

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: August 7, 2011

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| Worship Leader | Rick Castleman |
| Lord's Supper: | Michael Barker |
| Servers | Cameron Kerby Matt Bridges Wayne Burress Brian Sanchez Ryan Shedd Eduard Diaz Walt Hurley Jorge Landaverde |
| Elder Blessing: | Allan Whitacre |
| Sound: | Vern Lowe |
| Greeters For August : | Jeff & Trish Kerby |
| Nursery (Infants- 2yrs): | Kelli Daniel Katie Kitchen |
| Nursery(2-3 yrs): | Miriam Harrison Robin Smith |

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| Steve Izard | | 356-5751 |
| Allan Whitacre | | 356-1026 |
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| Weekly Statistics for July 31, 2011 | |
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| AM Bible Class | 99 |
| AM Bible Class Avg. | 108 |
| AM Assembly | 198 |
| AM Assembly Avg. | 215 |
| Contribution | \$10,188.02 |
| YTD Average Weekly Contribution | \$8,842.67 |
| Weekly Budget | \$9,815.38 |



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The People of God

I am beginning a new sermon series this Sunday. It will be called The People Of God and will be a study of Genesis, Exodus and Numbers. I will not cover everything in those books but will rather be focusing on the way God formed Israel into his people and how he raised them up from one family to become the great nation that he had promised to Abram. We will follow these people, our spiritual forefathers, through several stories of the patriarchs, through their experience in Israel, and through their time in the wilderness. I know we will find so much that will remind us of ourselves both in their victories and in their defeats. We will see family traits of strength and weakness in the people we will study and maybe it will help us know better where we came from and the people that proceeded us as the people of God.

Several people have asked me about life groups for this coming up year. It is our intention to have life groups this fall. We have set September 11, the second Sunday of the month to begin. We are in the process of finding someone to lead our life group ministry and a lot of the details will end up depending on who that person is but it looks like we are going to let people that want to be in groups sign up in whichever group they want. Considering the number of new families we have here it has become obvious that we need this very good way for people to get to know people better. I will give more information as I get it but I wanted you to know this much for now.

Let me tell you what to expect when it comes to our education ministry and the changes that are coming in September. In the month of September I will be leading a class on spiritual disciplines for everyone kindergarten and older. We will meet in the

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auditorium and it will be a hands-on class not a lecture. We are not going to talk about spiritual disciplines we are going to do them. I am going to use several people to help me and at least some of the time we will have stations in the auditorium around which you will move. Everyone that is helping me is being told that five year olds will be in there and to plan for them. We will not lump all the small children together, nor will we purposely put them with their parents, but will try to spread them around as much as we can so they can have these experiences with different adults and young people.

Beginning in October we will move to The Names of God and Larry Polk will be the pointman that will make the arrangements for the month. This class will be more traditional in terms of everyone being in classes broken down by age. Larry will be looking for teachers and what we would love to have is people that will team teach together. This could be any two people but could also be married couples.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Lexington Coming Events

BABY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Sara Hanle on Sunday August 7th from 2-4 pm at the church. She is having a girl and is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby.

Baby Shower

Everyone, fathers & sons also, are invited to a baby shower for James David Watkins, son of Jason and Julie Watkins and grandson of Russell and Carolyn Watkins on Saturday August 13th at 3:00 pm at the Lexington Church of Christ building. Julie is registered at Baby's R Us and a money tree will be provided. RSVP to Carolyn Watkins at rockcastleinc@aol.com or call 699-7369. You may also RSVP to Carolyn Whitacre at 356-1026.

Wednesday Night Events

August 10 Singing at Southlake 6:30 pm
Letter Writing at the building 6:30 pm

Annual Singles Retreat

October 14-16 Palmetto Bible Camp. More information available from flyer on the bulletin board or contact Central Church of Christ.

SOUTHEASTERN CHILDREN'S HOME

Wade Scharff Memorial Golf Tournament
September 24, River Falls Golf Course.
Registration information on the bulletin board.

Youth News

Jesus' command in Matthew 28 can seem like a daunting task when you realize just how many people there are on this earth that need to be reached. But we can learn a lot from how Jesus handled this. With the task of taking the gospel to the whole world, Jesus went looking for a few good men. During his earthly ministry, he spent a great amount of his time investing in his 12 disciples, eating with them, praying with them, teaching them, and loving them. And then at the end of his time on earth, Jesus commanded them to go out and do the same with others. Isn't this something we all can do? I believe that for most of us, spending time with friends and building relationships with them comes pretty naturally. After all, God created us to love and be loved. But what if we became a little more intentional about how we spend our time with people? What if we took advantage of every opportunity to love them, pray with them, teach them, and encourage them as Jesus did with his disciples? How would this change the way we study, pray, and do church ourselves? Instead of asking the question, "what can I get out of this?", what if we started asking "how can this equip me to make disciples?" When we realize the potential we each have to make a difference in the lives of just a few people, it becomes easier to see how God can multiply our efforts and spread the gospel throughout the world, one relationship at a time.

Upcoming Events:

8/8 Crossfit 6:30pm
8/9 HS Girls Group 7:30pm
8/10 Service at Southlake Village 6:30pm
8/11 Youth Activity

BIRTHDAYS: 8/7 Katie Kirby & Phyllis Bruff 8/8 Rom Kellis III 8/10 Jake Wisniewski
8/11 Jane Deadwyler & Jordan Brittingham 8/12 Ernie Oliver 8/13 Karen Close

ANNIVERSARY: 8/12 Rick & Teresa Castleman 8/13 Jeff & Trish Kerby



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown John Chandler Makonde Team

Jean Cottrell for peace, patience & strength as she continues treatment for breast cancer.
Karyn Giles had a gall bladder attack and will need surgery soon.
Marjorie O'Neal, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.
Amanda Seebly will have a procedure for cervical cancer on Thursday.
Jonathan Hurd, son of a Naturchem employee, has severe liver issues. Pray for healing.
AJ McElfresh is in Baptist hospital recovering from a knee replacement.
Carter Swanson, 3 year old had brain surgery on August 3rd. Pray for his recovery and comfort and peace for his parents.
Leanne Badeaux, remember her in prayer.

Dennis Carter, Grayson Carter, Sandi Chamberlain, Kris Bridges, Matt Bridges, Mason Bridges, Heather Gonda, Travis Jex, Mary Anderson, Rafael Gonzalez, Bryan Wisniewski, Brian Sanchez, Terry Kneece & Michael Barker for safe travel home from Guyana on Saturday.