



**Western Hills Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

# The Messenger

**January 23, 2018**

***In Essentials...Unity  
In Non-Essentials...Liberty  
In All Things...Charity***

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: Please get your articles in by  
: Monday at Noon so it will be in the  
: 2nd & 4th Tuesday Newsletter.  
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## MESSAGE FROM REV. BRENT POMEROY

One of the great things about living in San Antonio is that there are a lot of interesting things to see and lots of great food to enjoy. Whatever your taste, whatever your interest, it's all right here. Having only been here two years we know we've only scratched the surface. But we've noticed that in that relatively short amount of time there are already a few spots that keep drawing us back. There are a few places that have made the favorites list because they stand out for their uniqueness. In some way they offer that "something special." It's places like the ridge above the Japanese Tea Garden that gives you a great view of the city or Pam's Patio Cafe that serves quite an amazing piece of chocolate cake or Specht's Store north of town that has been open for business since 1890. These places stand out because of what they offer, but also for the experience they provide.

We all have places like that, places that we love, places that keep drawing us back time after time because they offer something that you can't find anywhere else. I think the same thing can be said about the church. Church life has changed a lot over the years. Worship styles and the kinds of activities and services the church provides have continued to evolve. But throughout all the changes one thing remains constant; there is still something special that happens when people gather together in the presence of God. We may not always be able to find the words to describe it but we know it is grace-filled and spirit-led. We know that the spirit of God calls to us all the time in places both sacred and secular, but I think it's just a little easier to hear on Sunday mornings. May we all follow the voice that keeps calling us back to come and see; to come and experience something special; to come and discover the power and presence of God. I'll see you in church.

Brent

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### **Bible Book For**

**February**  
Isaiah 45-66



## Please Pray For:

Pat Janke's brother "Joe"  
 Pam Neuman  
 Keith & Dot Kolars  
 Becky Anderson  
 Marilyn Banfich  
 Ken & Marlene Long  
 Luis Farias and Parents



*Prayer requests for family and friends will be listed for four weeks. If you feel they should be listed longer, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.*

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

## Visitors



### January 2018

- 21 Sharon Ortiz
- 21 Alton Knight
- 23 Anita Branstetter
- 24 Joe Diaz
- 27 Connie West
- 29 Frank Gloria
- 29 Kelsey Pomeroy

### February 2018

- 3 Rio Saenz
- 5 Gerald Holmes
- 5 Belle Howe
- 7 Donna Pomeroy
- 8 Tom Schwab
- 8 Edith Rico
- 9 Jamie Lime
- 9 Earl Critchlow
- 10 Brian Johnson
- 12 Garret Collenback
- 14 Cheryl Johnson
- 17 Serena Morgan Diaz
- 18 Jennifer Edwards

### February 2018

- 22 David & Edith Rico
- 28 Maurice & Eva Pina

Olen & Verna Yarnell  
 Walt Roberto  
 Cleo Radford & son

*They may not remember what you said, they may not remember what you did, but they will always remember how you made them feel"*  
 -Maya Angelou



**Please call the church office with all your updates for the church directory. 210-690-9327 Patty**

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge! Give me a W! W! Give me an H! H! Give me a C! C! Give me another C! C! What's that spell?!? WHCC!

Join us in the challenge! The teams are Rolling Oaks Christian Church, Central Christian Church, San Antonio, First Christian Church, San Marcos, and Western Hills Christian! Whoever has the most pounds in food for the food bank (\$1 cash = 1 lb. or may be canned/package goods) on February 4 wins bragging rights and their picture in the Chalice Newsletter. Please bring your food donations on Sunday during worship, or add them to the mountain in the lobby. If you wish for a food pick up from your house, please call maggie at 830-708-5536. "Go, WHCC, Go!"

**Please note:** Items that the Food bank are most in need of are canned fruit, sugar, flour, beans (dried or canned), shortening.

## 2018 BBA/CPA CMF Retreat

Keynote Speaker:  
**Dr. Warren Carter**  
Professor of New Testament  
Brite Divinity School

Music by:  
**Joel Pereira and Band**

February 16th and 17th  
Disciples Oaks Camp, Gonzales, Texas

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Pastor Brent will be offering a Pastor's Class for any youth interested in baptism and church membership. We'll be using the *Prepare the Way* curriculum published by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The class will be held on Sundays at 9:30am beginning February 25 and ending on March 25. Baptisms are tentatively scheduled for Easter Sunday April 1. Please contact Pastor Brent, Pastor Maggie or the church office if your son or daughter would like to be part of the class.

## Let's Talk About Outreach...

Western Hills Christian Church has three ways of reaching out to serve others. The one I would put first is the way we volunteer to be of help to other people. We have volunteers who staff our Open Table program, the Food Bank ministry and helping serve the kids at St. PJ's Children's Home on San Antonio's south side. It is one of the places where you and I can volunteer to serve people "hands on." We do have some funds available in our budget and designated giving of our members to carry on these ministries, but these are the primary ways we do "hands on." In addition both the Christian Men Fellowship (cMF), Disciple Women's Fellowship (DMF) and youth groups have work projects to help others.

The second way we do our "reaching out" to others is by designating 7% of our giving to the General Fund to Outreach purposes. This amounts to about \$15,000 each year.

We give to the following:

- The Southwest Region of the Christian Church
- Disciples Conference Center at Gonzales
- Inman Christian Center on SA's west side
- Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas
- Timothy Fund to help support ministers from our congregation
- Benevolent Action Fund, a relief fund for ministerial use
- Western Hills' Food Bank, Open Table and St. PJ's

In addition to the dollars we send, we periodically have work projects at Disciples Conference Center, Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, and others like the youth work camp two years ago to help repair damage of Central Texas' flooding.

The third area of outreach giving is through our six special outreach offerings. These are special offerings received beyond our general giving and pledges to the church. We remember this area very well. Our Week of Compassion Offering comes in February. Just last year we contributed about \$2,000 for hurricane relief. It is for emergency disaster relief...for which there is a constant and continuing need—fires and mudslides in California, hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Others include

### Easter Offering

-- home missions, foreign mission, homes for elderly and children.

### Pentecost Offering

-- New Church Development

### Reconciliation Offering

-- Disciples' anti-racism ministries

### Thanksgiving Offering

-- Disciple Higher Education efforts

### Christmas Offering

-- the Regional ministry of the Christian Church

**CYF Spring Rally** (9-12th grades) @ Camp Gonzo, is March 2-4. The fee is \$115, and Western Hills pays half for all members. Additional scholarships may be available. Feel free to invite your friends! Forms and Fees are due Sunday, February 11, 2018. Please give them to Maggie.



Youth-made crosses are still available for sale. All proceeds go to hurricane relief.

**ALL AGE MISSION TRIP BEING PLANNED!** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 11 - Monday, July 16, 2018! Everyone is invited on the All-Age Mission trip to Aransas Pass. Youth 6th grade and older may come without a parent. Children 5th grade and younger must bring a parent with them. We will be rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey's destruction. We will need painters, sheet-rockers, kitchen coordinator, safety director, food/menu coordinator, etc. If you can only come for the weekend, that is fine as well. The details of cost and registration are coming soon. Please direct feedback and questions to Maggie.

### **SUMMER CAMP 2018 DATES**

CYF Conference (finished 9-12th grades) - June 10-16.

Eighter's Camp (finished 8th grade) - June 17-23.

Chi Rho Camp (finished 5th-7th grades) - **July** 22-28.

Beginner/JRS. Camp (finished 2nd-4th grades) June 26-30.

**Christian Youth Fellowship:** (CYF-High School): SUNDAY's, 5:30PM-7:00PM

**Chi Rho**(6th-8th grades) You have your choice of group time! Sundays, 9:15AM is Sunday School. Sundays, 5:30PM-7:00PM, is fellowship time. Wednesdays, 6:00PM-7:00PM is another fun time to learn and play.

**Kidtime** (4yrs - 5th grade): We meet Wednesdays, 6:00PM-7:00PM. We learn through art, story, games, service, and fun. This semester, we are Super Heroes for God!



**Free Guitar Lessons** Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:00PM. Anyone in the surrounding community is welcome, any age. If you would like to help Maggie teach the basics, she would love the help! This is a great way to praise our God in the middle of the week.

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7PM Bible Study	2	3
4 End Souper Bowl Challenge 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc Super Bowl of Caring Chili Cookoff	5 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	6 7:30PM AA Meeting	7 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Choir	8 7PM Bible Study	9	10 9AM Men's Breakfast Open Table/Food Bank 4-6PM
11 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group CYF Spring Rally Forms Due	12 11:30AM Alamo Charter @ Luby's, 901 Main 6PM Praise Band <i>Newsletter</i>	13 5PM Caring & Sharing Group in Fellowship Hall 7:30PM AA Meeting	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 6:30PM Ash Wednesday Svc. 7:00PM Choir	15 7PM Bible Study	16 Men's Retreat@Camp Gonzo February 16-17	17
18 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group	19 <i>President's Day</i> 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	20 7:30PM AA Meeting	21 9:30AM DWF 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Choir	22 7PM Bible Study	23	24 8AM-3PM Camp Gonzo Work Day Open Table/Food Bank 4-6PM
25 9:15AM Sunday School 9:30AM Pastor's Class 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc Board Meeting after worship 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group	26 6PM Praise Band <i>Newsletter</i>	27 5PM Caring & Sharing Group meet @ Luby's (Huebner/Floyd Curl) 7:30PM AA Meeting	28 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Choir			

## Honored to Serve

	<u>Sunday January 28, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday February 4, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday February 11, 2018</u>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Tom Schwab	Cathy Bee	Brian Brown
<b>Bread Elder</b>	David Rico	Angela Knight	Bill Mann
<b>Deacons</b>	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Frank Gloria	Rev. Maggie	Betty Wright
<b>Children's Church</b>	Anne Griffith, Sadie	Rev. Maggie, Joel	Tammy Miller, DJ
<b>Acolytes</b>	Rhianna Burgess	Rorie Griffith	Sadie Griffith
<b>Stewards</b>	Jim Collier, Frank Gloria, Linda Kirk	Cathy Bee, Ruth Wilson, Linda Kirk	Bill & Jody Campbell, Terri Brown

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

<b>Senior Minister</b>	Rev. Brent Pomeroy 210-464-5267 pastor@whccsa.org	
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<b>Prayer Band</b>	"B" Moore 210-492-5284	

### Lectionary Readings



#### January 28, 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

#### February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

#### February 11, 2018

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

## Marketplace

### Catering

Doug Critchlow 210-414-6948  
c/o Annie Marie's Catering 210-545-2249

### Mom's Maid to Order

Cleaning, Decluttering, Organizing & Household Needs  
Pat Janke 512-787-4087

### House & Garage Cleaning/ General Organizing & Independent Advocare Consultant/Distributor

www.advocare/130457732.com health and wellness  
Supplements  
Loretta Clayton 210-872-8726

### Fire and/or carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

- someone will be sent out to install them for free (for single-family dwellings only)!

Call the Fire Chief's office at 210-207-8400

### Real Estate

Irene Lime 210-681-8818/cell 210-573-6169  
SA Homefinders—Buy/Sell & 10% donated of the commission to WHCC  
Property Management

Dianne Cortez 210-535-2059/cell 210-684-7349  
Spiros Realty, LLC

### Health and Wellness Consultations

Alternative Health Protection Donna/Bob Gebing 210-521-9111  
or NASA Purifiers Air/Car/Heater/Laundry Join/Learn FREE at  
[www.Vollara.com](http://www.Vollara.com)

### Roofing

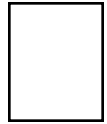
Carlos Cortez 210-696-9812  
Cortez Roofing  
Drywall/Painting/Tree Trimming/General Handyman

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**SUNDAY MORNING**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 AM**


**COFFEE CUP  
10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:40 AM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



Jan 28	5:30AM-7:00PM	CYF and Chi Rho youth group (Grades 6-12)
Feb 4		Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
Feb 16-17		Men's Retreat @ Camp Gonzo
Feb 24	8:00AM-3:00PM	Camp Gonzo Work Day
Mar 2-4		CYF Spring Rally @ Camp Gonzo
May 5	9:00AM-1:00PM	Community Garage Sale
May 12		BBA Assembly @ Hill Country Christian, Bulverde
July 11-16		All-Age Mission Trip to Aransas Pass

 ***"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."***