

**Community of Christ**  
**Fairbanks Branch Happenings**  
**August 18, 2005**

The theme for this Sunday is “Declare the Messiah”

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This week’s acrostic is a do it yourself one- What do you want to declare? Who do you declare? How do you declare? When do you declare?

I try not to include my personal information on this publication but David and I will be celebrating our first anniversary this week on Vancouver Island, Canada. I would like to thank all of you who have supported us this year. Needless to say, there will not be a FBH next week.

See you all when we return – AAAYYY....

Make sure you stop and congratulate the Chatburns. They have a gorgeous new granddaughter and would love to show you pictures. Congratulations!!!!

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** – Dale Jones – Guest Minister - Potluck and Congregational Planning Meeting after the worship service. Come and put forward your ideas for things we can accomplish together. Participation in planning and executing ideas make all the difference sometimes. Take ownership of your worship environment.

**Seekers Class-** Joanne Chapman will be facilitating a Seekers class soon at Fairbanks. Stayed tuned for more information and dates. Joanne is a dynamic facilitator. You will not want to miss this!!!!

See below for information on a Vibrant Witness workshop to be held at Fairbanks

See the calendar on bulletin board in the fellowship hall for upcoming events at Fairbanks and Mission Center events. July and August have been posted.

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

Nursery Schedule:

August 21<sup>st</sup> – **Need Volunteer**

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Ruth and Gary Chatburn

September 4<sup>th</sup> – **Need Volunteer**

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Beth & Steve Herold

September 18<sup>th</sup> – **Need Volunteer**

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Andrea and David Watson

We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see 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)

**Visit the World Church Webpage and view/listen to events from World Conference.**

**Aug 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sionito Work Party- Direct questions to Tim Everett- [Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com)

**Sept 16- 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sionito Work Party -Direct questions to Tim Everett- [Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com)

**Sept 24- 25<sup>th</sup>** – Coastal Bend Mission Center Conference & Retreat – Camp Sionito

**Oct 14- 16<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Retreat- Livingston – Jimmy Munson providing guest ministry

**Oct 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Sionito Work Party - Direct questions to Tim Everett-[Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com)

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** – HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY – PASADENA CONGREGATION

**Oct 28 -30<sup>th</sup>** – World Religions Retreat with J.W. Winland – Pasadena Congregation

**Nov 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sionito Work Party -Direct questions to Tim Everett- [Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com)

**Nov 12 – 13<sup>th</sup>** – Vibrant Witness Workshop- Fairbanks Congregation- John Wight

**Dec 9 – 11<sup>th</sup>** Sionito Work Party- Direct questions to Tim Everett- [Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:Tim.r.everett@exxonmobil.com)

**Feb 10-12th 2006-** Silent Retreat at Cenacle House

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 3rd 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.

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Dale Jones

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Sue Turner

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Gary Chatburn – Testimony Service

September 11<sup>th</sup> – John Reimer

September 18<sup>th</sup> – David Romig

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Doug White

**Encounter World Religions Retreat** - Friday, **October 28** – Sunday, **October 30-** 7p Friday, 9-6 Saturday, 9 – noon Sunday- **Pasadena** Community of Christ (713) 473-0608 - 1118 Pasadena Blvd - Pasadena, TX 77506 - Contact: Mark Euritt - 512-567-1581, [meuritt@austin.rr.com](mailto:meuritt@austin.rr.com)  
Through varied, thought-provoking presentations and activities this retreat introduces you to the values, stories and traditions of the diverse religious-cultural groups that comprise the North American mosaic. You will experience world religions in a way that textbooks cannot convey and which will allow fear and misunderstanding to melt away.

**JW Windland, Toronto, Canada** JW is a comparative mythologist and founder of the ENCOUNTER WORLD RELIGIONS CENTRE. For the past thirty years, JW has been passionately involved in experiencing the world religions first hand. In addition to his academic background in religious studies, JW attends mosques, synagogues, gurdwaras, churches and temples on a regular basis as a testimony to his interest and love for the world religions. This background gives JW a perspective that is unique and tangible. He has established genuine friendships in these religious-cultural groups, has joined in their rituals and has introduced thousands of people to these diverse communities. He is an expert in interreligious dialogue and in creating comfort across religious and cultural barriers. He brings a familiarity and a deep

knowledge of the diverse communities and traditions that make up the North American mosaic.  
(<http://www.worldreligions.ca/>)

As noted in the Coastal Bend Calendar President of Seventy John Wight will be in our Mission Center **November 12-13** to facilitate a Workshop. The Workshop is "**Vibrant Witness: Who Me?**" The **Fairbanks** Congregation in Houston has graciously agreed to host this event. Please plan on attending!

**February 10-12, 2006 - Annual Silent Retreat at The Cenacle Retreat House**

**420 N. Kirkwood, Houston, TX 77079** Sponsored by Live Oak –Marlene Krueger - Retreat Spiritual Director. Those interested are invited to participate in this opportunity to experience the Spirit of God in new ways. This will be a silent retreat except for discussion of experiences during a Saturday evening activity. Some direction will be given on how to direct your thoughts, but the most important thing is that you allow the Holy Spirit to direct you. You may bring inspirational reading materials, Bibles, journals, or other materials that you feel will help you to be in a deeper relationship with God as you meditate during the day. There is a outdoor labyrinth for meditation. Spiritual Directors from the Cenacle will be on hand for individual spiritual counseling to those desiring and administration will also be available. A free yoga class and/or massage therapy (\$35/half hour) may be provided based on advanced interest. Silence is sometimes a difficult thing for us to do in this busy world of ours and it can be a little scary. The reward can be a quiet reflective time between you and God. You can use the silence to listen for that still small voice or to rest in the Lord. The weekend will be what you make of it and can be a powerful tool for healing and restoring the spirit, if that is what you seek. Check-in will be at 7:15 PM on Friday, February 10th and the retreat will conclude with a Sunday morning service followed by lunch.

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The cost of \$130 per person includes a private bedroom with lavatory, community toilets and showers, and all meals, beginning Saturday breakfast. Towels and bedding are provided.

Number included in this registration: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Yoga \_\_\_\_\_ Massage Therapy \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35/half hour; paid separately to therapist)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the lower portion of this form and send it by January 6, 2006 to:

Community of Christ, P.O. Box 16685, Sugar Land, TX 77496-6685.

Payment should be by check payable to Community of Christ. Please send payment with the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene by phone at 970-577-0657 or email: [markru\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:markru_99@yahoo.com)

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*

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