

# Community of Christ

## Fairbanks Branch Happenings

### April 14, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is “Live the Story”

Living  
In your grace and love  
Vanquishes the  
Evil that tempts us.

I would venture to say that most of us have had the gift of seeing someone in our lives that “lived” Christ story. They probably made a great impact on our life and our faith journey. Who was that person(s) for you?

You see it is important to remember and to reflect on the person or persons that we see living the story. These people provide hope to us as we skip or trod along the path of our faith journey.

Our faith is a journey. Just as we think that we have “arrived” and know all of the answers, then something happens and we realize that there is more to learn and live. What a great thing! Imagine if you had really “arrived”. What would there be to look forward to? We have done that, been there, and there would be nothing else. What a drag!!

Sometimes we get complacent in our faith and are happy to stay in that safe little world that we have created. Fortunately, situations happen to us that draw us out of that safe place and present situations that force us to stretch our knowledge and our faith. Reflect back on your life. Growth happens when you are stretched and challenged. Sometimes our foundations have to be shaken until we feel as if there is no more before we can humble ourselves sufficiently to grow and learn what is being taught us. Reflect on different situations you have experienced, survived and come out the stronger and closer to God.

Read the scriptures and see how it describes people “living the story”. Christians are called in many different and unique ways to live and tell God’s story. As Christians we can help each other when we see someone that is having difficulty “living the story” and help them return to the comfort and safety that we have felt when we walk with the Spirit and are led by the Spirit.

Live the story. Live as an example to others. Live as an example to yourself. Live in the grace of the Spirit and find the peace that only He can provide.

Is living the story easy?? Sometimes it will be and other times it will be the most difficult thing we have to do. Is living the story worth it? Only you can answer that question for yourself. In the end it is between you and God.

#### ***How are you living the story?***

Check out the newsletters on the Mission Center web page. New Braunfels published its first newsletter on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Austin also publishes a newsletter. See what the rest of the CofC congregations are up to!!!!

**New Sunday School Class.** – Catherine Seaman will be facilitating a new Sunday School class for 6, 7 & 8 year olds. If you have children of the age group, please bring them. Class starts at 10:00 a.m. This Sunday will be the first day of this class

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Temple School** at Fairbanks- David Romig will be facilitating the Temple School course PA 140, *Elders: Servants of God's People*. This course is recommended for new ordinands, people who are interested in the office of elder as well as those who have served in the office of elder. Four class units will be earned. Since this a new course for the Elder, the Temple School has requested that attendees should have access to the most recent Priesthood Manual in addition to the course manual.

**June 2-5<sup>th</sup>** - Community of Christ Special World Conference - Independence, MO

We will be gathering items to send a “**care package**” to Ina Mae’s cousin who is currently stationed in Iraq. Please bring items to the church **starting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Some items to consider are sanitized lotion, sanitized hand wipes, dry soup mix – cup size, tea bags, hot chocolate, homemade cookies and brownies.

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

Nursery Schedule:

April 17<sup>th</sup>- Andrea & David Watson

April 24<sup>th</sup>- Sue & Alex Turner

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Bonnie Whitehall & Catherine Seaman

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Ruth & Gary Chatburn

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)

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Temple School** at Fairbanks- PA 140, *Elders: Servants of God's People* RSVP no later than **April 6<sup>th</sup>**

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The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 2<sup>nd</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.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Carole & Leo Caesar

April 24<sup>th</sup>- Gary Chatburn

May 1<sup>st</sup> – John Reimer

May 8<sup>th</sup> – David Romig

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*