

**Community of Christ**  
**Fairbanks Branch Happenings**  
**January 6, 2005**

***Happy New Year!!!!***

The theme for this Sunday is “Be Immersed in Christ”

**Blessed**  
**Everyday**

Immersed!! Not sprinkled or just playing at it, but completely immersed. Completely involved, completely absorbed, completely enveloped, completely devoted.

The theme is to be immersed in Christ. At the time of our baptism, we were “immersed” in the baptismal waters. Was this just an immersion in water or was it the beginning of a life immersed in Christ?

As we go through our day, it is easy to disconnect, forget or even ignore our connection with Christ. The challenge is to refocus and re-immerser ourselves, as we did on our baptismal day, and reconnect with Christ and his plan for us.

Immersion in water touches every pore of our body. Immersion in Christ touches every part of our mind, heart, spirit and soul.

How can you immerse yourself in Christ? Ideas might be - Prayer, meditation, involvement in your congregation, involvement in interdenominational activities, the manner in which you live your life and witness to others, engaging and participating etc.

Christ is in everyone you see and in everyone that sees you.

Will you (re)-immerse yourself this year?

Last Sunday, we had the joy of meeting ***Emily Baird*** for the first time. She is absolutely gorgeous. Proud parents are Angela and Paul Baird and proud older brother is Preston Baird. All are doing well and enjoying Emily’s arrival.

The Seventh Day Adventist group has started to lease the building effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be using the church building every Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. plus 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.. We will need to give 2 weeks notice to use the building on Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoon/evenings.

**THE ALARM CODE IS BEING CHANGED.** Please see John, Carole, or Margie for the new alarm code. We are also giving the Seventh Day Adventist group a separate alarm code; please do not give them our code. We are also updating the list of who has keys; please let John know if you have a keys to the facilities at Fairbanks.

**Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 – 8:30 – Come to the Pasadena congregation and participate in a Mission Center Pilot Program facilitated by Apostle Dave Schaal and Mark Euritt. All are invited to share in this program. Participate in this inter-congregational Mission Center activity.

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** - Potluck after the worship service. Bring a dish to share and enjoy with each other.

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Planning Meeting.** After Potluck, stay and immerse yourself in the workings and planning of the congregation. All invited to stay and participate. Think about what you would like to see done and bring your ideas. Let's plan some events and get them scheduled and on the calendar.

**Adult Christian Education** - We are approaching the end of our current study guide. It is time to consider what we want to study next.

The worship and nursery schedules have been posted in the family center for January through March, 2005. Please check these .

Nursery Schedule:

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – Rena & Jeff Whitehall

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Carole & Leo Caesar

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Jennifer & Kip Decker

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Martha & David Romig

John Reimer has volunteered to change the church sign. I feel certain that John would appreciate someone volunteering at some future date!!!! It's a great way to serve your congregation and reach out to those that drive by our church building. Lists of sign suggestions would be provided... Have you ever driven by a church sign and have been touched by its message? Consider the possibility. Special thanks to John for doing this!!!!

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

### **Calendar & Mission Center News:**

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at [www.coastalbendmc.org](http://www.coastalbendmc.org)

**January 7-9<sup>th</sup>** – Silent Retreat – Cenacle House

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Pasadena Congregation - *What Should the Ear Say* – Pilot program presented by Apostle Dave Schaal.

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Potluck

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Planning Meeting – After Potluck.

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – Carole Caesar

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Sue Turner

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – John Reimer

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Gary Chatburn

**January 11 from 7-8:30 PM at the Pasadena Church**

**January 13 from 7-8:30 PM at the New Braunfels Church**

Apostle Dave Schaal and Mark Euritt will be facilitating two meetings in the Coastal Bend Mission Center. The goal for these meetings is to simplify congregational life, and enrich it's spiritual well being. A Pilot Program will be implemented on how to do this in our congregations by centering it's self around the gifts, and callings of the congregation.

Everyone in the Mission Center is invited to attend. Persons who might like to serve as a Congregational Support Minister for these projects should also attend

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

*Martha Romig*