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COMMUNITY TOPIC: MISSION ARLINGTON

Mission Arlington is more a movement than a strategy, more a spirit than a structure, more like a family than an organization. It's not about religion, and it is as much about God as it is about people. For these reasons, and so many more, Mission Arlington doesn't fit into the customary language of church, nor does it fit into the typical category of social work. God has done something amazing here, and He has done it in His own time and in His own way.

Taking Church to the People

When Mission Arlington began in August of 1986, the idea was to help people find their way back into church. They subsequently discovered that many people felt disconnected from the church in general. It's not that churches weren't friendly or inviting, but that there seemed to be some a barrier in the minds and hearts of people, making it difficult for them to connect. They decided then that if people couldn't come to the church, for whatever reason, they would take the church to them. Today people of all ages gather each week to hear the Bible taught in multiple languages in 270 locations in Arlington and the larger Dallas/Fort Worth region. They meet in neighborhood homes, apartment club houses, mobile home parks and in any other location where people can gather together to hear God's Word.



The youth volunteered at Mission Arlington on this past Saturday. They were able to give back in their time. Please continue to encourage our youth to make efforts to assist in any manner in the community.

THEME AND SCRIPTURE: RETURN

"I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. — Malachi 3:6-7



Don't miss heaven shooting for the stars. Return to God and you will live beyond them.

Rev. D. Robinson — Youth Minister

Regular Youth Church Schedule

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th
Sundays Youth Church
begins at 10:30 am in
the W.F. Drake
Fellowship Hall.

*2nd Sundays are Youth
Sundays during 8 am
and 10:30 am services.
The youth do not have
Youth Church.*

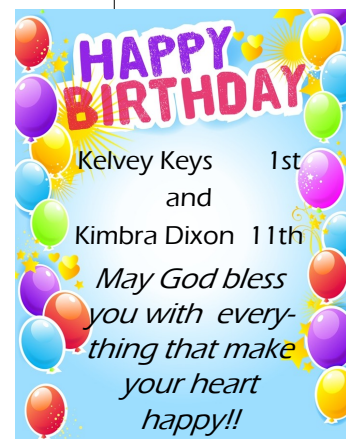
Youth Ministries Opportunities

Contacts:

- Youth Choir: Bro. Tim Keys and Sis. S. Waldon
- Youth Usher: Sis. Dorothy and Bro. John Scruggs
- Youth Deacon: Bro. Chuck Timmons
- Praise Teams: Sis. Con-tenia Johnson

God's Precious Ones: ages 6-10

Divine Expression: ages 11-17

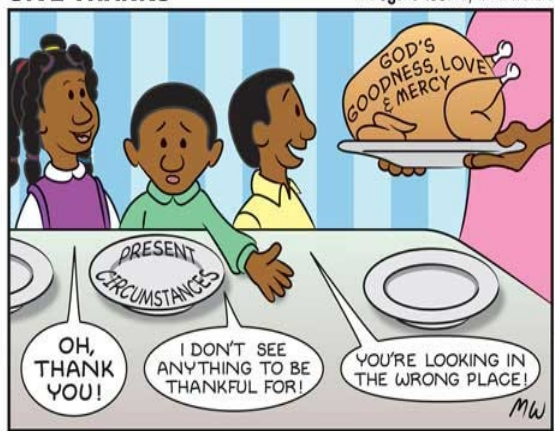


Thursday, November 25th Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Christian Cartoon

GIVE THANKS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. — PSALM 106:1 NIV

Our present circumstances may be like an empty plate. But if we focus on God, rather than our present circumstances, we'll find that we still have reasons to give thanks to the Lord. His goodness, love & mercy are never changing.

Announcements

Any teenager interested in becoming a 2011 Youth Officer, need to pick up a Youth Officer application located on the tables in the foyers. Please return the application no later than **Sunday, November 14th**. The elections will take place on **Wednesday, November 17th**.

The youth will be going to the **Prairie Lights** in December. Please sign your youth up in order for your child to attend. The sheets are located in the foyer areas.

It's Camp time again! KAA Camp for youth ages 9-18 non-refundable deposits of 50 dollars are due on or before January 16th. The total for this year's trip is 100 dollars. Please see Sis. Jennifer Robinson for payments and payment plans.

Classroom Information

3yrs & under: Need assistance on Sundays and Wednesdays

4 & 5: (Sun.) Sis. Kitty Marbles, Sis. Jan Hall & Sis. Tina

6 - 8: (Sun.) Sis. Judy Holland & Sis. Glenda Stuart (Wed.) Sis. Deloris Humphrey & Sis. Gail Hall

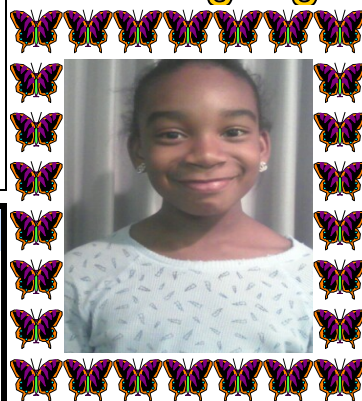
9 - 12: (Sun.) Sis. Freddie Jones & Sis. Adrienne Siggers (Wed.) Sis. Ebony Hall

13 - 18: (Sun.) *Girls to Women:* Sis. Veronica *Boys to Men:* Sis. Sheila Timmons & Bros. Tony & Fred Hall (Wed) Rev. Darnell Robinson

The Lord's Prayer Conversation

Our Father who art in heaven. **Yes?** Don't interrupt me, I'm praying. **But you called me.** Called you? No I didn't call you. I'm praying. **Yes, you said, "Our Father who art in heaven."** Well, here I am. **What's on your mind?** But, I didn't mean anything by it. I was just saying my prayers for he day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, like fulfilling a duty. **Well, all right, go on.** Okay, Hallowed be Thy name... **Hold it right there. What do you mean by that?** It means... good grief, I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean? **It means Honored, Holy, Wonderful.** Hey that makes sense. I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. **Do you really mean that?** Sure why not? **What are you doing about it?** Why, nothing I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there. We're kinda in a mess down here you know. **Yes, I know; but, have I got control of you?** Well, I go to church. **That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad temper? You've really got a problem there, you know; and then there's the way you spend your money — all on yourself. What about the kind of books you read?** Now hold on just a minute. Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at church! **Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will go be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.** Oh, all right. I guess I do have some issues. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others. **So could I.** I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to stop doing some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free. **Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together — you and me. I'm proud of you.** Look Lord, if you don't mind, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. Give us this day, our daily bread. **You need to cut out the bread. You're overweight as it is.** Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my issues. **Praying is a dangerous thing. You just might get what you ask for. Remember, you called me; here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying.** (pause) **Well, go on.** I'm scared to. **Scared? Of what?** I know what you'll say. **Try me.** Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. **What about Peggy Sue?** See? I knew you would bring her up! Why Lord, she's told lies about me and spread stories. She never paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her! **But, your prayer; what about your prayer?** I didn't mean it. **Well at least you're honest. But, it's quite a load carrying around all that bitterness and resentment isn't it?** Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with her. Boy, have I got some plans for her. She'll wish she had never been born. **No, you won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. You know how unhappy you are; well I can change that.** You can? How? **Forgive Peggy Sue. Then I will forgive you and the hate and sin will be Peggy Sue's problem; not yours. You will have settled the problem as far as you are concerned.** Oh, you know, you're right. You always are. What I want more than revenge is, I want to be right with YOU..(sigh). All right, I'll forgive her. **There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?** Hmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all. In fact pretty great! **You're not finished with your prayer are you? Go on.** Oh, all right. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted. Okay, go ahead. Finish your prayer.** For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen. **Do you know what would bring me glory? What would really make me happy?** No, but I'll like to know. I want to please you now. I've really made a mess of things. I want to truly follow you. I can see how great that would be. So tell me..how do I make you happy? **You just did!**

Youth Highlight



Christian Alice Donnerson was born April 2, 2002. Christian is eight years old and the youngest of 3 children. She was baptized by Pastor CL Taylor at the age of seven. Christian is a third grade student at Thurgood Marshall elementary. She has been a member of Morning Star since June 2009. Christian is currently on A Honor Roll, and has been for the entire school year. She recently received Perfect Attendance and Good Citizenship. Christian is an active member of Morning Star and participates in the Youth Choir, God's Precious Ones Dance ministry, and also volunteers with the STARS group. Outside of church, Christian is a member of the Girl Scouts. Her favorite Bible scripture is Philippians