders are now gearing up for a Fall full of worship, ministry, mission and fellowship. I encourage all of you to be faithful. Every person in a small group, in a ministry, in a mission project and in church. Each developing their Spiritual gifts and using them to make God proud and to make Jesus famous through out Cleburne, Texas, USA and the world...lets go for it!!! I love being your Pastor!!!



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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RUTH TUCKER

Many of you didn't know Ruth, but most of you know Lisa and Ken and Anna and Bridget and Ben Chandler, her grand and great-grand children. We will host a Memorial Service for Ruth on July 17th, at 2:00 PM in our Sanctuary and you are invited to come and learn of this strong, Christian woman from West Virginia and how she make a good mark on the lives of those she touched.

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NASHVILLE!

Pastor Wayne and Cindy and Pastor Emily will represent our church at the bi-annual Assembly of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ that will be held this time in Nashville, TN. They will meet from July 9th through 13 and do the work of the Church in business, worship, study, mission, fellowship and more. If you want to keep up with this, go to www.disciples.org and you can follow the events of each day. This is a great way to know the denomination that you are a part of. If any wanted to go to this, registration is always possible and Nashville is a good place to visit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS DONE!

"God's Garage" was crowded with future fixers preparing to one day "Make



God proud and Jesus famous!" We had 42 children registered plus almost that many volunteers working each day to "Make

Susan proud and happy too!" Susan Smithwick literally carried it off, encouraging, helping, picking up kids, filling in where ever needed and leading the "J.C. Rap" song. We gathered 320



items of food for Operation Blessing (the girls won, bringing 167 versus the boys 153); we took meals to 25

Meals on Wheels homes, we put together 54 "Goody Bags" for the Lodge and we made up 36 snack packs for the Children's Advocacy Center. Most of all a wonderful group of volunteers taught, sang, fed, loved, played and prayed with God's children, bringing a smile to our Lord's face. Well done church!

