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## Greetings

When I served in Regional Ministry, both in Indiana and the Trinity Brazos Area, I kept in my desk drawer a sheet of paper with some simple but wise thoughts taken from Norman Vincent Peale's book,

### THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING (pg. 194).

The thoughts are titled "How To Make People Like You." I share them with you as I begin this journey with you for the next few months:

1. Learn to remember names. Inefficiency at this point may indicate that your interest is not sufficiently outgoing. A man's name is very important to him.
2. Be a comfortable person so there is no strain in being with you – be an old-shoe, old-hat kind of individual. Be homey.
3. Acquire the quality of relaxed easygoingness so that things do not ruffle you.
4. Don't be egotistical. Guard against giving the impression that you know it all. Be natural and normally humble.
5. Cultivate the quality of being interesting so that people will want to be with you and get something of stimulating value from their association with you.
6. Study to get the "scratchy" elements out of your personality even those of which you may be unconscious.
7. Sincerely attempt to heal, on an honest Christian basis, every misunderstanding you have had or now have. Drain off your grievances.
8. Practice liking people until you learn to do so genuinely. Remember what Will Rogers said, "I never met a man I didn't like." Try to be that way.
9. Never miss an opportunity to say a word of congratulations upon anyone's achievement, or express sympathy in sorrow or disappointment.
10. Get a deep spiritual experience so that you have something to give people that will help them to be stronger and meet life more effectively. Give strength to people and they will give affection to you.

Have a great week! I will see you and your family and friends in worship on Sunday.

Shalom,

**Ken Hall**

# BUDGET REPORT




Budget Needs Per Week	\$3,650.89
Received January 1, 2012	\$4,844.00
Received January 8, 2012	\$2,285.00
Received Year to Date	\$7,229.00
Actual Expenses Year to Date	<b>\$6,784.10</b>
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$444.90

## Attendance Report

Sunday, January 1, 2012	Sunday School	22
	Worship	75
Sunday, January 8, 2012	Sunday School	43
	Worship	98
Average Year to Date	Sunday School	33
	Worship	86

### CROSSES FOR SALE

We have crosses made from the wood that was on the 1893 building. These are made from wood that could not be reused for the building and each one represents a little bit of our ACC history! If you would like to have one, see Scottie and for a donation of \$20.00 she will give you a cross. Funds go to the ongoing restoration.

Need some chores done in and around your home? Let our youth help you?

They are working to raise money for their mission trip and are willing and able to earn this money!

Contact David for scheduling.  
817/437-7296 or  
drchristman1@yahoo.com



## January 15, 2012

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Becky Stults
<b>Table</b>	Sondra Williams
<b>Bread Elder</b>	Mark Hiles
<b>Wine Elder</b>	Lisa Lingo
<b>First Greeter</b>	Steven Hightower
<b>Second Greeter</b>	Jennifer Pastre
<b>Deacon</b>	Sandra Gallatin
<b>Deacon</b>	Eddie Weger
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Katie Moranha
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jon Saurenmann
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jana Howell
<b>Children's Church</b>	Matthew Hudman
<b>Visitation Team</b>	Jan Flavin
<b>Home Communion</b>	Nancy Robbins & Sandra Gallatin

## January 22, 2012

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Susie Hiles
<b>Table</b>	Ken Hall
<b>Bread Elder</b>	Lisa Lingo
<b>Wine Elder</b>	Chris Piercy
<b>First Greeter</b>	Chelle Jacobs
<b>Second Greeter</b>	Leah Saurenmann
<b>Deacon</b>	Linda Clark
<b>Deacon</b>	Bob Upchurch
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Justin Jacobs
<b>Acolyte</b>	Madison Howell
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Ken Hall
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jennifer Pastre
<b>Visitation Team</b>	Lynda Scott
<b>Home Communion</b>	Sondra Williams & Linda Clark



**Hello Everyone,**

As many of you know Krista and I will be going to the hospital this Wednesday to have our scheduled C-section. Based on the doctor's estimates we will probably be in the hospital until Sunday. We don't mind having visitors, but please keep in mind that my family will be in town till Thursday, and they will receive priority in visiting hours. Also, if you can hold back your excitement please don't come on Wednesday because Wednesday will be a day that Krista will need lots of rest after the procedure, and it will be the first day that we will be able to spend with our new baby. I don't want to sound mean or rude or ungrateful. We love you all, and we know you are excited about our new baby, but there will be plenty of time after our hospital stay for you all to get to know him or her. Please keep us in your prayers as we take this exciting step forward and as our family grows. Be sure to check Facebook, because I am sure there will be daily posts.

Having the baby will mean some changes around the office. I have been given two weeks paternity leave so that I can take care of Krista after the procedure and spend time with our baby during crucial development time. I will still be attending the Wednesday night meetings, fulfilling my duties on Sundays, and still having youth group. Other than Sundays and Wednesday evenings I will be out of the office. If you have any pastoral care concerns please notify Ken Hall, our interim preaching pastor, and Susan in the office. They will be taking care of pastoral care concerns while I am away. If you need to be in touch with me for any reason, send an email to Susan in the office and she will relay the information to me.

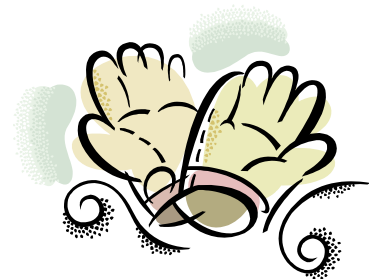
There is a lot going on in the coming months for the youth group. It is time for retreats again. The TBA JYF retreat will be on January 27th-29th, the Chi Rho retreat will be February 3rd-5th, and the CYF retreat will be the 24th-26th. If you plan on attending the Chi Rho retreat I need your forms no later than Wednesday the 18th. The due date is the 17th but I will be out of the office that day, and the TBA people know. So bring them to me on Wednesday the 18th in the evening before Board meeting (during the meal). If you would like to go to the CYF retreat, your forms are due by the first of February. I will be back in the office by the, so just bring them in any time before that. Aside from retreats, we have fundraisers for our mission trip to Heifer International. Parents and youth, we will have our usual stockholder packet meeting on the 29th and after that the youth can start selling stocks. If anyone has any odd jobs or work that you need done around your place, have a group of youth come over and help you out. Our youth for hire fundraiser is a year round fundraiser and our youth love doing tough physical labor (I'm not kidding or exaggerating). I have to admit that in the past it has been hard to set up times where the youth can come and do the work at people's houses.

Usually people will tell me that they have a job, but they don't give me a date that the youth can come over and work, so it never gets planned. This problem is a thing of the past. Aaron Ipser, one of our youth, has shown a knack for scheduling and planning these functions and has volunteered to take on scheduling and arranging these jobs. So if you have any jobs that need to be completed and you would like to hire a youth please contact Aaron either at the church, on his cell phone number (817-771-8872) or at his email (aaronipser@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that he is a high school student, so if you would like to call him, please make it in the evenings. Please help our youth and support us as we make preparations to serve at Heifer this summer. Thank you Aaron for volunteering to schedule these events. Remember youth group meets at 4-5:30 every Sunday. So come out and have some fun.

Just a reminder to all of you who are cabinet members, our cabinet retreat is this coming Saturday from nine to noon in the fellowship hall. We will be planning our church events beginning with the end of January and going all the way through August. We will also be addressing taking time to talk about our dreams for the coming year, and our goals for the coming year. So please do not forget to come, and please show up on time so you don't miss anything important.

That is all I know as of now. This week, please take some time and lift up everyone on our joys and concerns list before God in Prayer. Love you all

God Bless  
Rev. David Christman



REMINDER

We, the Azle Christian Church, recycles paper.  
If you are not taking your bulletin home, please,  
Leave it on the pew and the Deacons will carry it  
To the recycle spot.

**Wednesday night meals!**

**The fellowship meals on Wednesday nights have begun. We would like your input—Would you like them to continue?**

**We find ourselves with fewer and fewer people.**

**The meal night is not designed to be a money maker but we would like to break even! So, please contact Rick Seeds, Dannie Davis, Dollene Price or Barb Upchurch to let us know your opinion.**

**God Bless and Thank You, Membership**

*Speaking of meals*

*The menu for Wednesday January 18, 2012*

*Is*

*Lasagna*

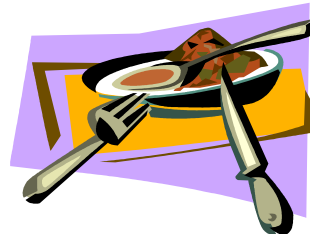
*Vegetarian Lasagna*

*Grilled Zucchini*

*Salad*

*French Bread*

*Dessert: Chocolate Peanut Butter Parfait*





A great big thank you to all the angels that helped with un-decorating the church and helping box up for storage. Bless you for showing up and using your special talents.

Worship Ministry

**DWM  
Meeting on  
January 25, 2012  
At 6:30 PM**

**New Year—New times!  
Hope to see you there, In faith, Barb Upchurch**

### *Church Directory News*

*The Church Directory is very near completion. We are planning to make the Directory available in two (2) forms:*

*Loose notebook and  
Windows CD.*

*Let us know if you would prefer the CD rather than the notebook.*

*Please call or email Susan, in the ACC office and let her know. She will keep track for us.*

*Thank you,  
The Directory Committee*

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

**New Prayer Requests**

Paul Bales, Leslie's son  
Raymond Smith, intense wound treatment  
Kenneth Foster  
Jeanne Atchison's sister, Janice  
Marc Filgo  
Canden Hand, 9 years old health problems  
Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries,  
financial

Mikey Crossley, 5 year old, cancer treatment  
Evelyn Ashley  
Shelby Hiles  
McCreary's are at home  
Perry Bowen, cancer treatment

Maria Lopez, cancer  
Eddie Butryn, bone cancer  
Ashley Gillings  
Ella Latham, hospice  
Roper, cancer  
Dale Hovland



**On-going Prayers Requested**

Debt Reduction Campaign  
Pam Noble, cancer  
Stephanie & Jason Sorrows  
Ellen Malone, Mario and Myron  
Family and friends of Pat Branch,  
Chris Saurenmann's mother  
Krista and David Christman and baby  
Judy Semlinger  
\*Sandra Bishnoi  
Brock Powell  
Christopher Sellers  
Maedell Long  
\*Leah Vann  
\*Ricky Stults

Andrew Price  
Terry Massey  
Hope, cancer  
Leslie Bales and family  
Cassi Sellers  
\*Bill Scott, hospice  
\*Julie Gardom  
Rhonda Newkirk  
Ruthie Addington  
John Tadlock  
Austin Woolsey  
Carolyn Woodall  
\*Lodema Botts

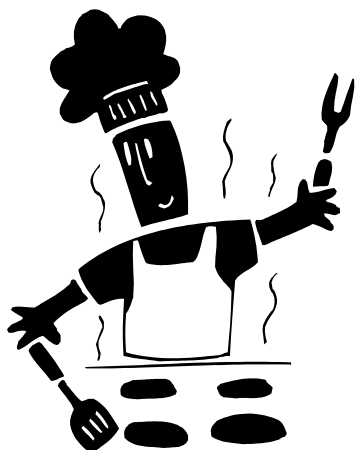
ACC Search Committee  
Richard Sutton  
Peggy, seizures  
Kendra, unborn baby  
Marjorie, Tom Arber's sister  
\*Vancil Trammell  
Paul Reed  
\*Russell Eagleton  
\*Patsy Clay  
\*Pauline Cowan  
\*Jack Cowan



**Notice:**

We will list family and friends for one month, unless notified otherwise. If you feel they should be listed longer than that, please let us know.

**Serving in the military:** Ryan Stults' friend, Sam Hollis, Afghanistan; Chad Tidwell, San Antonio; Spruill's grandson, David Collins, San Diego; Brandon Carroll, Persian Gulf Iraq; Matt Hudleston, Korea; Jonathan Hendricks, Afghanistan; Jared Curry, Afghanistan

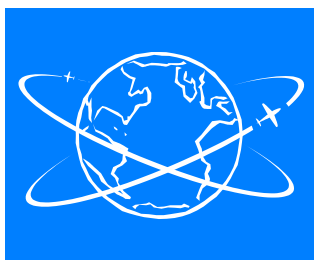
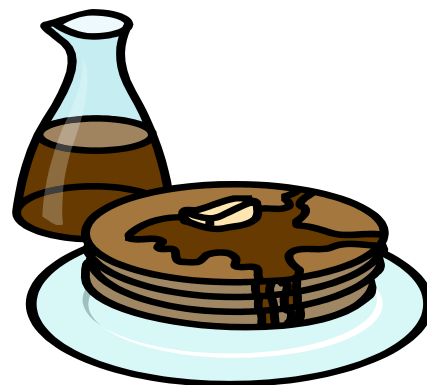



# *PANCAKES*, PANCAKES, PANCAKES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

8:30—10:45 AM

Donations benefit the Costa Rica Mission Trip



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Return service Requested

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Sharing our Christian  
Community

*"We are a Christian community that loves  
God and our neighbor, where everyone is  
welcome at Christ's table. God accepts you  
just as you are and so do we."*

**Lectionary 01.15.12**  
I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
I Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**Lectionary 01.22.12**  
Jonah 3:1-5,10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
I Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20