

Mainland

Church of Christ

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August 16, 2009

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 9th:

Love Offering: \$3,269.00
Attendance: A.M.: 156; P.M.: 79

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

MINISTER:

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CHURCH SECRETARY:

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TODAY the following children will move up from
Bible Hour into the auditorium... Amy Medina,
Abigail Mitchell, Kiana McCammon,
Terry Lynn Stenson and Hailey Williams.

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ADOPT-A-STUDENT Potluck immediately after this
morning's service! Everyone come and show your support
to our kids starting their new school year. Make sure to
Adopt-A-Student! Pray for our students, send your
student(s) cards of encouragement to him/her throughout
the school year or whatever you would like to do
throughout the year to show your support. (You can adopt
more than one if you like.) After the potluck we will meet
again for a short devotional. *Tonight we will not meet for
evening service. Our regular evening service time will resume next week.*

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. - Becoming a Timex Christian

P.M. - No evening service this Sunday due to potluck.

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.

Welcome back Loretta!

Loretta Jefferson
6205 Jackson Road #6C
Hitchcock, 77563
(832) 401-9538

Please add to your church directories.

Our **Visitation Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 17th, at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom in the activity building. Don't forget to bring snacks! Everyone is invited to come!

Freedom Ministries OUR PRISON MINISTRY Worship and Bible Class today

Juanita Saxon, Bill &
Katie Vaughan

Worship and Bible Class
next week

Vicki Darden, D.J. Birdwell
C.A.S.A. - Wednesday
Mary Allen, Vicki Darden
Step 12

New Life Behavior - Thursday

Mary Allen, Victoria Grogan
Unit 10, Lesson 2

Our members GUMBO COOK-OFF is Saturday, August 22nd!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER!

See information inside this bulletin.

NEXT Sunday, August 23rd, there will be a scheduled **Teachers Meeting** at 5:30 p.m.

Our **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** is scheduled to start meeting again Wednesday, September 2nd, at 10 a.m., in the classroom in the activity building.

All ladies are invited to attend!

COMMUNITY ROUND-UP! Saturday, September 5th!

Everyone wanting to help put Mainland's name in the community -- meet here at the church at 8:30 a.m.

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!

Today is "ADOPT A STUDENT" day!

This is always a special time when each one of us has the opportunity to "adopt" one of school kids at Mainland. The opportunities are numerous. You are asked, first of all, to pray for these children by name each day. Only God knows all the struggles they face. Secondly, you are encouraged to send cards or letters throughout the year to let them know you are praying for them. Then, if possible (and not required), go see them... take them to McDonalds... or to the park or somewhere. You decide. Just go by and visit with them at home. You will have an immeasurable impact on these children. May God bless you as you follow through with these kids throughout the school year.

One final note... you would do well to pray for our teachers as well. Thank you.

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

Will Dent

#354 - I Gave My Life for Thee Meredith Mitchell

Communion

Jack Taylor, Paul Campbell, Juan Medina,
Pierre Richard, McKinnley Bowers, Billie Fritch,
Murphy Jones, Johnnie Hart

Love Offering

Children's Sermon

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

#166 - He's My King

#794 - Into Thee, O Lord

Prayer

James Ponds

#122 - The Love of God

Sermon - Becoming a Timex Christian

All Things Are Ready

#474 - Thank You , Lord

Prayer

Ron Bailey

Communion Preparation:

August - The Humphries
September - Millissa Noran

Nursery Today - Melanie Humphries

Nursery Next Week - Silvia Medina

Greeters & Jr. Greeters:

Jimmie Ruth Pryor,
Dolores Schultz; McKinnley
Bowers, Connor Morgan

Attendance Count:

Chad Morgan

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

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.

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"Welcome Home" Ministry

The Elders have agreed to begin a new ministry called "Welcome Home" designed to better equip our new members, as well as those who have recommitted their lives to Christ. This will involve members helping members, as they become a vital part of our church family. We are in need of someone or a couple to Head Up this good ministry. If you are interested please see Charles Goodnight or one of the Elders. We need your help!

The Precious Church

We know that the word "precious" conjures many definitions and emotions within us. The birth of a baby is precious, the infant itself is said to be precious. What do we mean by that? We mean the cost is great in treasure and pain. We mean the sacrifice that accompanies this new life will be great. We mean we have something unique, irreplaceable. We mean we have a valuable possession. I realize when someone looks upon a newborn child and refers to them as precious they probably don't mean all the aforementioned items or... maybe they do. Even if they don't, those items are nonetheless true.

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"Precious" is one of those words that maintains its character and is not often used out of context. As a matter of fact, it's not often used at all. When we think of the church and its description to others, the word "precious" must surely be used. It will most likely be used where it is viewed so by her members. In Ephesians 5:25, the Holy Spirit reveals the "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it." The key difference between the love here and the love and sacrifice He gave to all the world (John 3:16) is that where the church is concerned the love is returned, and through obedience reflecting the love (John 14:15, John 15:14, Matthew 7:21) we are saved by him.

Let us realize, instead of avoiding, that cost, pain, sacrifice, uniqueness, and being irreplaceable is nature of the church and not burdens of it.

When we come to grow in that knowledge, hugs will come more freely, forgiveness more easily given, and service more willingly offered. The church if designed by God and therefore every bit as precious to him as that baby is to you. Now, with that in mind can we begin our journey of viewing the church as He does? Truly, it is a valuable possession and is, of course, precious.

Bulletin Digest March 2009
Tim Turpin
Northside Church of Christ, Cordell, OK

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

TODAY - 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 today.*

August 17 - Visitation Group meets at 11:30 a.m. Don't forget to bring snacks.

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.

August 23 - Scheduled Teachers Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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

08/16 - Isaiah 37:30-40:31
08/17 - Isaiah 41-44
08/18 - Isaiah 45-49
08/19 - Isaiah 50-54
08/20 - Isaiah 55:1-60:9
08/21 - Isaiah 60:10-65:25
08/22 - Isaiah 66; Jeremiah 1:1-2:25
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www.heartlight.org

OUR ELDERS

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OUR DEACONS

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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

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Will Dent - 409-938-0930
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