

November 2009 Newsletter

★ Rob's Renovation ★

Are you ready for something different? For some of us, that answer is most assuredly, "No." But before you disregard the significance of this question, consider all the factors. It is my hope and vision, that when you understand the ramifications of this seemingly dangerous question, you will join me (and the youth of HCCC) in at least considering the impact something different might have.

The youth group of this congregation has decided to call itself "The Revolution." Now this *certainly* does not imply that we are up in arms. I assure you, there is no stockpile of weapons or secret society in the youth room. We are not looking to overthrow Randy's leadership in place of a hormone-charged adolescent with promises of a grand, new future. Dictionary.com has multiple definitions of the words 'revolution'. One of those is: "a sudden, complete or marked change in something," this definition can be used in conjunction with a change in society, oftentimes, back to a certain starting point. Now bear with me as we examine the method to the madness.

First, we must look at the culture. Unfortunately, my generation, and even more so, the generation represented by our current middle and high school students, is in need of 'something different'. Compared to our predecessors, the culture today is increasingly in need of serious help. Teenage pregnancies, drug use, violence, abuse, depression, hopelessness, and dissatisfaction are rampant. I hope you noticed. I hope you see that our teens are searching for something. Science, relativism, and a very individualistic humanism are all working together very effectively to tell our next generation of leaders that life is

only about "getting yours." That is, they are told to pursue what makes them *feel* good, to follow what they *feel* is right, and to ignore what wisdom may come their way because they are individuals who should choose for themselves what is true or acceptable. Certainly, the implications are immense - immensely terrible, that is.

This mentality has led to a generation that is lost and hurting. They could use something different. They need something different. They **MUST** have something different. So here's my proposal: What about a revolution? What if we, as sons of God and heirs to the love and hope He has provided, decide to initiate a passive revolution that can transform the hearts and minds of those that need it most? I think God is calling us to action. We must show the world that there is right and wrong; that there is a reason; that there is something to look forward to; that there is hope still. This is our Revolution: a lifestyle that follows the principles of Christ. If we can be like Christ; if we can show our culture this Son of God that so desperately loves them, who longsto see the best come out of their lives, who can make them whole again, there is no end to the revolution that will take place.

I wish that we still lived in a nation that at least looked like a Christian nation, but we are not. In fact, some cultures regard America as "the Great Satan." I can't tell you everything that has gone wrong, but I **CAN** tell you that we need a revolution. We need something different. I sincerely hope that the youth of this church can become the change that is needed. So, when you see our name and logo applied to various media and structures, don't be afraid or nervous. We are preparing to change the world. We are The Revolution. Are you ready to see something different? ★



November Events

NOV. 1 & 8 ~ OFFICER NOMINATION
Nominations taken these two Sundays only.

NOV. 15 ~ SLATE/BUDGET changes will be presented to congregation in bulletin.

DEC. 6 ~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ELECTION of officers will follow the morning worship service.

NOV. 5 ~ PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS BANQUET
The Annual Fall Banquet and Silent Auction for the Bible-less is being held at Dallas Christian College. Everyone is invited to attend.

NOV. 6, 7 ~ YOUTH LOCK-IN Details and forms by Youth Bulletin Board.

NOV. 9 ~ CHRISTIAN CAMP OF THE LIVING WORD BOARD MEETING Cross Bend Christian Church in Plano at 7 pm.

NOV. 14 ~ YOUTH CAR WASH FUND RAISER at Superwash, 4970 Western Center.

NOV. 16 ~ W.I.N.G.S. CRAFT NIGHT Following a light supper, the ladies will be crafting table centerpieces Christmas Dinner. All ladies are invited to attend.

NOV. 20 & 21 ~ PUPPET COMPETITION Our Puppeteers for Jesus (PJs) are participating in a puppet ministry competition. Please be in prayer for them.

NOV. 29 ~ YOUTH SUNDAY The youth of HCCC will lead the Sunday morning worship service. This is always a special treat so don't miss it!

NOV. 29 ~ DECORATE THE CHURCH Sunday evening at 6:30 pm we are decorating our church building to prepare for the Christmas season and the exciting events that are planned. Come and help to make our building festive for the holidays!

JAN. 15 - 17 ~ CCLW YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 12/15 early registration deadline

FEB. 26 - 27 ~ CCLW MEN'S RETREAT early registration deadline

Christmas Sneak Preview!



December 5th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what it might have been like to be in Bethlehem as the events surrounding the birth of Jesus unfolded? What were Mary and Joseph experiencing as they entered a crowded market place? What was it like to wait and register in the census? What would it have smelled like as 100's of families baked bread all at once?

Imaginations can run wild trying to picture this in one's mind. Then how would you like to be a part of recreating a life like Bethlehem experienced? What would be the point of this re-creation? To reach out to families in our community so they can discover and enjoy only what you and I have imagined! Then, in the center of that experience, impact them with the simplest message from God, "God loves you."

How Can You Help? You can begin now by praying for the families who will attend. You can provide donations of items needed or money for purchases. We are going to need our whole congregation involved to make this outreach event effective in reaching our community. Our prayer is that we can reach many with God's love at Christmas when people are most open to Him.



Prayer Concerns

Cancer: Ola Bell, Gracie, Gil Harmon, Jim Hatten, Kathleen Kennedy, Cheri Keyhoe, Beth Leeck, Linda Madden, Marie Maddox, Phyllis McLain, Nate, Gina Rollins, Rick Smith, Stephanie Smith, Larry Wilshire, Doug Young

General Health: Reagan Berrier, Melinda Breach, Ruth Ann Brock, Dean and Harlan Cary, Jeannetta Collins, Cal Donaghe, Eli Douglas, J. W. Downs, Colleen Elliott, Richard Everitt, Buster Fenstad, Pat Gaeddert, Clarence Huffman, Carroll Kennedy, Wendy Labelle, Joe Leadabrand, Eileen Lewis, Arthur Maddox, David Reed, Jerrie Reynolds, Cecil and Nita Rollins, Loyle Rowe, Loy Thomas, Sue Wells, Arthur and Carl Wight, Rhonda Wight, Dawson Young, Bobbi Zaborac

Other: Robin Biles' grandsons, David Chestnut, Jason Chouchantharat's family, Scottie Glasgow, Good News Club, Carlos and Holly Guerreros, Military, Thomas family, Craig Wells' family, Our Country's Leaders, Enthusiasm to Serve, Jobless People, Mission 2810

Grieving: Michael Pounds family, Johnny Bagget Family, Darlene White (Marlene's sister) Family, Wayne Kolkman's Aunt's Family

Missions: Christian Camp of the Living Word; Church Growth Ministries. Colegio Biblico; Cornerstone Assistance Network; Dallas Christian College; International Student Missions; MBC Ministries; Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center; Conexión 180 and Rogelio Lira

Church Leadership: Randy Grosenbach, Dr. Alan Pickering, Patrice Morrison, Rob Courtney, Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison, J. W. Downs, Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Pungram Ngatzu, Tom Snider, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones

Thank You!

Church Family, Thank you so much for the gifts of appreciation, cards and kind words during Pastor Appreciation. It is a blessing to serve here with a great group of people. As we continue to serve together, I have no doubt that God will continue to bless HCCC. In Christ...Randy

Dear Haltom family, Thank you for your generous gift of love. Your cards, prayers and kind words mean so much. You all are a gift to my life. Thanks for everything you do for me. I pray we can continue to serve God together at HCCC. In Christ...Patrice

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

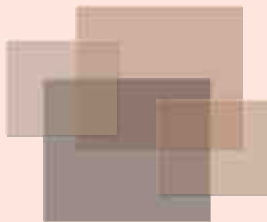


Anniversaries

Conrad & Donna Nov. 18
Spangler

Birthdays

Chuck Robinson	Nov. 4
Ola Bell	Nov. 6
Calista Robinson	Nov. 6
Noreta Vandevier	Nov. 7
Carroll Kennedy	Nov. 11
Stan Doyle	Nov. 11
Eli Douglas	Nov. 12
Susan Wight	Nov. 14
Mildred Ragsdale	Nov. 21
Tom Snider	Nov. 22
Chris Biles	Nov. 24
June Douglas	Nov. 24
Savannah Grosenbach	Nov. 25
Saithong Kingpang	Nov. 25
Mona Buchannon	Nov. 26



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PASTORAL COUNSELOR

George Jones
 Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday,
 Tom Snider, Pungram Ngatzu, Allen
 Deacons: Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle,
 J.W. Downs

Elders: Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison
 Church Secretary: Edey Baldridge
 Music Director: Patrice Morrison
 Hispanic Minister: Rogelio Lira
 Youth Minister: Rob Courtney
 Minister: Randy Grosenbach

CHURCH STAFF



MISSION STATEMENT

Communicate God's Word - Matthew 28:18-20

WORSHIP SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 1:30 pm Conexión 180°
- 5:00 pm Puppeteers for Jesus (PJs)
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir
- 6:00 - 7:30 Revolution

MONDAY

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm Elliott Home Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Morrison Home Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Conexión 180°
Bible Study at church

VISION STATEMENT

To provide for the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of our community by training the H.C.C.C. family through Bible study, song, fellowship and teaching, that they may dedicate themselves to carrying the Word of Christ to all they meet.

