



# *The ROCC BEAT*

**ROLLING OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)**



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## **MINISTER'S MUSINGS**

I knew a woman once who was a member of a church I served. She was a counselor, a wife, a mother, a yuppie (we used to call them) - practically perfect in every way. She attended Sunday School. She was there weekly, Bible in hand.

I asked her once about why her children didn't come with her. Her response was, "I don't want to pressure them into coming to church. They can decide for themselves about God when they are adults."

Now mind you, she sent those kids to soccer camps, basketball camps, piano lessons, mock trial events, and horseback riding lessons. Those activities couldn't wait until they were adults. The training had to be there when they were young.

It seemed that she felt somewhat noble about her stand. Perhaps seeking assurance that some day her children will not come back to her and say, "you made me go to church and now that I can choose, I won't ever go back!" To my knowledge neither child, both grown now, have ever set foot in the church door. In fact, I heard recently one is divorced, two years after he married. The other bounces from job to job with no real direction in life.

I knew another woman in the church I currently serve. She too was a devoted mother and a loving housewife. She attended Sunday School and church faithfully.

Only whenever she was at church her children were right by her side. They helped her cut out craft patterns before Children's Church, attended Sunday School and youth programs, and sang in the children's choir. I don't know for sure, I never asked her, but my guess is that her kids didn't have much choice in the matter.

A week ago Monday, that young mother entered the eternal peace that God has prepared for us through his Son, Jesus Christ - her daughters were by her side. Few in the church were surprised when they both showed up at church the following Sunday.

I am not in favor of forcing a child to go to church per se, but I seriously question the lack of parental encouragement and influence toward the church that some parents seem to adopt.

Believe me, folks, whether or not you provide some sort of influence, your child will be pressured these days - pressured to try drugs, to cheat on tests, to drink, to have premarital sex, even to make a total commitment to athletic teams, musical groups, or other activities all of which will dictate when and where and how often your child is to be present (including Sundays).

The wrong kind of pressure can crush you., The right kind of pressure can turn coal into diamonds. I know two gem-like, young girls who are going to turn out just fine.

Shalom, Dr. Jeff

### **All Saints Day**

If you have an immediate family member who passed between November 2000 and October 2001, call the church office and we will include your loved one in our service of remembrance.

### **ADA Restroom**

Thanks to the hard work of several church members, the restrooms located off the church foyer have been renovated for ADA universal access. What use to be the women's restroom is now handicap accessible. Please note that both restrooms are now available for use by either gender - so remember to lock the door behind you!

### **BOOKS & BELIEFS**

The final two meetings have been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 7. Please review sessions 4 & 5.

### **NEW Faith Lessons Series Begins**

**Wednesday, November 14**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

### **On The Kings and Prophets**

Participant books- \$15.00 per copy  
(Available this Sunday)

**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH...**

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*Let Us Pray*

*If you would like to add a family or friend to the ROCC Prayer list, please call the church office. Boldface type denotes new additions.*

• **Joys** •

The birth of Kylyn Ashelin

• **Concerns** •

**David Baker** (diverticulosis); Rachel Benke (tests and possible surgery); Paul & Kathy Bruck (Paul has cancer); Richard Burk (stroke and blood clots); Cap Capobianco (tests); Angie & Joel Chalkley (premature labor); Scott Christman's family (bereavement); Bill & Nona Cornish (recovery); Peggy Colvin (moving); James Crockett (liver failure); Stephanie Crockett (moved to Dallas); **Jodie Dowell** (cancer); Barb Earius (kidney); Mary Kay Ellington (leg won't heal); **Bob Fields** (broken ankle); Kimberly Gamble (kidney disease); Blake Hardister (Cron's disease); Duke Hendershot (new medication for heart); Donna Hendrickson (back and knee complications); **Jo Istvan** (spinal tumor, removed); Donald Jenkins (radiation); Louisa Laflette (lung cancer); Mary Laughlin (ruptured disk); Wayne Laughlin (blood cancer); Irvin Linewebber (heart attack); Madison Family; Lisa Makiri (chemotherapy treatment); Renee Martinez (family); David Jordon Mauchly (brittle bone disease); Viola Maxwell (heart); Tracy Mehlenbacher (poor circulation in hands); Delores Miller (pancreatic cancer); Alma Moore (bereavement); Franklin Morris (strokes); Gordon Nash (heart attack); Steffani Nations (career training); Cliff Parker (heart surgery); Nickolas Parker (change of heart); Mary Ann Payne (bereavement); Shawn Pickens (spiritual guidance); Myrt Pefferkorn (stroke); The People and Leaders of Our Nation; Rev. Ross Richardson (Parkinson's); Hermu Rudloff (rehabilitation); Harry Schlessman, Jr. (liver cancer); Charlie Sherman (illness & tests); Lee Silverman (stroke); Edna Thomas, (cancer); Ginny Weiss (cancer); Lisa Williams (lung cancer); Scott Wise (bereavement); **Dana Zachary** (cancer)

• **God's Sustaining Presence** •

**Mary Barr**; Jim & Pat Brill; Brad Brown; Jack Gates; Esther Harris and family; Bob & Betty Rheiner, Glen Russell; Faye Sokolsky; Eugene & Maxine Wilson

• **Sympathy** •

Giving thanks to God for the victory to eternal life won through Christ our Savior, our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family of **Debbie Middleton**, wife of Bobby Middleton and mother of Kelsey Middleton and Bethany Woodard and to the family of **Judy Jeter**, the wife of Gary Jeter and to the family of **Ted Hull**, the husband of Judy Hull and brother-in-law to Nancy Smith.



**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

**October 21, 2001**

Worship Attendance -126  
Tithes & Offerings - \$3,942.05

**October 28, 2001**

Average Worship Attendance - 144  
Tithes & Offerings - \$1,674

**Year To Date**

Worship Attendance Average -140  
New members - 42  
Tithes & Offerings - \$134,375.40



**Remember the Church in Your WILL**

*Visitors*

Please join us in extending a warm ROCC welcome to our worship visitors:

**October 21**

(Longview, Tx); Wade & Jennie Wells.

**October 28**

Osbiraa Cooper, Ryan Cunningham, Lori Dewberry & Albert Terrazas and Trey Herrera. Bob & Ava Hall (Wentzville, MO); Christine & Raquel McLaurin; Lorita Spear, Mike & Lisa Taylor

**HERE WE GROW**

We are glad to welcome Wade & Jennie Wells. Jennie made her confession of faith during the worship service on Sunday, October 28 and will be baptized in November. They live at 5402 Champions Hill Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78233. (Tel. No. 657-6540).

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

Our Special Day offering for Thanksgiving will be received November 18 and 25. Join with members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) around the world. Monies received this year help support Disciples' colleges, universities and seminaries that continue the training of those who first heard the call at camp. We need leaders to share Christ's transforming presence. In preparation for Thanksgiving, focus on 1 Timothy 4:14-15.

...YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All classes are in full swing. Please don't hesitate to jump in at anytime. You are always welcome.

- Primary Class -Preschool through 2nd grade
- Junior Class - 3rd grade - 6th grade
- ChiRho/CYF - 7th-12th grade
- Covenant Keepers - Adult Bible Study
- Women's Class - Devotional Bible Study
- Forum Class - Topical Bible Study
- Seekers Class - Serious Bible Study



**SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, November 4**  
Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**JYF and Chi Rho Meet:**

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. games, program, worship

**No CYF:** — Hey; you just got back from a weekend retreat (Fall Rally) don't you have homework?!!



**Sunday, November 11**  
Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

All Youth Groups Meet:

5:00 – 6:30p.m. Games, program, worship

*\*\* Don't forget to read OUR YOUTH ROCC for more information.*

**Sunday Morning  
Prayer Time**

**Every Sunday in the Sanctuary  
8:30 to 9:15 a.m.**

*A time for Centering and Strength Through Song  
and Prayer*

*All are welcome to join us*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 18**

Immediately Following Worship  
*Thanksgiving Potluck to Follow*

**NEW LIFE EMMAUS GATHERING**

**November 20 at 7:00 p.m.**  
New Hope United Methodist Church

**OUTREACH UPDATE**

Deliveries were made to the Inman Christian Center on 10-18-01, the Woman at The Well House on 10-19-01 and to the Mexican Christian Church on 10-24-01. All the deliveries totaled approximately \$130.00 each consisted of clothing, toys, house wares, furniture and miscellaneous items. Thanks to all who donated.

For the RACAP Food Harvest Bank, a delivery was made on 10-24-01 consisting of 8 large boxes of food and on 10-29-01 8 grocery bags of food and two bags of paper products were also delivered. A total of \$168.00.



**NOVEMBER OUTREACH**

November is the month to fill our 12 Thanksgiving baskets. A sign up poster will be ready Sunday for everyone to sign up for their donation of food. Monetary donations are accepted. If you need more information please contact Angie Brown at 650-0155.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, November 17  
8:30 a.m. - Foyer**

All the women of the church and friends are invited to attend a Women's breakfast. This is a combined gathering of all the various women's groups of ROCC. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and a devotional and discussion program will follow.



**BRIDAL SHOWER**  
April Whitmarsh



**Saturday, November 24**

**1:00 p.m.**

The shower will be at the Foyer's home for their daughter, April Located at 15726 Timberway, San Antonio (Tel No. 650-3123).

The theme is Love, Romance, etc.

*All women of the church are invited.*

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## R.O.C.C. HAPPENINGS

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, November 1

7:00 p.m. Disciples Emmaus Mtg (ROCC)  
7:00 p.m. Weight Loss Support Group (ROCC)

#### Friday, November 2

7:00 p.m. First Friday (Frakes)

#### Saturday, November 3

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Sonshine Group

#### Sunday November 4 – All Saints Sunday

9:30 am. Inquirer's Class  
9:30 am. Sunday School  
10:45 am. Worship  
12:00 noon Lunch Bunch (Cafe Milano)  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Youth Meetings  
6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Choir Reh. & Hand Chimes

#### Tuesday, November 6

10:00 am. Reunion Group

#### Wednesday, November 7

10:00 am. 11:30 am. 7:00 pm Fun Set

#### Saturday, November 10

7:30 am. Young at Heart  
Books & Beliefs

#### Sunday, November 11

8:30 am. Sonshine Group

9:30am. Prayer Team

10:45 am. Sunday School

12:00 noon. Worship

4:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Salsalito)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Youth Meetings

Choir Reh. & Hand Chimes

10:00 a.m. Reunion Group

11:30 a.m. Share & Care

#### Wednesday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Books & Beliefs

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Sunday, November 4

12:00 noon In the Library

All Board members are urged to attend this meeting.

## INQUIRER'S CLASS

*For Visitors of the Church*

Sunday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m.

- Beliefs & Practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Church Membership
- The Mission & Ministry of ROCC
- Question & Answer Period

*Tired of carrying around those unwanted pounds? Need incentive and support to lose them?*

Come join us at ROCC on Thursday, **November 1, at 7K)0 p.m.** ibr an informational meeting of the *New Christian Weight Loss Support Group*. We will set a time and day best for everybody at the meeting. For more informati^ call Janet Pickens, 967-0402.

## ADOPT A TREE UPDATE

We now have 71 of our 96 trees adopted) The work should be completed by the end of the week! But you still have time to adopt a tree for \$30.