



THE EPISTLE

Raymore Christian Church

September 1, 2010



Sunday, September 5
“Embrace Tomorrow”
Sunday, September 12
“Embrace Today”

Please Lift Up In Prayer

Bob Wood
Sherri Simpson
Carol Poindexter
Michael Harvey
Dorothy Ferguson
Flo Ross
Virginia Wiszneaukas
Helen Roach
Carl Frasher
Clarence Virden
Leah Lacy
Van Van Natta
Betty Miller

Sarah Group Meeting

The Sarah Group has rescheduled their meeting date due to the Fall Festival at Foxwood Springs.

They will meet on
September 22, 11:45am,
Carnegie Village in Belton.
The cost for lunch is \$10
and *reservations must be
turned into Margaret Eblen
at 331-3472 by
September 19.*

Faith Development Teachers Recruitment/Informational Meeting Sunday, September 12th

Are you looking for a way to use your spiritual gifts that will help grow our Christian Education programs here at Raymore Christian Church? Learn more about our plans and how to be a part on September 12 immediately after the 10:30 worship service.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for those wishing to join in and find out more about this program. Lunch will be served.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Wilson at 816 322-0270 or Angela Weber at 816 331-2481.

“Remember, God doesn’t seem to call the equipped; rather, he equips the called.”

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, September 26th,

when Kirby Gould of the Christian Church Foundation will deliver the sermon during worship hour. There will be a fellowship dinner following the 10:30 worship service after which Kirby will answer our questions on wills and trusts. Check the September 15th Epistle for details about the “carry in” dinner sponsored by the Stewardship and Evangelism Ministries. It is anticipated that the meat will be provided, and the side dishes will be carried in.

“Undie Sunday” A Huge Success Thanks To You!

The donations for Micah are overwhelming. Our “Undie Sunday” was an unbelievable success. This congregation never ceases to amaze. Our next visit to Micah will be September 13. We will leave the church at 9am. There are many things to be sorted. Bring your lunch. Saturday, September 18 is a very important day at Micah. They will be transferring clothing from summer to winter. We will leave from church at 8:30am. Summer clothes are no longer needed in donations. Before we go we could use more toiletry items and toilet paper. The folks that help organize the Micah Ministry say they can always depend on Raymore Christian Church. Come join us on our next two trips. You will feel very rewarded. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.





Many thanks to: Theresa Cotter, Betty Doss, Greg Hall, Ken Hicks, and Charlotte Shoemaker for sharing wonderful stories during our worships services on Sunday. They all shared about experiences that inspired their faith and filled them with meaningful memories.

This Sunday we will embrace our future and in two weeks we will celebrate with embracing ourselves as the people of faith that God is calling us to be in the present.

It is amazing how memories of the past can influence and shape our future. Beginning on Sept. 19th all of our Christian Education classes will begin together in the fellowship hall. With an opening similar to what many of us experienced in Sunday School when we were young; we will sing songs, hear a common scripture passage, and pray together in

the first ten minutes before going off to our individual classes to grow in the faith.

New teachers are answering a call to serve and additional classes are being formed to add to the already rich offerings for Christian Education that are available in the life of our congregation. When we commit time to studying our faith, we are engaging with God in active prayer. When we tend to our spirits with study we model for our kids and grandkids how valuable growing in our faith is!

I would like to encourage everyone to attend at least one 9:30 Sunday morning class offering this fall. Try the elective class that runs for a limited length of Sundays, an established class that has been gathering for years, or simply take part in a conversation over cookies and coffee in the narthex. Exciting things are happening during our 9:30 Sunday School hour, come and take part! **Brett**

Church Extension Mtg. Report

Last Thursday, Bill Bass from Church Extension, in Indianapolis spoke to some of our members who were looking for information concerning investing with Church Extension. The biggest take-away from this meeting was this: If you intend to open a new investment through Church Extension *or if you already have an investment with them*, be sure to let them know that

you want the investment to count toward loan support for our church mortgage. This costs you absolutely nothing, but it saves our church money by slightly reducing the interest rate on our mortgage.

Bill left some extra brochures about investing through the Board Extension. This Sunday, that information will be available in the narthex as long as it lasts.

George Rankin, Trustee Mod.

**Join us for our 29th Annual
Fall Festival of Fun!
Friday, September 17 &
Saturday,
September 18, 9am-4pm**

Foxwood Springs Living Center
Opening ceremony starts at 8:30am at the main entrance to the Community Center. There will be entertainment at 2pm each day and lunch can be purchased in Holmes Hall each day from 11am-2pm.

Update Young Adult/College Addresses

We need current addresses, phone numbers and emails to keep in touch with our young adults.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carol Poindexter, joined 8-15
Jim & Barbara Peden, joined 8-22

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Robert Kelley and family in the passing of Glada and to Bob Cook and his family in the passing of Frances. Services for Frances will be held this Friday, September 3 at 10:30am in Holmes Hall at Foxwood Springs.



...We are growing.



**Disciples Women/CWF
News and Notes**

If you have not yet joined a DW/CWF group, the following is a list of meeting days and times:

- Lydia Third Monday-7:30pm
- Naomi Third Tuesday-9:30am
- Rebecca Third Monday-7:00pm
- Ruth Third Wednesday-9:30pm
- Sarah Third Wednesday-1:30pm

Upcoming Events in September:

- Women's Fall Retreat at Tall Oaks
- September 11-12 Service. Orient. & Ingathering at Barry Christian Church
- September 23-10:00am & :30pm

Don't forget the Service Day & Executive Meetings on September 8 at 9am & 10am in the downstairs library.

*See article on front page about Sarah Group meeting change for September.

**Next Epistle
September 15**

Visit our website at www.raymorecc.org and check out our church calendar that is updated daily.

**Welcome Visitors!
8/22 & 8/29**

- Qwen Flathers
- Glenda Ford
- John Keith
- Melissa Beggs Wilmes
- Gregg Clinkinbeard
- Diann Roche
- Lorraine Phillips
- Jim & Joanne Speller
- Bernie Nigiers
- Abigail Wilmes
- Daniel Edison

Worship Attendance

August 22, 2010

9:30 Sunday School	42
Worship Services	
8:30 Service	43
10:30 Service	<u>147</u>
Total Worship	190

August 29, 2010

9:30 Sunday School	35
Worship Services	
8:30 Service	46
10:30 Service	<u>144</u>
Total Worship	190

IN APPRECIATION!

Kudos and thanks to Don and Linda Baker for the wonderful job they did with my outdoor maintenance work. It was greatly appreciated. The H.O.M.e Ministries is a great service our church offers and I would urge others to take advantage of this outreach program for work they cannot do for themselves. A donation is welcomed, but not necessary.

Verlyn Smart

Thank you to Bob and Pam Brown for trimming along the East side of Peace Drive.

Property Ministry

NEED HELP? Anthony Frasher would like to do some odd jobs to earn some money. If you have anything that he could help you with, please give him a call at 816 804-4001. Cost to be determined by job.



**Join Us Friday,
October 8, 2010**

**InterContinental Hotel on the
Country Club Plaza
Make Your Reservations Now!
Individual \$85
Table Host \$850-Table Sponsor
\$1,100**

**Reservation Deadline September 27
To make reservations, contact your
Gala Ambassador, Greg Hall
Silent Auction & Fellowship
6:00 p.m.
Dinner-7:45 p.m.
Live Auction-9:00 p.m.**

The H.O.M.e Mission Project through our church is wonderful! I sincerely want to thank Linda & Don Baker, and their granddaughter, Lily, for pulling/digging all the weeds that had overtaken my flower beds since my surgery. They are angels.

Dode Bryan

**The Elder's meeting scheduled for
Thursday, September 16 has
been changed to
Sunday, September 19 following
the 10:30 worship in the
Worship Center.**

Called Board Meeting...The Board met on Sunday, August 29, to discuss the repairs on the parking lot. The Board voted to accept the bid from Gann Construction Company. For a complete copy of the minutes, see the notebook in the narthex.

MOVIE NIGHT

Come join us on Sunday, **September 26th at 6:00 p.m.** as we hold our first "movie night" at RCC. We will gather in the Worship Center to watch the movie "Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock. Bring a snack and drink to enjoy during our intermission time in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please Heather Frasher.

**Friendship Class
Ice Cream Social
Saturday, September 4th,
4pm in Holmes Hall
Foxwood Springs
Questions, contact
Dagmar at 331-8264.**

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Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday

Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch

Telephone: (816) 322-0561

Sunday Services: 8:30 Praise & Celebration

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Traditional Service

Raymore Christian Church Staff

Rev. Brett Winters, Minister

Kathy Kemper, Administrative Assistant

Ken Maxson, Bookkeeper

Jan Van Otterloo, Organist

Everett Kilbourne, Custodian

Kayla Hall, Assistant Custodian

Rhonda Bobbitt, Preschool Director

Scheduled to Serve September 5

Elders:

8:30 Karen Yount **10:30** Mike Cox & Bob Brown

Weekend Elder: Bob Brown

Deacons: 8:30 Bud Swope

10:30 Jan Anderson Yvonne Paysinger
Helen Bellas Eileen Miles
Marge Cahill Beverly Sparks
Kayla Hall Phil Sparks

Communion Prep/Clean Up:

8:30 Bud Swope

10:30 Marge Cahill & Beverly Sparks

Sound Technician: Andy James

Greeters:

8:30 Bud Swope **10:30** Gladys Huscher

Guest Book: 8:30 Bud Swope **10:30** Evangelism

Candle Lighters: Alex Shaffer & Layla Kennedy

Candle Lighter Attendant: Anthony Frasher

Coffee & Cookie Fellowship:

8:30 Verlyn Smart

10:30 Sandy & Gordon Dunleu

Ushers: Bearl Dean, Nathaniel Weber, Eileen Miles
Esther Wertenberger

Schedule to Serve September 12-Homebound

8:30 Jane Perkins **10:30** Lee Hankins & Beth Rankin

Weekend Elder: Beth Rankin

Deacons: 8:30 Mary Jean Swope

10:30 Ken Muninger Bonnie Hartley
Curtis Weber Sandy Files
Anthony Frasher Phil Sparks
Janet James Gerri Greer

Communion Prep/Clean Up:

8:30 Mary Jean Swope

10:30 Anthony Frasher & Phil Sparks

Sound Technician: Travis Tarry

Greeters:

8:30 Mary Jean Swope **10:30** Lee & Lillian Hankins

Guest Book:

8:30 Mary Jean Swope **10:30** Evangelism

Candle Lighters: Lanna Douglas & Randi Johnson

Candle Lighter Attendant: Kathee Douglas

Coffee & Cookie Fellowship:

8:30 Pat Jenkins

10:30 Susan Barth & Amy Malone

Ushers: Bearl Dean, Nathaniel Weber, Eileen Miles,
Esther Wertenberger

Homebound Communion Teams:

Team A Beth Rankin & Esther Wertenberger

Team B Lee Hankins/Theresa Cotter & Anthony Frasher

Team C Mary Ellen Paskon & Carl Frasher

Team D Gordon & Sandy Dunley

Team E Ray Miller & Gerri Greer