

# CHURCH OF CHRIST at East Side

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## “DON'T TROUBLE THE CAMP”

*“We are people of the Book”*



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In Joshua 6 God's people are poised to conquer their first city in the new land, the city of Jericho. However, before they capture the city Joshua gave the people stern and specific instructions not to touch that which was “under the ban” (NASB), “devoted” (NIV) and “accursed” (KJV). Joshua says in Joshua 6:17-19, “The city and all that is in it are to be **devoted** to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the **devoted things**, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into His treasury.” (NIV)

The Hebrew word for “devoted” is *cherem*, and the basic meaning of the word is something that has been “devoted to” or “dedicated for” a specific purpose. In this case the whole city of Jericho and all of its spoils were dedicated to the Lord. Ordinarily the spoils of the war were shared by the soldiers who conquered the city. However, on this occasion Joshua said that **ALL** of the spoils were devoted to the Lord. Not a single item, not one piece of silver or gold was to be taken and

put into the possession of a single person – all of it belonged to the Lord.

However, the Bible tells us in Joshua 7:1, “**But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.**” (NIV) In spite of what the Lord commanded, Achan sinned by taking what was dedicated to the Lord for himself. Consequently, the “Lord's anger burned against Israel,” and when they attempted to conquer the small city of Ai they were defeated and humiliated before their enemies (Joshua 7:1-5 NIV).

After such a crushing defeat, Joshua and the elders of Israel fell on their faces before the Lord and cried out to Him in prayer seeking an answer as to why they were humiliated before their enemies. “**The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies...’**” (Joshua 7:10-12a NIV).

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# Family matters

Happy New Year

## JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Le Marion & Ketema Mitchell, 1/1 ♥ 2 sweet years  
Ernest & De Shondra Booker, 1/2 ♥ 19 wonderful years  
Orlando & Nicole Smith, 1/6 ♥ 11 happy years  
Charles & Cherilyn Wadley, 1/9 ♥ 12 precious years

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12/13	Belated birthday Le Marion Mitchell
1/2	Heather Johnson
1/5	Gloria Smith Orlando Smith Sterling Smith 8 years old
1/6	Stephanie Williams
1/9	Rendy Gordon
1/10	Walter Shaw
1/11	Michera Moffett 9 years old Shakara Ben 10 Years old
1/19	James Sims
1/21	Lillian Lowe
1/23	Ocie Williams
1/26	Portia Robinson Zion Olivia Moffett 6 years old
1/28	Shirley King
1/30	Willie Sue Anderson

If you would like your anniversary date or birth date listed, please send an email to Sister Maxine or call 477-1647. Please provide your child's birth date and age.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Casbreanna Davis, Brenda Patridge, Cory Jackson, Langston Pennick, Corey Wiggins, William Lyons, James Davis, Ralph Watson, Theo & Jackie Francis, Lacy Jones, Charles Nwaneri, Catherine Ben, Vigil Hardin, Hillery & Cynthia Robinson and Teresa Maxwell.

*"The Lord is watching His children, listening to their prayers". 1 Peter 3:12*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Veronica Scott, Eva Davis, Shirley Fitzgerald, Anthony King (*improving daily*), D. W. Pennick, Cynthia Amula, Robert Dixon, Ella Ray, Marvin Watson and Jesse Barnes, Sr.

## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2012  
10 am | Crown Plaza Hotel  
After worship services you are free to spend time with your family and friends.  
No Bible classes or evening services.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR & BE SAFE!  
THE LEADERSHIP

## CHANGES IN 2012

Bible Classes for all ages | 7 pm @ the Building  
Beginning Wednesday, January 4, 2012  
Sunday Evening Worship | 6 pm @ the Building  
Beginning Sunday, January 8, 2012

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY

@ The Deen's  
There will be Football, Food, Fun and Fellowship!  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> | 3 pm  
15012 Purslane Meadow Trail | 512.989.0852  
Bring your favorite GAME and your BEST DISH to share with the families.

## BIBLE QUESTIONS / BIBLE ANSWERS

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> | 7 pm  
Your questions will be answered by Brother George Williams.  
Please put your questions in the box in the foyer.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The 2012 Austin Area  
will be playing either Thursday or Saturday evenings between mid-February and the last week of April.  
If you are interested in being a team captain or playing on a team, please contact Roger Davis (512.366.0483) by January 22nd.

## OLD YEAR OUT / NEW YEAR IN ARE YOU READY?

It's time for your poems, plays, songs, etc.  
Get ready for a night of praise, songs and fellowship.  
A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Sister Mertis Sells still needs of a few models for the Old Year Out / New Year In Program.  
If you can help, please see her after bible class Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.  
You can also call her at 989-7011.

Mark Your Calendar

## COMBINED WORSHIP

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Crowne Plaza Hotel | 10 am  
Evening Worship | 6 pm @ the Building

# Churchministries

*Welcome Visitors! You are our honored guests!*

JANUARY 2012 MINISTRY CALENDAR	
<b>January 5, 12, 19, 26</b>	
Stabilizing Ministry	Bible Classes for New Converts, 7-8:30 pm @ bldg.
<b>January 7</b>	
Youth Ministry	Youth Meeting @ Bldg., 7-9 pm
<b>January 8</b>	
Ladies Ministry	All Ladies Meeting after evening worship
<b>January 11, 18 and 25</b>	
Health Awareness Ministry	8-Week Weight Mgt, 6:15-6:45 pm @ bldg.
<b>January 13</b>	
Ladies Ministry	SIS Meeting
<b>January 14</b>	
New Member Ministry	House 2 House Fellowship hosted by CG1, 2-4 pm
Singles Ministry	New Year Kickoff, 2-4 pm @ bldg.
<b>January 18</b>	
New Member Ministry	New Member Orientation 6:30-8 pm @ bldg.
Bible Questions / Bible Answers	7 pm @ bldg.
KFC Ministry	Bible Quest, 7 pm @ bldg.
<b>January 21</b>	
Men's Ministry	Monthly Meeting (Kickoff and Planning), 8 am-Noon @ bldg.
<b>January 28</b>	
New Member Ministry	Planning Session @ The Sells, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
CYP Ministry	Fellowship, 6:30-9 pm (Place TBD)

## Thoughts for the week

Opportunity Brings Opposition  
James 1:25

Many people agree with a sermon or a scripture but don't apply it in their everyday life. Therefore, nothing changes. Many think that just because they agree with the Word, it will bring change into their life.

Change doesn't happen automatically. A person has to be a doer of the Word, not a hearer only. Jesus said, "Keep awake and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."  
Matthew 26:41

Every time you have an opportunity to believe God will provide something, you will have the temptation to give up on it. Pray that you will overcome temptation when it comes.

With the new year approaching, why not strengthen your spiritual self with God's word and be prepared for whatever the devil has to throw at you. The only way to fight the devil is with word the of God.

There are two things we cannot control – whether this world stands another day and whether God leaves us here to see it. Each of us can control how we plug into God's power and how much we'll receive of what He has planned for us in 2012.

Get in the Safety Zone. Live for the Lord.  
HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR!

*Mike Deen, Elder*

## Sunday, January 1, 2012



### Communion Preparers

Sharon McGhee, Brittany Blair  
Gail Williams & Cory Jackson

### Greeters



### 10 am Combined Worship Services

Debra Preyer, Karen Tribue  
Sherry Hickman & Cassandra Williams

### Calling Committee



Adriene McClarron,  
Janet Horace & Janra Powell  
*"Am I my brother's Keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)*

**2012 Church Theme**  
"DON'T TROUBLE THE CAMP"  
Joshua 6:18, 19

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When it was revealed that Achan was the culprit, his excuse for doing what he did was covetousness. Achan said in Joshua 7:20-21, "This is what I have done: when I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath." NIV) Joshua's reply was "Why have you brought this trouble on us" (Joshua 7:25 NIV)? Achan, his family, and all of his possessions were then destroyed because of his sin.

Our theme for the new year is "**DON'T TROUBLE THE CAMP.**" My challenge to each member at East Side is to make sure that you don't become "The Achan" in the camp in 2012. Don't be the one who takes the Lord's silver

and gold and put it among your stuff. Don't be the one who decides that your sin won't hurt the church because it's your sin and no one else's business. God told Joshua that "Israel had sinned, that they have violated my covenant." God looked upon Israel as a collective whole, as one body, and what one person did affected the whole nation of Israel. The same is true when it comes to the church of Christ. We are one body, and what one member does affects the whole body and not just the one person.

*East Side let each of us make a commitment as we enter 2012 to refuse to be the one who will trouble the camp. We have much to do. We have souls to save and a building to build. We have been called to be the light of the city of Austin and the salt of our community, and we can't do all that God has called us to do if sin is in the camp!*

George Williams,  
Minister

**2012 WORSHIP SERVICES,  
BIBLE CLASSES & RADIO BROADCAST**  
Sunday Morning Worship 8 am & 11 am  
Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Classes 7:00 pm

**HOW TO BE SAVED  
ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**  
Hear the Gospel, Acts 15:7  
Believe in Jesus, John 8:21, 24  
Repent of Sins, Acts 17:30, 31  
Confess Christ, Acts 8:36-38  
Be Baptized, Acts 2:38

Men Privileged  
to Serve

**SUNDAY, January 1, 2012**

Combined Worship Services @ Crowné Plaza Hotel | No Evening Services

**10:00 am**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	R. Gooden/B. Maxwell
<b>Invocation</b>	T. Ross
<b>Song Service</b>	R. Gooden/B. Maxwell
<b>Prayer</b>	W. Grant
<b>Lord's Table</b>	E. Williams, Sr.
<b>Passion Reader</b>	T. Francis, II
<b>Sermon</b>	G. Williams
<b>Announcements</b>	F. Boozer
<b>Benediction</b>	R. Davis

**USHERS:** Ervin, Randle, Baker, Hardy, Haynes, King, Matthews, Mouton,