



# The Link

The Weekly E-Newsletter of Disciples Christian Church  
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## Updated Prayer Requests



- **Grace P., niece of Agnes P.** is receiving chemotherapy for cancer.
- **Grace R., niece of Agnes P.** is recovering from by-pass surgery.
- **Sam Christie** is in Baylor Dallas due to blood clots. Doctors are monitoring him.
- **Kim Helms, Kristina N.'s mother,** is recovering from an eye procedure.
- **Jennifer C., Rev. Diane's granddaughter,** still recovering from her kidney transplant. Her brother/donor is much better.
- **Rev. Diane C.** to have open heart surgery for mitral valve problems.
- **Rev. Galen C.** needs back surgery eventually; still dealing with a blood clot.

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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## A Message from Rev. David



Wow, I can't believe how quickly two weeks has passed. We had a great time visiting with family and friends and watching my 56 year old mom walk across the platform at Fort Hays State University in Hays Kansas to receive her bachelor's degree, what an inspiration! While this was a great trip we knew it couldn't last forever, besides after traveling several hundred miles and staying in multiple homes and hotels and getting very familiar with Mc Donald's we were glad to roll into Plano about 5:30 Wednesday afternoon, make a quick stop for a few groceries and go home...and begin the process of settling into our own routine. As always we can't thank you enough for allowing us this time to be with family and friends even if it was a lot for us to take in.

As for church news there are a lot of things in the planning stages for summer and fall so stay tuned to the bulletin, the Link and the website for more information as you think about how you can be a part of these great events!

Again, many thanks to all who covered for us from the office, to the pulpit, to the class room, to everywhere else while we were gone,

In Christ Love  
David, Kristina, Kyleigh and Garrison

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## Memorial Day Holiday

Please note that the DCC office and Bright Beginnings Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



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## "Getting to know... Nancy Hall"

The "Mountain State" otherwise known as West Virginia, was the birthplace of this week's "Getting to know" guest, Nancy Hall. Gauley Bridge, Hawk's Nest, Bethany, Blue Ridge Parkway, Charleston, Harper's Ferry, Lavalette, Milton, Great Smokey National Park, White Sulpher Springs, Lexington, Louisville and even the Ohio River all had their influences on Nancy's life.



She did not want to leave the mountains, so in her work experience, she moved to the Colorado Rockies. For 13 years she was a group travel coordinator for Highpoint Travel in Dallas. Later she worked for Colorado Tours, Ltd. in various locales – Breckenridge, Keystone, Winter Park, Copper Mountain, Aspen, Crested Butte and then Purgatory. The focus was skiing and enjoying the experience! She designed and escorted heritage tours, one of which was a tour 11 days in length, visiting 11 states and with 40 tourists from the North Texas area. They covered significant heritage and Disciple sites including Bethany W.V., Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Lexington, KY. and VA., Nashville and Memphis, TN.

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Nancy has always been interested in photography, believing that it blends the best of two worlds. As her teacher at Collin College said, photography is part "art" and part "math" ... she finds this true. Being wife of pastor Fred Hall has given her many opportunities to expand her horizons and both challenge and strengthen her beliefs.

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## Music Notes



### Chancel Choir schedule:

We'll warm up at 9 a.m. Sunday for an awesome last anthem of the semester! See you there!

**Summer specials:** Please let Laura Young know if you would like to provide special music during a summer worship service.

### Upcoming concerts:

#### **Memorial Day Tribute -- Sunday, May 30th 7:00 p.m.**

The Richardson Community Band begins its 2010 Summer Series by honoring America and the many men and women who have fought to defend our freedom. Plan now to make this concert a part of your family's Memorial Day weekend activities.

**June 12, 2010** --- The New Texas Symphony Orchestra will present *Americana!*, its summer concert featuring soloist Alex Brombal in George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as other American favorites including music by Aaron Copland and George Chadwick. Join the NTSO in Hamon Hall at the AT&T Performing Arts Center in downtown Dallas, on Saturday, June 12 at 7:30pm for an unforgettable performance honoring the music of our great nation. Regular tickets are \$25 and senior/student tickets are \$15. Buy tickets online at <http://www.ntso.org/> or at the door before the concert.

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## DCC Outreach Projects

by Barbara Ramsey

Some exciting Outreach projects are underway at DCC. Rev. David previewed our Church World Service Emergency Clean-Up Kits and the Hygiene Kits during his time with the children a few Sundays ago.

The kits are used for disaster relief around the world. Huge shipments have been sent to Haiti, Chile, and China since their recent earthquakes, and we need to replenish the CWS warehouse. The Clean-up Kits will be greatly needed for the current flooding in Tennessee. There are several ways that you can be a part of this undertaking:

- Sign out one of the large orange paint buckets and fill it with the lists included
  - Pick up a list of items from both kits. Purchase some of the items for either kit, bring back to church to help fill buckets or bags (for hygiene kits).
  - You can donate money and Chuck and Nancy will shop in bulk.
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## Emergency Clean-Up Buckets

*These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, tornado, or other disaster.*



What a wonderful start, on the first day of our drive for kits five empty buckets were be taken to be filled-three by the Chinese Church, one by a DCC Sunday School Class, and one by an individual DCC family.

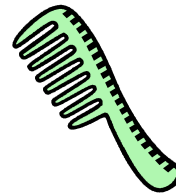
- ~~One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid~~ (These have been donated already)
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable like Easy Wipes)
- One 50-78 oz box of dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol)
- One 25 oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 feet, or one 100 ft
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex)
- One pair of work gloves
- 28 bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-40 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion- **NOT AEROSAL**)

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## Hygiene Kits

Item can be dropped off in basket by the nametags/ Food Pantry items.

- One hand towel measuring approx 16' X 28"
- One washcloth
- One wide-toothed comb
- One nail clippers
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids



Please no toothpaste because CWS will add toothpaste with extended expiration dates when they send the kits to victims. Each kit will be put in a zip-loc gallon size bag.

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## **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat was founded which was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

### **Habitat for Humanity South Collin County**

Habitat for Humanity - South Collin County was founded in 1997 with the mission to build decent, simple, affordable homes for deserving families, regardless of religion, race, creed, color, gender or familial status. They are an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. They serve Plano, Allen, Trinity Park, Lucas, Wylie, Murphy, Parker, Lowry Crossing, Fairview, Saint Paul, and the rural areas of South Collin County, Texas.

During a Habitat build, persons of all races, faiths, and neighborhoods work together toward a common goal: the completion or rehabilitation of a Habitat homeowner's house. This work brings strangers or even co-workers together, who sweat, pound, lift, carry, hang, and nail the home into place – together. Habitat for Humanity - South Collin County avoids the use of professionals and power tools to allow the harmony of hard work to bond people. People who work on a build together, and then witness the dedication of the house to the homeowner family, often return again and again for the experience.

This year Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County will build ten homes with the help of individuals, organizations, churches, and companies.

### **DCC Participation**

It is our distinct pleasure at DCC to have the opportunity to support this wonderful effort by supplying food for 30 - 35 volunteers. Our church will provide lunch for the volunteers working on the most current project which will be at 1019 G Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. **The date of our lunch effort will be June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The Outreach committee is looking for volunteers to help with providing lunch this day. You can help in three different ways:

- 1) Donate food or drinks for the lunch
- 2) Help deliver the food to the build site and serve it
- 3) Help build at the site that day

Please contact John Prewitt at [jt\\_prewitt@hotmail.com](mailto:jt_prewitt@hotmail.com) or by phone at 972-900-1936 to volunteer for any of these options. We can make it happen!!!

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## **Graduation Sunday, June 6**

On Sunday, June 6, Disciples Christian Church will honor those graduating during worship. Please join us in congratulating Nick Bell and Danielle Morris, DCC nursery attendant, who are graduating from High School next month. Also, Susan Shaw has completed coursework and has earned her Master of Arts in School Counseling from Amberton University.



If you know of anyone else who is graduating, please let Rev. David or Jan in the DCC office know.

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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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