

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Adult Bible Classes and
Children's Sunday School – 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Praise Service –
10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Praise Service –
6:00 P.M.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Monday Night for the Master – 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Morning Bible Class - Is on
break for summer
Evening Bible Classes &
Ladies Evening Bible Class - 7:00 P.M.

OUR RECORDS FOR

Sunday, August 2nd:

Love Offering: \$4,585.00
Attendance: A.M.: No Count; P.M.: 60

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

*7:30 a.m., Sunday mornings,
on Channel 55 (cable)*

MINISTER:

Charles Goodnight
Home Phone - 409-933-9704
maincoc@sbcglobal.net

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Connie Hart
Office hours:
Monday thru Friday, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
conniehartmcc@gmail.com
(This e-mail address is at the church.)

Mainland Church of Christ
4801 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway
Texas City, TX 77591

Mainland

Church of Christ

4801 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway

Texas City, TX 77591

409-935-7732 or 409-935-0281

Fax: 409-935-7734

www.mainlandchurchofchrist.org

August 9, 2009

Pebbles...

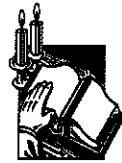
I think of David Livingstone, the pioneer missionary to Africa, who walked over 29,000 miles. His wife died early in their ministry and he faced stiff opposition from his Scottish brethren. He ministered half blind.

His kind of perseverance spurs us on... it inspires us. I remember reading the words in his Livingstone's diary: ***Send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. Sever me from any tie but the tie that binds me to Your service and to Your heart.***

We speak often of the patience of Job. We really don't understand. In America, we have it so easy. What would it take to keep you from serving God? Would anything? Have we really surrendered all to Jesus?

Come to the Vine! - Charles

We're delighted you have chosen to be with us today! We pray God will be glorified, and you edified, by sharing this time together. To better focus our attention on our worship to God, we ask **ALL CELL PHONES** be turned to **silent or vibrate** during our times of Bible Class and Worship.



A.M. - Coming to Christ,
Part 4 - "The News"

P.M. - Out of Touch

THE MAINLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST EXISTS TO REACH THOSE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND WITH THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE THOSE PEOPLE IN NEED, *WHETHER IT BE SPIRITUAL OR PHYSICAL*, THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Thank you for your prayers, kind words, cards, flowers, and expressions of Christ's love. My family had a wonderful Christian mother for many years, and now she has received the reward that we all look forward to gaining.

Paul Campbell

NEXT Sunday we will have our **Adopt-A-Student Potluck** immediately after our morning service. Everyone come to the potluck and show your support to our kids going back to school. (Orange team; team leaders Gloria Dent & Penny Bessire.) *We will not have an evening service this Sunday.*

Freedom Ministries
OUR PRISON MINISTRY
Worship and Bible Class today
Mary Allen, Vicki Darden
Worship and Bible Class
next week

Juanita Saxon, Bill &
Katie Vaughan

C.A.S.A. - Wednesday
Mary Allen, Vicki Darden
Step 11

New Life Behavior - Thursday
Ruth Brown, Jessie McNair
Unit 10, Lesson 1

**Order your Mainland
Church of Christ t-shirt TODAY!**

Order forms are available on the tables in the foyer. T-Shirt(s) must be paid for when ordering. Make checks out to Mainland C.O.C., write T-shirt(s) in the memo. **Last day to order is TODAY, Sunday, August 9th.** In order to get the price on the order form we must order 50 t-shirts at a time. *(If we do not meet our minimum of 50 to order we will continue taking orders for t-shirts until we have minimum required.)*

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to bring items for Sunny Glen Children's Home.

The requested grocery items are:

toilet paper, paper towels
and liquid laundry detergent.

Please place any of these items in the red container in the foyer.

This -N- That From the Preacher

WELCOME TO THOSE OF YOU VISITING with us on this Lord's Day as we celebrate our Lord and Savior! You are a real source of encouragement and joy to the church family here! Be sure and wear the rose you were given... then, stay around after our worship time and let us visit with you. Thank you again for being here... and then, come back to see us!

It was a good vacation. Rest is always good for the soul. Thanks for the opportunity. Times like this are always used to refresh the mind and body... so it is appreciated more than one can imagine.

++++
I really hope you will be present next Sunday as we Adopt-A-Student for the upcoming school year. Our children are a precious heritage and we can never do enough to urge them on. Please pray for our kids. They need it.

++++
Also, our next community round-up will be the first Saturday in September. Here is another opportunity to get the word out about the Mainland Church of Christ. Will you be a part? Plan on it, please.

ONWARD AND UPWARD

GUMBO COOK-OFF

For our members at Mainland!

When: Saturday, August 22nd
Time: 4 p.m.

Categories are:

**Chicken/Sausage,
Shrimp & Seafood**

We plan on having 3 categories; this may change to 2 categories depending upon the number of entries.

To Enter - Just sign your name on the signup sheet on the foyer bulletin board in the category of your choice.

You do not have to enter to come to the cook-off. Everyone is welcomed! When you come please bring something good to go with the gumbo. After the judging everyone will eat the gumbo.

If you have any questions, see Melanie Humphries.

Worship With Us

Welcome

Announcements

Chad Morgan

#66 - Doxology

Bill Vaughan

#382 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

Communion

Bob McCammon, Will Dent, Jimmy Hart,
Ron Bailey, Pierre Richard, Chad Thompson,
Paul Campbell, Kevin Ferguson

Love Offering

Children's Sermon

Immediately after Children's Sermon children are dismissed
to Children's Worship (Ages 3 yrs. to 2nd grade)

#1003 - Silent Night

#361 - Nailed to the Cross

#344 - Low in the Grave He Lay

Prayer

Bill Fritch

#353 - One Day

Sermon - Coming to Christ, Part 4 - "The News"

#903 - There is Power in the Blood

#782 - It May Be At Morn

Prayer

John Nelson

Communion Preparation:

August - The Humphries
September - Millissa Noran

Nursery Today - Regina Mitchell
Nursery Next Week - Melanie Humphries

Greeters & Jr. Greeters:

Kevin & Debbie Ferguson;
D.J. Nelson, Donte Brooks

Attendance Count:

Juan Medina

PRAYER LIST

FAMILY TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:

Robert Fairey, Dorothy Herauf, Machel Herrera, Murphy Jones, Jose
Pagoada and family, Inez Ricks, Elizabeth Riley, Jim & Peggy Roempke,
Leon Smith

FAMILY SHUT-INS:

*Locations / room numbers may have changed since printing of bulletin.
Visits and cards welcomed and encouraged.*

Bobbie Hart - Gamble Personal Touch Care Home, 501 No. Amburn Rd.,
Texas City, 77591

Eugene "Jeep" Mitchell - Father of Meredith Mitchell; Gamble Personal
Care Home, 501 No. Amburn, Texas City, 77591

RELATIVES / FRIENDS OF FAMILY:

Names below are on a 2 week rotation.

Locations / room numbers may have changed since printing of bulletin.

Gena Daniels - Aunt of Joe Odom; liver cancer.

Eric Fowles - Son-in-law of Leon Smith; on kidney transplant list.

Robert "Bob" Hayes - Congestive heart failure.

Lillian Maupin - Friend of Will & Gloria Dent; lung cancer.

Stephen McBurnet - Nephew of Nelda Harles; on heart transplant list.

Carolyn Schultz - Daughter-in-law of Dolores Schultz; on liver transplant
list.

HELP OTHERS BY USING YOUR Kroger Plus Card

By shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card contributions will be paid to Mainland's Benevolence Account to help others through Kroger's **Neighbor to Neighbor Program!** A percentage of your total sale will go into the Benevolence Account.

All you have to do is -- Pick up a *customer letter and take it to Kroger . (You only have to do this one time.) When you check out hand this letter to the cashier and the cashier will scan the barcode from the letter AND THAT'S IT - YOUR DONE! Once the cashier adds this to your Kroger Plus Card you don't need the letter anymore. So make sure every time you shop at Kroger to use your Kroger Plus Card to help others!

*customer letters are located on the tables in the foyer and on the "Welcome Center" table.

Three Choices

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15, NIV)

1st Choice - We can live our lives like our relatives have before us. We can serve God in the same way that they did, with the same zeal of lack thereof. We can worship like they worshipped. We can do all in religions, just the way our relatives

-- continued to next column --

have, just because that is what they did, regardless of the right or wrong of it all and regardless of what the Bible says. Before Joshua died, he recognized temptation the people would face, the temptation of falling away from Jehovah and going back to the idols of their ancestors. *Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me (Matthew 10:37, NIV).*

2nd Choice - We can live our lives like everyone around us, You can call it peer pressure, social pressure, cultural pressure - but it is really all the same, the temptation to be like everybody else. Many of the idolaters remained in Canaan. The false gods often promoted fornication, gluttony and drunkenness, and all sorts of self satisfying depravity. The land in which we now dwell is full of idolatry and covetousness and there is a great deal of pressure put on Christians to conform and compromise the truth of God's Word. *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:33, NIV).*

3rd Choice - Regardless of what dad and mom believe and do, regardless of what people around us are doing, we can choose to follow Jesus. Like Joshua, we can choose to lead our families in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Because of God's authority as the creator, the blessings and goodness of his love, and his severity as Judge, may we all declare as did Joshua, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"*

Bulletin Digest 6/08, Brent Smith, Trenton C.O.C., Trenton, TN

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

TODAY - Sunday - August 9 - Last day to bring Sunny Glenn Children's Home requested grocery items. See inside this bulletin for information.

NEXT Sunday - August 16 - Adopt-A-Student Potluck after our morning service. (Orange team; team leaders Gloria Dent & Penny Bessire) We will meet again after the potluck for a short devotional. *We will not have an evening service on this Sunday.*

August 17 - Visitation Group meets at 11:30 a.m.

August 22 - GUMBO COOK-OFF at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come even if you don't enter the cook-off. Read more information inside this bulletin.

If you have an event that you would like to have posted on the calendar or use/reserve any of the church facilities, you must contact one of the Deacons of Fellowship to make the arrangements. All facility usage / reservations are made thru the Deacons of Fellowship not the church office. After speaking with one of the Deacons of Fellowship, pick up an activity planning form from the church office, fill out ALL required information, then return the form to the church office. This form must be filled out (by anyone - member or not) in order to reserve any part of the facilities. Please note: The Deacons would like to schedule activities as much in advance as possible.

DAILY BIBLE READING

08/09 - Isaiah 5:18-9:12
08/10 - Isaiah 9:13-13:16
08/11 - Isaiah 13:17-19:10
08/12 - Isaiah 19:11-24:6
08/13 - Isaiah 24:7-28:22
08/14 - Isaiah 28:23-32:20
08/15 - Isaiah 33:1-37:29

Courtesy of LIGHTHEART Internet Magazine
www.heartlight.org

OUR ELDERS

Allen Flessner	409-945-6344
Bill Fritch	409-935-9702
James Ponds	409-945-5897
Jack Taylor	409-316-2005

OUR DEACONS

Building and Grounds

John Nelson - 409-935-5717 (Building)
Billie Fritch - 409-925-8483
Jimmy Hart - 409-457-7744 (Grounds)

Benevolence

Mike Humphries - 409-935-7732

Communication and Finance

Meredith Mitchell - 281-337-3915

Youth

Juan Medina - 832-385-8572
Chad Morgan - 832-228-0076

Baptistery Care/Communion Supplies

Robert McCammon - 409-599-9610

Fellowship

Will Dent - 409-938-0930
Steve Manning - 409-771-8571