



# The Link

The Weekly E-Newsletter of Disciples Christian Church  
February 18, 2010

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## Updated Prayer Requests



- **Daniel G.’s father, Juan**, had a pacemaker put in today, February 18.
- **Gary Carroll’s** dementia is now probably Alzheimer’s and the arteries in his legs are blocked worse than ever before according to Mary.
- **Jan M.’s sister-in-law, Terry**, had surgery on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. She is recovering and in good spirits, but the family needs lots of prayers.
- **Sheila K.** continues to struggle with health issues.
- **Rev. Galen C.** has received the first of three epidurals to help relieve back pain. He is feeling much improved. He still has a blood clot in one leg they are monitoring.
- **Baby Caleb B. & family**, friends of the Nordykes. **Caleb** has serious heart problems.

The prayer requests in *The Link* each week are recent updates. A list of ongoing prayer requests appears in our worship bulletin each Sunday.

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## Message from Rev. David

This past week we've begun a 40 day journey that will last a lifetime. Of course this isn't like a typical journey or vacation. There are no cars to get checked out or filled up with gas. There are no suitcases to pack or favorite snacks to gather up. You don't have to plan your route. It just takes you where you need to go and as for motels and meals, shelter will be provided and sustenance will be given. This is a journey of a different kind, one that is likely to produce more questions than answers, but we must understand that this is just part of the experience.

As you read this I want you to consider what it means to journey to the most sacred and holy places of your lives. The place where divinity and humanity intersect. The place where the word of God becomes flesh and lives among you. The place where the Son of God stretches out his nail scarred hands and touches the most intimate areas of your life. The place where sin and shame are replaced with grace and mercy. The place where anguish and heartache are overcome with love and compassion. The place where angst and worry are defeated with a peace and joy that only God and Jesus can offer.

Lent is a journey that begins at the cross of Christ, a reminder of our human condition, forgiveness of sins and eternal life offered through the grace of God in the salvation of Jesus Christ. As such this journey isn't for the faint of heart. In fact on this journey we'll be asked to look deep within ourselves to the darkest, most desolate and most hardened places of our hearts and souls and lives and be challenged to move through and overcome and heal them. And though this won't be easy we won't do it alone. We can be confident that God will go with us. For He has promised to never leave or forsake us and though we may stumble we will not fall. He is our rod and staff and along with God and Jesus so too our neighbor, our friends, our families, our churches; members of the body of Christ, who've committed to be with us in mind, body and spirit.

Perhaps you're wondering where or how to begin. Of course we'll each begin at slightly different places in our lives, still the prophet Joel has suggested that in our quest to commune with God on a deeper level that we return to God with all our hearts, with fasting and mourning. He says to sound the trumpet, to sanctify a fast, to call a solemn assembly, and to gather all peoples young and old alike. But what kind of fasting does the Lord desire? The author of Isaiah 58 suggests that it is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless and to cloth the naked.

Yes Lent is an introspective journey, one in which we may give up or abstain from something in our quest for a deeper relationship with God, but it is also a time in which we are challenged to give up and abstain from those things that hold us back and keep us in bondage as a society, as a church and as a people of God. Yes we have the opportunity during these 40 days to reflect on our human condition and our need for the goodness of God, but further we can, as the Apostle Paul has said, be transformed by the renewing of our minds to discern the will of God. In doing so may we be challenged to move from our sanctuaries to the streets and from the comfort of our homes to the chaos of the world around us as the hands and feet of Jesus as together we journey to the cross.

Peace and Blessings in Christ,  
David

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## Week of Compassion

by Barbara Ramsey

### Feed My Sheep

After his resurrection, Jesus returns to meet one more time with his disciples telling Peter to tend his sheep, to feed his lambs. This scripture where Jesus is asking his disciples to take care of the people that he loves is the theme of our annual Week of Compassion. Through this offering, we too can live our love for our Shepherd. The money that we donate brings immediate material aid to disaster victims and refugees, providing shelter, food, water, and medical supplies. It further helps local communities develop secure sources of food and clean water. Our gifts to Week of Compassion meet compelling needs but it also provides us with an opportunity to be the hands and feet of our Lord.

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## Outreach Committee Meeting

This coming **Sunday, February 21**, Barbara and Bill Ramsey, Outreach Committee Chairs are planning an outreach meeting following worship. Barbara will be providing soup for lunch for attendees. They are hoping for a good turnout for, as Barbara said, the entire congregation is part of outreach for the church. The meeting will take place in the Atrium.

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## Music Notes

**Laura Young**

### DCC rehearsals:

No choir warm-up on Sunday the 21st of February.

Wednesday, February 24th we'll return to our usual 6:30 Wednesday choir rehearsal and Sunday morning 9 a.m. warm-up schedule.

### Upcoming Concerts:

The Plano Civic Chorus will present "Grand Music for Grand Spaces" on Saturday, March 6th at 8 p.m. The concert will take place at St. Andrew UMC (5801 W. Plano Pkwy). Ticket information is available at [planocivicchorus.org](http://planocivicchorus.org) or 972-606-5220.

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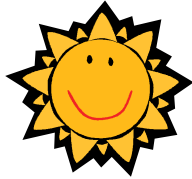
## Young at Heart

The February **Young at Heart** dinner is scheduled to take place **TONIGHT, February 18 at 6:30 pm**. The event will take place **at El Norte Grill** on the north side of Parker Rd., a little to the west of Custer Rd. Please let Fred or Rosalie Hughey know if you'll be attending. 972-596-8658

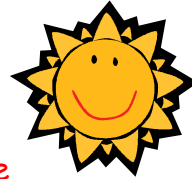


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## Spring Rummage Sale



### BBPS Sunny Parents Rummage Sale



This spring BBPS will be renting parking spaces at BBPS where you can hold your own "garage sale". This is a fundraiser benefiting Bright Beginnings Preschool. Everyone is welcome with priority given to returning participants. We will close registration at 38 spaces, with a maximum of 4 spaces per seller. Please register and mail your rental fees ASAP as our sale fills up quickly!

#### PARKING SPACE RENTAL FEES

1 space \$12 each    2 spaces \$11 each  
3 spaces \$10 each    4 spaces \$9 each

\*Rectangular tables available for rental at \$5.00 each, which you must carry to your space.\*

#### For your parking space fee you get:

- ☀ Exposure to Independence and Park road Traffic
- ☀ marquee and web advertising
- ☀ Use of our City of Plano Garage Sale Permit
- ☀ Use of our parking lot, not your own garage
- ☀ Free haul-off of all your unsold items
- ☀ All your proceeds from your items sold

#### You must be responsible for:

- ☀ Providing your own volunteers
- ☀ Seed money or change
- ☀ Handling and security of funds collected
- ☀ Display and merchandising
- ☀ Delivery, unloading and set-up
- ☀ Tear down and clean-up
- ☀ Parking across the street at Plano Senior High
- ☀ Your children as there will be No childcare available.

BBPS will arrange for pick-up of all remaining items—donated to charity.

WHEN: Saturday, March 6, 2010 (No rain date;  
refunds available.)  
WHERE: Disciples Christian Church Parking Lot  
TIME: 6:00am-7:00am Arrive and Set-up  
7:00am-1:00pm Rummage Sale  
1:00pm-2:00pm Tear-Down

Deadline for RSVPs and payments: Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Please make your checks payable to **Bright Beginnings Preschool**

Mail to: Laura White, 4465 Bailey Court, Plano, TX 75093

For more information, please contact:

Laura at 972-964-1141 home or [whitehousefullofboys@verizon.net](mailto:whitehousefullofboys@verizon.net)

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#### **The Mission of Disciples Christian Church**

In order to follow Jesus and worship God, we will serve our neighbors. We will minister to our fellow Christians. We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do.

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