

First Christian Church

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Church growth, candlelight dinner and Trunk or Treat!



JAY DOZIER
Senior Pastor

We want to thank every person that served at our recent Wednesday Night Candlelight Dinner! This includes thirteen students from our youth group, about eight adult members of the church, the Covenant Academy Board of Directors, Boy Scout Troop 1 and of course, Chef Shawn Driggers. *(See page seven of the newsletter for photos from the night's festivities!)*

We are thrilled with the growth of the church this

month! We have baptized Josh Jorgenson and Avelino Maltos from the youth group and Michael Johnson and Josh Jorgenson have joined the church. Thank you for supporting these young men as they make decisions about their faith in Jesus and grow into the leaders God has called them to be.

Other new members in recent weeks include James "Sonny" Ellis, David and Barbara Weden, Chuck

Weikel, Carol White, Francisco Sanchez, Clovis and Mildred Epps, and Ashley Arruda Hughes. This has been a great summer for the church.

On October 31 we will be having our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. Grab some bags of candy to distribute and have some fun celebrating the evening together - costumes are welcome! Trunk or Treat starts at 5:30 and ends around 7.



JASON JOHNSON
Youth Director

Dear Church!

This newsletter is packed this month, so we, Jason and Jay, are writing our articles together in an act of unity and in an effort to appease our editor, Amanda Jones!

A letter of congratulation from Disciples Home Missions

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We have come to the fall season of another year and this letter comes to you enclosed with at least one of two items of recognition. Every year, the Office of Evangelism and the Yearbook office partners together to recognize and uplift those Disciples congregations which reach the top ten percent of the congregations of their size in their evangelistic efforts from the previous year (keep in mind our yearbook static are actually a year behind as it relates to reporting).

As it stands now, our Yearbook divides the sizes of our congregations into six designations. Recognition is given to the top ten percent of congregations in each division for baptisms and number of additions. As a result of getting this letter, your congregation

has been recognized in one or both of these areas. The primary goal of this recognition is two-fold. First, we want to acknowledge you and let you know someone somewhere has taken note of your accomplishment.

The second recognition (Most Reported Additions) is not truly an evangelistic effort. This number includes the total number of baptisms plus the number of new additions to your congregation. This may be an indication that your congregation is possibly actively welcoming new members who have transferred their membership from their former congregation. These new additions are often times seeking a new place of worship after having moved into a new area or perhaps looking to strengthen their spiritual horizons in a new context of ministry, worship and fellowship. It is our goal

that you will accept this recognition in the spirit of that context.

Again, please accept this small token of recognition for your efforts in evangelism and striving to be a 21st century congregation.

Sincerely,

Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr.

Minister of Evangelism

Office of Evangelism and Executive for
Congregational Transformation

Disciples Home Missions

Note: Disciples Home Missions is the coordinating division of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which helps equip disciples to support missions and teach people about the love of God. Its priorities include leader development, congregational transformation, faith formation and Christian vocations. For more information, go to www.discipleshomemissions.org.