

**Community of Christ**  
**Fairbanks Branch Happenings**  
**January 27, 2005**

The theme for this Sunday is “Blessed Are”

Attitudes and actions that  
Restore us and others to your  
Everlasting grace

*Blessed Are!*

*Blessed are those that have received forgiveness for their heart has been touched by the hand of God.*

*Blessed are those that weigh the words they speak for Wisdom has been established in them.*

*Blessed are those that are eager to listen and slow to render judgement.*

*Blessed are those that grieve when others suffer for they have a tender heart.*

*Blessed are those that mourn at morality lost for bitter is the fruit of the land.*

*Blessed are those that love without condition for their service leads to Heaven’s Gates.*

*Blessed are those that comfort the poor for the people of God have gentle spirits.*

*Blessed are those that suffer for the Lord and abide in the fullness of His Word.*

*Blessed are those that haven’t conformed to the world and their secret places have been transformed.*

*Blessed are those that spend time in the Presence of the Most High for this is LOVE.*

*Blessed are those that realize that the Word is Life and Spirit.*

*Blessed are those that know life and death are the true spirit of the words we speak.*

*Blessed are those that judge their own hearts rather than the actions of others.*

*Blessed are those that come quickly to Repentance for their sins and are accountable.*

*Blessed are those that serve joyfully rather than grumbling about not being blessed.*

*Blessed are those that bless others with their lips for they speak blessings into their own lives.*

*Blessed are those that live life for others for they walk the path that leads to Righteousness.*

*Blessed are those that freely admit they're not perfect.*

*Blessed are those that realize they don't have all the answers.*

*Blessed are those that have released the guilt of Yesterday’s sins, mistakes, and poor choices.*

*Blessed are those that no longer pursue affirmation from worldly people that don’t know God.*

*Blessed are those that can divide Truth for only TRUTH brings freedom from captivity.*

*Blessed are those that can distinguish between knowing about God and Eternal Life!*

*Blessed are those that are disciples of the Lord for many attend service but are never found serving.*

*Blessed are those that realization repentance is necessary every day.*

*Blessed are those that refuse to engage in unfruitful discussions about theology and vain doctrines.*

*Blessed are those that have a passion that drives them to their knees and into God’s presence.*

*Blessed are those that see past the sins of others all the way to their needs.*

*Blessed are those that wait patiently on the Lord even when affliction strikes.*

*Blessed are those that believe the Word especially when there is no evidence.*

*Blessed are those that accumulate eternal treasures rather than additions to their portfolio.*

*Blessed are those that dispense from the good treasures of their heart pure love.*

*Blessed are those that hear the Voice of God and respond to the call.*

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*Blessed are those that listen for the soft call of a soul in distress and are willing to help.  
Blessed are those that know their own strongholds and weaknesses.*

*Blessed are those that no longer listen to the demons that rage and make war with in.  
Blessed are those that have received the Power of the SPIRIT for they are fruitful laborers.  
Blessed are those that serve without expectation and with Humility.  
Blessed are those that allow the Lord to balance the scales of life rather than seeking vengeance.  
Blessed are those that refuse to participate in the destruction of someone's character.  
Blessed are those that have forsaken pride and arrogance for a humble serving spirit.  
Blessed are those that know and love their God with all of their heart, mind and soul.*

*Blessed are those that walk in GRACE and Peace is upon them and in them.  
Blessed are those that have been washed in Living Waters and have had their thirst quenched.  
Blessed are those that seek the lost for the wilderness has many misplaced wandering souls.  
Blessed are those that understand the way to win souls is with LOVE not condemnation.  
Blessed are those that know the value and the Power of Prayer.  
Blessed are those that know they still haven't been perfected and they're a "Work In Progress."  
Blessed are those that have surrendered their hearts to the Lord for they are truly His.*

*Blessed are those that realize religion doesn't save and tradition doesn't sustain wounded spirits.  
Blessed are those that know the gospel is more than teaching about prosperity and healing.  
Blessed are those that have gracefully and thankfully accepted their responsibilities in the Beloved.  
Blessed are those that have sought hard after teachers filled with the SPIRIT and the Power of His Word.  
Blessed are those that can discern the spirit of the day and the hour of the seasons.  
Blessed are those that seek to live Holy and are aware their body is the Temple of the Lord.  
Blessed are those that read the Word then live it whether anyone else does or not!*

*Blessed are those that know Righteousness and Truth are not always popular.  
Blessed are those that have considered the cost of discipleship and are willing to continue.  
Blessed are those that have stood their ground in the face of unrelenting pressure to compromise.  
Blessed are those that attend church to pray for others and too worship the Lord.  
Blessed are those that are willing to intercede for lost souls and damaged hearts.  
Blessed are those that pray for peace in Israel and for its inhabitants.  
Blessed are those that have prayed for the Lord to change them rather than their circumstances.*

*Blessed are those that the majority shuns because of their unwillingness to accept a lie.  
Blessed are those that would rather please God than to ascend the corporate ladder deceitfully.  
Blessed are those that are evil spoken of because they always stand for what is right.  
Blessed are those that have acquired WISDOM for they know time is short.  
Blessed are those that are working while it is still light for the night is soon to come.  
Blessed are those that have matured and grown out of childish behavior.  
Blessed are those that have identified the false and the profane within the Church.*

*Blessed are those that have discerning eyes for Vision and Truth are manifested within them.  
Blessed are those that serve without title, recognition or position.  
Blessed are those that place the need of others before their own.  
Blessed are those that refuse to condone or accept iniquity.  
Blessed are those that mend broken hearts with loving words.*

*Blessed are those that can touch the soul of someone deeply hurt.  
Blessed are those that bring smiles to our faces even on a bad day.*

*Blessed are those that always find time to serve regardless of life's demands on them.  
Blessed are those that have found that quiet time is essential for renewal of the soul.  
Blessed are those that seek the Lord because they are grateful for what He has already done!  
Blessed are those that forgive easily for they are not chained to painful memories.  
Blessed are those that have made friends because of unselfish service.  
Blessed are those that know that we will be judged on service in the Kingdom.  
Blessed are those that will hear from the Lord in that day, "Well done!"*

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1Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2and he began to teach them saying: 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-10)

Attitudes, actions, inaction- all have effects on us and others that we may or may not be aware of. Have you had an attitude check lately???? What do your actions speak???? Are our attitudes and actions in alignment as children of God. Did you know that you are blessed every minute of the day?

Remember – You are a child of God and He blesses His children abundantly.

Did you know that at least **3 congregations** in the Coastal Bend Mission Center **publish newsletters**? Presently I know that Austin, North Houston and Fairbanks publish newsletters. Did you know that if you missed a FBH you can see it on the MC web page? On the coastalbendmc.org home page – go to the Directory tab, access Fairbanks and then access newsletters. If the newsletter does not display, click on the "refresh" button on your tool bar. You can also access the Austin newsletter and see what is going on at other congregations.

**New Young Adult Sunday School Class-** Carole Caesar is facilitating a new young adult Sunday school class. This class meets at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays before the worship service. The format is flexible and various topics will be discussed. Topics will be selected by the class. If you are a young adult, you do not want to miss these thought provoking classes. Show up, be involved in your church and in your spiritual life.

**Adult Sunday School** – The adult Sunday School class started a new 12 week study on the book of Daniel.

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. - Game Night** – Rena & Jeff Whitehall are planning a game night at their home. Bring an appetizer/snack and game to share.

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 p.m.** – Assemble Valentines Day boxes for the college students. We will be assembling boxes to ship to college students. Please bring to the church items that college students might enjoy receiving in a Valentines Day box. A table will be set up in the family center for donations. Leo Caesar has generously volunteered to provide the boxes and shipping again. Please keep size and weight in mind when purchasing items. We usually send out between 10 -15 boxes for this event. Please bring enough of an item to equally share for each student. If you want to send something “special” to a student, might I suggest that you send that personally and not as part of this activity. Throughout the years many students have enjoyed receiving this Valentines Day treat. I know that I have talked to several of these students and they **REALLY ENJOYED** the boxes..... If you have a college student, please send me their address so that we can make the shipping labels in advance. In the past we have extended this to the students in the Houston area congregations and are planning to do the same again this year. Some items you might consider follow. This is by all means not a comprehensive list. Think of things an 18 to 20-something might like to receive.

Popcorn    Snack Crackers    Pretzels    Beef jerky    Cookies    Candy  
Hot Chocolate mix    Paperback book    Pens    Paper    Stamps  
Stationery    Hygiene items

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dinner** - After the above activity, those that wish may plan on going to dinner at the Mexican restaurant near the church.

**Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. – V-Day Dinner** – Please plan on joining us for dinner. Jeff Whitehall Jr. has volunteered the gents to cook dinner for us!!!! So gents, please see Jeff and get your assignment!!! The menu will consist of spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert, tea and coffee. Jeff needs helpers to set up, cook, clean up etc. Set up will start about 3:00 at the church. Steve Herald will be providing a program for that evening. The meal will cost \$8.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child. Please pay in advance and before February 6<sup>th</sup>. Note on your check that it is for the V-Day dinner and give your check to Margie White. Also let Margie know if you need babysitting. Last year we had approximately 20 persons for dinner and everyone had a fabulous time. Come and enjoy – Avoid the crowded restaurants and long wait times!!!!

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

Nursery Schedule:

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

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)

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**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Hearne 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Ken Robinson from First Presidency is the guest speaker.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Special Mission Center Conference – Pasadena – 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 1<sup>st</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 30<sup>th</sup>** – Gary Chatburn

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***