



CHURCH OF CHRIST at East Side

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"We are people of the Book"



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LOVE IS A CHOICE

"That you may love the Lord
your God, listen to his voice,
and hold fast to him.
For the Lord is your life
and he will give you
many years in the land
he swore to give to your fathers,
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."
(Deuteronomy 30:20 NIV)

Today, many people have bought into the myth that love is uncontrollable, that it's something that just happens to them. In fact, even the language used implies the uncontrollability of love. People say, "I fell in love," as if love is some kind of a ditch. It's like they're walking along one day and — bam! — they fell in love and couldn't help themselves.

I tell you the truth. That's not love. Love doesn't just happen to you. Love is a choice, and it represents a commitment.

By the same token, you must choose to love God. He won't force you to love Him

— mediate on Deuteronomy 30:20.
You can thumb your nose at God and turn your back on Him. You can even destroy your life if you choose to do that. God still won't force you to love Him because He knows love can't be forced.

This same principle is true about your relationships. You can choose to love others. God won't force you to love anyone.

During the holiday season when you are gathering to celebrate with family and friends, do you find it to be a joyous time or a time filled with tension and heart-ache? Is there someone you might have trouble loving during the holidays — someone in your family, a friend, or a neighbor? God will help you love that person if you make the choice to do so. This doesn't mean everything will become perfect. It doesn't even mean that person will accept your love. It simply means you are the only person who can stop you from loving because **love is a choice.**

Family matters

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Crystal Wiltz, 12/2 ♥ 11 loveable years
 Ron & Sonya Harry, 12/3 ♥ 17 wonderful years
 George & Kimberly Harris, 12/18 ♥ 12 beautiful years
 Mike & Marilyn Deen, 12/18 ♥ 40 blissful years
 Ralph & Coleen Azeez, 12/18 ♥ 4 great years
 Hillery & Cynthia Robinson, 12/19 ♥ 30 happy years

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/3	William "Bill" Lyons
12/5	Anthony Ross, Sr.
12/6	Lillian Clemons Kym Stroughter Roger Davis
12/7	Charles Edwards Dwayne Jones Champion Apollo Moffett 2 years old
12/11	Paul More Tascha Jones
12/12	Michahjah Moffett
12/15	Cynthia Robinson
12/16	Sam Watson
12/17	Ennis Wright, Sr. Cheryl Williams
12/18	Virgil Hardin
12/19	Trina Manor
12/20	Maleah Bradford 10 years old
12/22	Ronalyn Johnson
12/23	Alice Fillmore Leonard Fillmore Arnetia Ervin Albert Johnson
12/25	Anastasia Adams 17 years old
12/26	Myiah Williams 5 years old
12/28	Michael Moffett

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 & age.

PRAYER REQUESTS

LaJuanda Hannah, Mertis Sells, Gloria Allen, Jamie Miller, Bobby Craig, Shirley Riley, Cheryl Williams, Helena Williams, Kyle Rogers, Ed Davis, Genord Jones, Stephanie Duncan, Rosalyn Stanton, Linda Ross, Catherine Ben, Allegra Alexander, Nakeenya Haynes and Bill Lyons.

"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, Anthony King, D. W. Pennick, Cynthia Amula, Robert Dixon, Ella Ray, James Davis, Marvin Watson and Jesse Barnes, Sr.

BIBLE QUESTIONS / BIBLE ANSWERS

Wednesday, December 21st | 7:30 pm

Your questions will be answered by Brother George Williams.

Please put your questions in the box in the foyer.

30th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY

@ The Deen's

There will be Football, Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Sunday, January 1st | 3 pm

15012 Purslane Meadow Trail | 512.989.0852

Bring your favorite GAME and your BEST DISH to share with the families.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Reconciliation Reports and receipts are due two weeks after your event ends.

Your immediate attention is requested.

The Elders

HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Ella Ray

Ed & Carolyn Davis, The Youth

Jesse Barnes, Sr.

Rico & Megan Mosby, Welda Caswell

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY

10 am | Crown Plaza Hotel

After worship service you are free to spend time with your family and friends.

No Bible classes or evening services on December 25, 2011 or January 1, 2012.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & BE SAFE!

THE LEADERSHIP

Churchministries

Welcome Visitors! You are our honored guests!

NEW MEMBER MINISTRY

THANK YOU

to the leadership and wives for hosting the
House 2 House Fellowship Holiday Gathering
for our new members.

A very special *thank you*
to Sharon and Marlon McGhee
for opening their home during this very busy season.

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen
who prepared food. Everything was delicious!

*Most importantly we would like to thank
all of our new members who attended.*

We hope you had a wonderful time.

Once again, thank you all!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, December 21st | 7-8:30 pm
Upstairs Classroom

If you placed membership or were baptized
this year and have not participated,
please join us in the upstairs classroom.
We look forward to meeting you again!

MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY

HOLIDAY SPARKLE CELEBRATION

with White Elephant Gift Exchange
\$20 per couple

Friday, December 16th | 7-11 pm
2011 Blackhawk Amenity | Pflugerville
*Please visit the married couples table
to sign up and make your payment.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH HOLIDAY GALA

Saturday, December 17th | 7-9 pm
at the church building.

Please see Brother Caswell for more information.

KFC MINISTRY

HOLIDAY PARTY AT TEXAS JUMPING BEAN

Saturday, December 17th | 2-5 pm
16708 Picadilly Court | Pflugerville 78660

What to bring: Yourself and Socks

Please also bring an inexpensive gift
to donate to Brown Santa.

CYP MINISTRY

HOLIDAY DINNER WITH THE KRINGLES

2-6 pm | Sunday, December 25th

The CYP Ministry is having a Holiday Dinner.
College students and young professionals,
you are cordially invited!

Please sign up in the foyer

so we can be sure to have plenty of food.

Pfood, pfun and pfellowship in ye olde Pflugerville!

1224 Acanthus | Pflugerville 78660 | 512.989.7011

OLD YEAR OUT / NEW YEAR IN

It's time to get our poems, plays, songs, etc.
together for a night of praise, songs, and
fellowship. Please contact Brother Owen Steen to
sign up for the program.

A FASHION SHOW

at the OLD YEAR OUT / NEW YEAR IN program.
*Ladies, do you like fashion? Would you like to
model? If so, please come for a fitting,*
Sunday, December 18th | 5-6 pm @ the building
I am in desperate need of models.

For more information,
please contact Mertis Sells at 512.989.7011.

THOUGHT for the week

Decide to Be Positive — Meditate on These Things

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true,
whatever things are noble, whatever things are just,
whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely,
whatever things are of good report and if there is any virtue and if
there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.
Philippians 4:8

Negative people don't enjoy life.

Viewing each day with positive expectations is one of the key
principles to godly happiness. We act on what we believe, so
positive thoughts cause positive actions. If you want a posi-
tive life, begin thinking positive thoughts. It is easier to do this
if you read the Word and meditate on all that God wants to
do for you and through you.

Find a quite place today and think about all the good, posi-
tive things God has done for you in the past, and all He has
planned for you in the future. Just like Sunday's lesson, no
one has room to complain about anything. *God is Good All
the Time, and All the Time God is Good!*

Submitted by Elder Mike Deen

Sunday, December 18, 2011



Communion Preparers

Patsy Grant & Cynthia Robinson
Alice Molett & Catherine Ben

Greeters



8:00 am Blessing Ehigie & Yvette Craig
11:00 am Ron Harry, Cassandra Williams
6:30 pm Ron Harry & Blessings Ehigie

Calling Committee



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

2011 Church Theme

"Every Man Stood In His Place" (Judges 7:21 NKJV)
I Am Responsible, I Am Accountable, I Am Reliable



WORSHIP SERVICES, BIBLE CLASSES & RADIO BROADCAST

Sunday Morning Worship	8 am & 11 am
Sunday Bible Class	9:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:30 pm
Sunday Radio Broadcast	8:30 am KLOG 99.3 FM

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, December 18, 2011

	8:00 am	11 :00 am	6:30 pm
Opening Hymn	V. Mitchell	M. McGhee	R. McClarron
Invocation	C. Cummings	R. Harry	S. Davis
Song Service	V. Mitchell	M. McGhee	R. McClarron
Prayer	E. Davis	T. Hickman	C. Caswell
Lord's Table	C. Davis	R. Mosby	J. Ferguson
Passion Reader	A. Robinson	E. Williams, Sr.	A. Robinson
Sermon	G. Williams	G. Williams	G. Williams
Announcements	T. Ross	G. Jones	T. Ross
Benediction	F. Haynes	W.G. Williams	A. Johnson

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