

“VIAL OF LIFE”

You may recall that we once provided quart-size plastic bags in which you could store information about your medications and emergency family contact info in your refrigerator. Beth Butler was in a meeting recently where they introduced a plastic container that provides a place to keep your medical information safe in your refrigerator. There is also a label provided to place on your door so that emergency personnel will know to look in your refrigerator for your information. This will give them the ability to act more quickly on your behalf and to notify your family. Thanks, Beth, for making the containers available; please sign the sheet and include your zip code when you obtain yours.



We have previously suggested putting the letters “ICE” in your cell phone contact list. The letters mean **In Case of Emergency**, call the number of the person you have chosen as a contact. We never know when we might be involved in an emergency situation, or an event that needs to be reported to a family member. So please consider this easy solution now so that there is less delay or confusion in a critical moment.

OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL REQUEST (from various sources)

We are fortunate to have so many retirement facilities in Denton. Some specialize in rehab services while others have assisted living quarters and/or skilled nursing care. We have been contacted about providing a devotional time on a weekly or monthly basis. Naturally, it is difficult for me to meet all the needs, so I am asking for volunteers who may wish to be involved in this ministry. You may want to play piano, lead some singing, or share a devotional time. Please sign up to indicate your interest, and we will visit to determine how you want to serve and how often.

LIFE JOURNAL

Have you ever given thought to preparing a journal for your children and grandchildren to know about your journey in life? We have a 4-page form that asks questions to get you thinking about your life at different stages. If you have neglected to keep a journal, this tool will help you recall the good times and lessons learned in your journey. Your family will appreciate it!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Romine* 1
 Connie Guess,
 Jane McBride* 2

Cliff Feeler,* Olen Green 3
 Harry Fogle,* Bettie Ford,*
 Berta Moyer* 4
 Dwight West* 8
 Willis Cash, Robert Gose,*
 Bill Murphy 9
 Joe Rosebrock,
 Butch Shaw 12
 Ron Hull 13
 Joyce Edmundson, Laurie
 Hammett,* Sue Wilson* 14
 Joan Feeler* 15
 Patsy Kelsoe 17
 Jackie Harrington, Peggy
 Longworth, Jerry Seay,
 Joyce Winters* 18
 Bill Harvey* 20
 Katy Blevins, Roy Hinton 21
 Jane Fletcher,*
 Dow Huggins* 22
 Cecil Winn* 23
 Martin Blair, Lynda Crittenden,
 Kenneth Watkins 24
 Bettie Ann Huggins,*
 David Small* 25
 Martha Gene Bartel,*
 Anna Blalock,* HeidiLorin
 Callies, Beverly Duck 26
 Gerald Cardwell,*
 Kathy Seay 27
 Stanley Thames 29
 Phyllis Crozier, Gene Gamble,
 Jimmie Jordan, Verda Piott,
 Vena Taylor,* Nancy Wallis ... 30
 Dorothy Feucht,* Kathy Jester,
 Virginia Stone* 31

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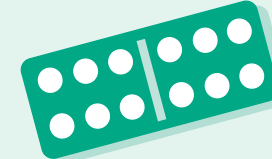
from CLIFF

DECEMBER 2011

www.firstdenton.org

Check the website each Monday for Adults 55 Plus events and information! Go to the bottom of the main webpage to “Quick Links” and click on Adults 55 Plus.

ADULTS 55+GAME DAY!



Tuesday, December 27
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Tomkins Fellowship Hall

Bring some snacks to share (you probably have some) and a friend to share them with!



Thursday, February 16
Noon-4:00 pm – S-111

There are five good reasons to take this course:

- 1) Learn defensive driving techniques and new traffic laws;
- 2) Learn to adjust your driving to age-related changes;
- 3) Possibly get an insurance discount;
- 4) You don't have to take a test;
- 5) Millions of others have taken advantage of this valuable course. Call Judy Murphy at 940-382-2577, ext. 150, to sign up!

Dear Adults 55 Plus,

Joan and I want to wish you a very **Merry Christmas**. Naturally, we are hopeful that you will get to be with your family, too! We are grateful for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, which afford wonderful family time.

Joan and I have provided our annual Christmas letter for you. You may pick up a copy on the sign-up table. You are welcome to read it and leave it for someone else, or take a copy to keep.

We would be remiss if we did not thank you for your wonderful support in our ministry opportunities. We are grateful for our Homebound Visitors, our Deacon Family Ministers, every director, teacher, care group leader, and each of you who have become our beloved extended family over these 22½ wonderful years.

Merry Christmas,
Cliff & Joan

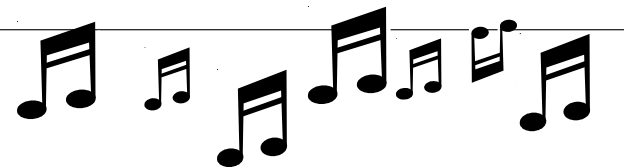


CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

Order your poinsettias (\$16) to decorate the worship center. Each plant purchased will benefit HOPE, Inc., and the work they do with the homeless in Denton County. You may dedicate poinsettias in honor/memory of a loved one. Contact Judy Murphy (940-382-2577, ext. 150) or judym@firstdenton.org.



Our church has come upon a wonderful ministry that increases each year. This year, **Elves Shelves** served over **637 families** and provided gifts for over **1600 children**. We need to express our gratitude to Brad Cockrell, Brenda Echols, Jane Naugher, and the tremendous group of volunteers who shared the love of Jesus with these families. Several of our men enjoyed putting together over 100 bicycles that were given away on Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3!



HYMN SING

Sunday, January 22, 2012
4:00-6:00 p.m.

We will start off a new year with singing in South Hall. Come along and bring a friend as we sing the old hymns we love. Maybe we will even sing your favorite. A break at about 5:00 p.m. will give us a chance to enjoy soup and fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES

More Special Upcoming Events!

- December 19 Christmas Lights Tour of Denton
- December 20 3 Redneck Tenors
The Grand Theatre, Lewisville
- Got a new 2012 Calendar yet? Now's the time!*
- January 22, 2012 Hymn Sing
4:00-6:00 pm in South Hall
- April 13-22 Hawaii Cruise!

EXCURSIONS

NOTE!

Change of departure time for tonight's Johnnie High Christmas Show outing:
We will leave at **4:00 pm** (return 10:30 pm).

Christmas Lights of Denton

Monday, December 19
6:00-9:00 pm



Rosa's Tortilla Factory

Opening soon in Denton!

We will go Friday, January 20, 2012



- 11:00 am Depart FBCD
 - 11:15 am Arrive Rosa's; order *and pay* on your own!
 - 12:45 pm Return FBCD
- Cost: \$5, due at sign-up. *Limit: 24*
(Your \$5 will be refunded if you are one of the lucky 24 to ride the bus.)

OPPORTUNITIES

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

This ministry is very meaningful for all church members who reach the age of 72 years. You will be assigned to a deacon, who will seek to know you and become an advisor to you, if you wish. Presently, Joe Pickle, vice-chairman, reports we only have 58 members who have not been assigned to a deacon. This has been a tremendous ministry and I am extremely pleased that the deacons have undertaken it for several years now.

EXCURSIONS

Cruise HAWAII

April 13-22, 2012

We will arrive in Honolulu on Friday, April 13, and have some free time in the afternoon and evening. You may want to go to the beach at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel, or just sit and listen to the concerts. The following morning you may have time to visit the nearby marketplace. Noon on Saturday, April 14, we board our ship, *Pride of America*, and settle into our comfortable mid-ship balcony cabins. We sail away about 7:00 pm for a wonderful and exciting week!



Our first cruise destination is Kahului, Maui. Maui is known as the "Valley Island," a place where every gorge is filled with lush foliage and abundant plant life. We will enjoy Sunday and Monday on this scenic island. You will be able to choose from many excursions. One might be a visit to the world's largest dormant volcano, Haleakala, where you will enjoy marvelous views over 10,000 feet above sea level.

Tuesday, April 17, will find us at Hilo, Hawaii, where you can see the snow-capped Mauna Kea volcano. This evening, weather permitting, you can sail by active Mount Kilahuea to see this volcano's lava tumbling into the sea.

There is much, much more to tell about this exciting cruise, but rather than fill this newsletter with the details, we have produced a brochure that you can pick up. We will talk about the itinerary as well as payment. Many of you have traveled with us before and know that trip insurance is recommended. You must sign up for the insurance within two weeks of enrollment in order to cover all pre-existing situations (which, naturally, most of our Adults 55 Plus may have to some degree).

Cruise Tour Price from Dallas: \$3,489 per person in a double room/cabin. *Limit:* 30 passengers in 15 balcony cabins. **Deadline to sign up is January 20, 2012.**

A U.S. Passport is usually not required for U.S. citizens traveling to Hawaii from the mainland; however, the ship is requesting a passport for identification. (If you don't have a passport, there is time to get one before the trip if you act soon.) Return to FBCD: Sunday, April 22, 7:00 a.m.

STAGE & SCREEN

3 REDNECK
TENORS
Tuesday,
December 20
Grand Theatre
Downtown
Lewisville



Some of you may remember Blake Davidson, who performs as one of the 3 Redneck Tenors. He is very talented (as are the other two). I just happen to have known him as a young man growing up at Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, where I served as Administrator for twelve years. Blake has been to Germany and performed with the opera company there. He has a tremendous musical gift. I think you will enjoy these three "redneck" tenors. By the way, they have had a show for the last two years in Branson at the Mansion Theatre.

- 6:15 pm Depart FBCD
 - 7:30 pm Arrive Grand Theatre
 - 9:45 pm Depart Theatre
 - 10:30 pm Return FBCD
- Cost: \$23 due at sign-up *Limit: 20*