

# First Christian Church

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# Celebrating Love and Marriage



ANNETTE JONES  
Elder

What an honor to share the *Celebration of Love and Marriage* with so many of my church family. We filled up three tables and Howard and Jeanne Green were the couple married the longest at 63 years. Liz and Chad Tingley won the raffle grand prize of a Caribbean cruise and some guests of Carol Clark-Yeomans were the couple married most recently. Ed and Rachel Lehman have been married six months

but collectively they had been married to their first spouses for more than 100 years!

The awards were wonderful but what spoke to me the most was the

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**“You have respected God’s design for love and marriage...”**

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testimony of so many of you. You have respected God’s design for love and marriage and through good times and bad, sickness and health, have *chosen* to love, honor and cherish one another. It is obvious in the way you interact with each another and in the way you serve your church family. What a blessing to be affirmed in God’s design. There is hope that other couples will be encouraged and strengthened in their commitment to one another. I just want to say “thank you” and pray for peace, hope and love in your journey—but the greatest of these is love.

## CHOIR NOTES



KAREN BILLINGSLEY

It seems just a few days ago we were celebrating Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. For those who prefer newer terms, Preparing for the Birth, Christmas (the Birth), and the Visitation of the Three Kings. So what is next? Lent. Lent is a season of preparation for us, for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the Easter season, a time of reflection. You may

have heard someone once say “I gave that up for Lent.” Well, there are some Christian traditions where people of faith give up something for 40 days, the time of Lent. I have friends who have given up coke, chocolate, sugar, coffee, smoking, all kinds of things. They give up something they like to do, with the thought of their “sacrifice”, giving up so little, because Christ gave up so much. Whenever they turn away from the thing they gave up, they are reminded of Christ.

There are many traditions that aid Christians in remembering Christ. We plan to have one of these soon, a Tenabrae Service on Good Friday. It is a service of candles, scrip-

ture, music, and is a remembrance of the crucifixion. One of our church traditions is the Sanctuary Choir presenting an Easter musical on Palm Sunday during the 11:00 Worship Service. We encourage all of you to attend. Maybe your Sunday school class can come and sit together. Maybe you can invite a friend who doesn’t attend our church. Maybe you attend 9:30 Worship and you can stay for the next hour to hear the message in song. Maybe you can bring a child to the service to hear the message in song. Maybe you aren’t usually in the choir, but would like to join us for this one season of the year. Please see any choir member for information. Lets join together and celebrate this wonderful message of resurrection!

# First Fruits Ministry-CAM

RITA GEOFFRION  
*First Fruits Ministry*

Donations of food, clothing, and personal items to The Kerr County Area Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) are used to provide temporary help to those in need. The "CAM Wish List" for this month includes:

- Clothing for adults and children
- All larger size clothing.
- Baby diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6.
- Blankets and towels
- Toiletries, and
- Non-perishable foods, especially Spam, Stew, Tuna, & other canned meats

Please keep these items in mind when prayerfully considering your First Fruits gift!

Place your donations in the wooden box in the front hall of the church. Remember, "First Sunday - First Fruits."

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**AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
204**

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## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, March 2, will be the restart of the mid-week Bible study. The first session will be convened by Corbin Shepherd and the purpose will be to consider and discuss possible topics and available study materials. Examples will be presented for consideration but suggestions for more topics will be welcome. Possible topics are: Listening to the Scriptures (Strategies for interpreting the Bible); Discovering the Psalms; Discerning God's Vision for the Church; John's Message; Gospel of Luke; and Letter to the Romans.

Come at 5:30 p.m. for supper and the study session will begin at about 6 p.m. Room location to be determined.

# Classic Movie Night

Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. a movie night is held in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend and the movie and refreshments will be provided.

Join us as we enjoy a classic movie from the golden years of film!

Call Amanda Jones at (325) 212-5976 for more information. Child-care can be provided if needed, but please call by the preceding Monday so it can be arranged.

**March 4-** *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, starring Errol Flynn

**March 11-** *Holiday Inn*, starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.

**March 18-** *The Maltese Falcon*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor.

**March 25-** *The Court Jester*, starring Danny Kaye & Angela Lansbury.



### OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Actual income through January 31, 2011	\$20,895.97
Actual expenses through January 31, 2011	<u>\$31,244.08</u>
NET	(\$10,348.11)

## “First Ladies” Luncheon

A single women’s group will meet every Sunday after second service. If you’re looking to have good food, fun and fellowship, come join us every Sunday in March at LaFour’s Restaurant.

We’ll see you there between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. We’ll meet at a different restaurant each month. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Bazaar Workdays

We are getting with it for the BAZAAR at Friday’s craft workdays! We are still helping to save the planet by repurposing items. Things we need include bottle caps, mattress pads, empty wine bottles, wine corks and wine glasses, jelly and pint canning jars, zippers, buttons, beads and costume jewelry.

Remember you’re welcome to join us at ANY time on Friday! We work from around 9 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided at noon for only \$3.00. That’s the best deal in town! Please come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and creativity!

# Thank You

Dear church family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and thoughts as I went through my surgery recently. I know that your prayers contributed to the good outcome and my recovery. God bless you all.

*Carol Clark-Yeomans*

## Church Family Photo Album

Thanks to all who have participated in the church’s online family photo album so far! You can access your photos by going to [www.trustandgo.com](http://www.trustandgo.com), clicking **About Us** and then either **FCC Photo Album** or **New Member Photo Album**. The photo album is for anyone who regularly attends church.

There will be a one photo makeup session on Wednesday, March 2nd from 6 to 8 PM. Jim Froemke will also be available to take make-up photos at that time.

### Women’s Ministries

Lord, we come to you through Jesus’ name, and we pray that if your servants are wanting to serve you, they will call us.

### Women’s Ministries Coordinator

**Jeanette Ricks**  
830-895-2738

*Romans 12:11*

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

### Women’s Ministries Chaplain

**Amy Dozier**  
830-895-0950

*1 Peter 4:10*

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.*

### Women’s Ministries Treasurer

**Jeanne Green**  
830-896-0991

*Matthew 25:40*

*The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’*

### Women’s Birthday Luncheon

The next birthday luncheon will be held Friday, March 25 at noon at a location yet to be determined for those ladies whose birthdays fall in February and March. Bring a funny card and a white elephant give and enjoy the food and fellowship!

### Thursday Bible Study

The group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, and now there is a men’s prayer group meeting at the same time! The Bible Study Coffee begins at 9 a.m. and the

Bible Study is from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

We are studying “Esther: It’s Tough being a Woman” by Beth Moore will begin. It is an in-depth and personal study about Esther’s story of trial and deliverance.

All are encouraged to come. For more information, contact Rudy Shepherd at 896-5482.

### Flower Ministry

Dianne Rees 367-7914 or Rudy Shepherd 830-896-5482

Luke 12:27 *“Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you not*

*even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these”.*

Come join the Flower Ministry, which can be not only rewarding to you, but which can provide so much comfort to our shut-ins in the hospital and in nursing homes.

On Mondays from 9:30-noon, the flowers that are used at Sunday services are made into individual bouquets which are then distributed to church members who are not able to be with us for the above reasons.

On Tuesdays, Chuck and Jodette Weikel (895-3405) take flowers to Plaza

on the River.

Volunteers, who usually go in pairs, will distribute the flowers during their visits. A chat, a smile, some caring and a prayer can go a long way to making our brothers and sisters in Christ feel His love and the love of their church.

### Did you know?

Disciples Women’s Voice is a newsletter that is full of useful and interesting information concerning women’s ministries. It can be found at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org).

## March Anniversaries

March 3  
Zach & Kimberly Edwards  
March 4  
Jim & Pamela Bentler  
March 8  
Arlie & Kitty Lammers  
March 12  
Byron & Stephanie Griffin  
March 13  
Chris & Amy Wooten  
David & Sherri Gaither  
March 16  
Chris & Lupe Weaks  
March 17  
Stanley & Rosie Welch  
March 27  
Coral & Junadah Admire  
March 30  
Dick Yeomans & Carol-Clark Yeomans



## March Birthdays



March 1  
George Montgomery  
March 2  
Rita Geoffrion  
Brooke Griffin  
March 4  
Amber Burley  
March 5  
Lynn Irwin  
Howard Glover  
Mary Potter  
March 8  
Theresa Cushman  
March 9  
Linda Jeffers  
March 10  
Theresa Coleman

March 11  
Kimberly Lee  
Jim Bentler  
March 13  
Martha Morris  
March 14  
Jackie Bishop  
March 16  
Delmar Potter  
March 18  
Vikki Greene  
Bert Derrick  
March 19  
Sharon Venable  
March 22  
Jason Johnson  
March 23  
Phil Byers

March 25  
Micki Jenschke  
Joanne Smith  
March 26  
Darnelle Myers  
Betty Akin  
David Burley  
March 28  
Frank Thomason  
March 30  
Annette McCreary  
March 31  
Patrick Reusser

*Thanks to Kay Steffey for sending out the wonderful birthday and anniversary cards!*

## March Monthly Events

### *First Fruits Ministry*

Remember, "First Sunday, First Fruits!"

### *Angel Food Distribution*

The last day for orders is Sunday, March 13. Distribution is Saturday, March 26 from 9-11 a.m. Please don't be late and remember to bring your receipt!

### *Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals*

Every Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Donations are appreciated; sign up on the whiteboard in the foyer so we know how many people to expect!

### *The Stand*

Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. following the fellowship meal. All who are interested in furthering the mission of the church are welcome!

## Please welcome these New Members that have joined us in fellowship:

Sunday, January 23,  
Stanley Linney  
1500 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 890-6345

Monday, January 24  
Jim and Pam Bentler  
1805 Lois Street  
Kerrville, TX 78028

Sunday, February 13  
Mark Kluting  
312 Looker Drive  
Ingram, TX 78025  
(830) 928-9429

## Weekly Church Events in March

### Monday:

**Women's Prayer Group**  
8 a.m. every Monday in the Cry Room.

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Boy Scout Troop 1**  
Monday at 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday:

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the church at 6:30 p.m. Led by Wiley Rains, they are currently

studying "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado.

### Wednesday:

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Fellowship Meal**  
5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please sign up in the lobby for a head count.

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
6 p.m. in the choir room.

**CYF**  
6 p.m. in the Youth Sunday School room.

**Spanish Language Worship**  
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### *Choir Practice*

7 p.m. in the Choir Room

### Thursday

**Men's Prayer Group**  
First and third Thursdays of the month. Arrive at 9 a.m. for coffee.

**Ladies' Bible Study**  
First and third Thursdays of the month. Arrive at 9 a.m. for coffee.

**CiCi's Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. at CiCi's Pizza. Everyone is welcome to come!

**Praise Team Practice**  
7 p.m. in the sanctuary

**Friday**  
**Angel Food Setup-**

9 a.m. on the Friday before Angel Food Distribution

**Crafting Workday**  
Fridays from 9:30-3:30. Lunch is provided at a cost of \$3.

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Classic Movie Night**  
Fridays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Prayer Chain**  
Dianne Rees at 367-7914.

**Church Communication Prayer Chain**  
Rosemary Faris at rfaris1@stx.rr.com