



The Link

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



- **Paula Mc.** is recovering in a rehab/nursing facility after double-knee replacement surgery a few weeks ago.
- **Agnes P.** was hospitalized last weekend but is now home recovering.
- Prayers for **Dakota's mom** who was severely bitten on her wrist by a dog at her work.
- **Mary S.**, friend of the Bertschis, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **Rev. Diane C.** will not have open heart surgery after all. Doctors said it can be postponed for six months.
- **Prayers for our church families** traveling this summer.

- Prayers for upcoming **DCC summer events**.
- Prayers for **Lisa S., the Snyder's daughter-in-law**, on the birth of her baby Audrey.
- **Ron C., Jan C.'s friend** is hospitalized with pancreatic cancer.

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

A Message from Rev. David

Over the last few days I have been thinking a lot about a favorite scripture of mine, I refer to it as one of my life verses...one of those verses that I've said time and again...one of those verses that's carried me through times of uncertainty and chaos...one of those verses that brings to mind a glimpse of God's love and favor for all people. Some 2,500 years ago God spoke a promise through the prophet Jeremiah to the Jewish people who remained in Babylonian exile declaring, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and I will gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven into exile." (Jeremiah 29: 11-14a) Here we find evidence that once again God's people were displaced. As they'd faced so many times before (and after) their cities, their government, their way of life and their relationships were in turmoil and ruin. Thus we can't ignore the context and implications of this scripture for the people whom God is speaking to through Jeremiah.

Still the context of this scripture doesn't mean that people since that time can't glean certain truths and promises of God's word for their own lives and circumstances. In fact one of the wonderful things about being a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that church and its members are encouraged to pour over and through the scriptures allowing God to speak in ways they understand and perhaps to see something in a new light. Thus for me this promise from God spoken through the prophet Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon offers assurance and hope that even in difficult times God has a purpose and plan for our lives which includes prosperity, protection and provision of our mind, body, soul and spirit. Moreover it declares that our future is one that is full of hope. Further is the promise that if we seek God we will find God. Unlike the childhood game 'hide and seek' God says, "I will let you find me." There's no counting to 10 or closing our eyes, rather God's right there...right in front of us. God assures us that if we look we will find what we're looking for.

Although we live in a frail world where things like disease and economic uncertainty tend to overshadow our lives I have to believe that God is in our midst and that God loves us and has plan for our lives and will bless us beyond what we could ever hope for or imagine.

Peace and Blessings in God and Christ,

David

VBS Meeting

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting following worship this coming **Sunday, June 27** following worship. All committee members and volunteers are asked to attend this important planning/organizing meeting.

Evangelism & Elder Meetings

Meetings for the Evangelism and Elder teams are scheduled for this **Sunday, June 27** as follows:

Evangelism – 4 pm
Evangelism & Elders – 4:30 pm
Elders – 5:30 pm

Getting to know ... Dave Bell

Let me introduce you to the talented Mr. Dave Bell. Born in David City, Nebraska, his family moved to Indiana when he was nine, and then he moved to Oklahoma at the age of 18. During World War II, Dave was a fighter pilot with the Army Air Corp. flying P-40s and P-47s.



Dave and his wife Sally (whose given name is actually Sara Jane) have been married for 64 years. He actually built their house in Dallas in 1976-1977. They have two daughters, Linda and Marsha, five grandkids (three boys, two girls) and one great grandson.

Dave and Sally have been members of DCC for 34 years. A lot of the pieces of wooden furniture at DCC were built by Dave. He retired from IBM after working there for 27 years; he then went on to work for Data General for 10 years. His hobbies are wood working, metal working and volunteering his numerous skills for Habitat for Humanity. I also hear he plays a mean game of golf or two every week!

Music Notes

FREE adaptive equipment item:

Black and Decker automatic jar opener, excellent condition, never used. Ideal for someone with severe arthritis or otherwise limited hand strength and mobility. First to respond with a need can pick it up from Laura Young on Sunday. (214-850-4549, youngzoo@sbcglobal.net)



Upcoming concerts

Richardson Community Band summer series:

All summer series concerts (except July 4) are free and take place at Sundays at 7 p.m. on the lawn at the Civic Center/Library site at the Southwest corner of 75 and Arapaho in Richardson.

Website: richardsoncommunityband.org

June 27 -- "Family Night"

July 4 (please visit cor.net for further information on the free "Richardson Family Fourth" event)

July 18 – Music for a Summer Night

August 1 -- Conductor's Choice

August 15 -- Season Finale

Plano Community Band summer series:

All summer series concerts (except July 3) occur on Monday night at 7 p.m. at Haggard Park in Plano.

Remaining concert dates are: July 3, 12, 26. Website: planoband.com

Summer specials: Please contact Music Director Laura Young if you would like to be scheduled to provide a special song during the summer while the choirs on are break. Thanks!

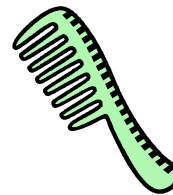
The **Plano Civic Chorus** will be holding auditions for next year's chorus beginning August 2nd. planocivicchorus.org

DCC Outreach Projects

Hygiene Kits

The Outreach Committee is still collecting items for the Hygiene Kits, which can be dropped off in the basket by the nametags/Food Pantry items. Below is the list of things still needed:

- 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.

Independence Day Parade (on July 3rd)

As in years past, DCC will be participating again this year in the Early Lion's Club annual Independence Day Parade in Plano. This year it will actually **take place on Saturday, July 3rd**. DCC members will walk the route with a smile on their faces while handing out cold



bottles of water. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Mike Bell, Jan Mueller or Rev. David. More details will be in next week's *Link!*

4th of July Holiday

As a reminder, the DCC office will be closed on **Monday, July 5** in honor of the 4th of July holiday.



Vacation Bible School

The VBS team has been hard at work selecting curriculum, organizing, and planning for this summer's VBS program "**Hidden Treasures — Powerful Parables.**" It will take place August 9—13 from 9 am—12 pm. Please let Kristina Nordyke or Julie Boyer know if you're able to help in some way. Thanks!



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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