

**Community of Christ**  
**North Houston Happenings**  
**January 19, 2006**

**LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!**

**Read below for more info.**



**Valentine Dinner** (Adults only) 5:30 pm at the Fairbanks Church, February 12, 06. Catered Pasta & Salad Buffet. Tickets \$11.00 each. See Dorothy for tickets. She will be sending the unsold tickets, money, and names to Margie White on Jan. 27, 2006 (Friday) so if you are planning to purchase tickets please let her know as soon as you can.



**January Birthdays**

- George Crawford            Jan. 8
- Sarah Brosemer            Jan. 10
- Leroy Romo                Jan. 20
- Tonia Crawford            Jan. 27
- Kelsi Turner                Jan. 28



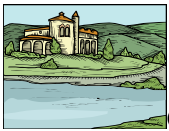
**January & February Service Schedule**

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| ▪ Jan 1.  | Presider – Mike Turner     | Speaker – Dorothy Hibbard |
| ▪ Jan 8.  | Presider – Bob Turner      | Speaker – Janine Turner   |
| ▪ Jan 15. | Presider – Dorothy Hibbard | CELEBRATION               |
| ▪ Jan 22  | Presider – Joanne Chapman  |                           |
| ▪ Jan 29  | Presider – David Siddall   | Study our Roots           |
| ▪ Feb 5   | Presider – David Siddall   | Study our Roots           |
| ▪ Feb 12  | Presider – David Siddall   | Study our Roots           |
| ▪ Feb 19  | Presider – Jimmie Radliff  | Speaker – Rhonda Radliff  |
| ▪ Feb 26  | Presider – Janine Turner   | Speaker – Bob Turner      |



## DON'T FORGET

- Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update someone on the Church Leadership Team with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Church Leadership Team if you wish to add/remove someone from the list. Pray that we will recognize what we can and should give and be able to give freely with love and joy.



## 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) <<http://www.coastalbendmc.org/>>

The theme for this Sunday is "Believe and Follow"

By  
 Examining the way we  
 Live and love gives us  
 Insight to  
 Evaluate our beliefs and  
 Vision of what we should be  
 Executing daily

### Do You Believe?

Do you believe that Jesus gave His life  
 that He suffered and He died in His love for you?  
 Do you believe when He hung upon the cross  
 that He did it all for us, in His love for you?

**For with each precious drop of blood He shed  
 His heart went out to you and I,  
 Jesus Christ gave all He had to give  
 even when it meant His very life**

Do you believe that Jesus gave His life  
 that He suffered and He died in His love for you?  
 Do you believe if you'd been the only one  
 He'd have wanted still to come in His love for you?

**For with each precious drop of blood He shed  
 His heart went out to you and I,  
 Jesus Christ gave all He had to give  
 even when it meant His very life**

<http://www.songsofjesus.com/audiochristian/doyoubelieve.wma>

*(Insert the above in you browse to listen to this song)*

The theme for this week is "Believe and Follow". Sounds great - I suppose. This theme brought more questions to my mind - what an unusual event- than answers.

Questions like- What do I really believe and really buy into? Why do I believe it? What do I do with it? What do I not do with it? How strong is my belief?

With the explosion of technology in our lifetime, we are exposed to many ideas, thoughts, opinions, contradictions etc. How do we distill the available information and create our belief system? Does new information change what you believe in? Does it threaten your belief system?

Imagine someone coming up to you today and asking you to leave behind your family, friends, livelihood, home etc and follow them. What would you do? Imagine the dilemma that faced the apostles early on. How did they know to believe and follow? Do we have the same level of conviction to believe and follow?

Fortunately, many of us are give an out. That is - that maybe for most of us - to follow today does not necessarily mean that we have to physically leave our families etc like the early apostles did. What a relief! We are not off the hook entirely though. Believing causes us to change and to do things differently. Sometimes what we are called to do is very easy for us and other times it is very difficult - but each one of us are called in different ways to follow.

Does believing mean that we stop questioning and follow blindly? I hope not, because for me it is in the questioning where I still learn the most. It is where discovery and spiritual growth still occur.

What do you believe and how do you follow?