



The BUILDER

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"Storyline... Starting Over!"

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be 2010. Where did the year go? I don't know about you, but the older I get, the faster the days seem to fly by! Speaking of getting older, in the next few days I will be staring 64 in the face — that is, as I was reminded, 64 years young!

If the New Year offers nothing else, it offers to each of us the opportunity to **START OVER**, to begin with a clean slate and to try and learn and accomplish new and different things. I think God must have planned it that way so that we don't spend out time living in the past and fretting over what we could have done or should have done.

I am making only one New Year's resolution: "To try and serve God better than I did last year, or the year before, or the year before." I believe that is all that God asks of us, to do our best.

It is your opportunity as well. No one has a corner on the market when it comes to receiving the New Year. As we have mentioned for the last several weeks, there are sign-up sheets in the Information Hallway for the various ministries in our church. There is still plenty of room for your name and for the commitment that comes with putting your name on the dotted line. I hope that you will choose to do that this next week as we **START OVER** together.

Serving In January

Elders: Bill Fuller & Tom

Stidvent

Worship Leader: Angie Goette

Deaconess: Carole Anne Murphy

Deacons: Ruth Merilian, Rhonda Clay, J.T. Copeland, Jerry Murphy

Greeters: Ronnie Smathers, Vivian Helm

Acolyte: Gracey Clay

Building Closing: Kent Holguin

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - PETE MOFFATT

Beginnings —

A quote from automaker Henry Ford reads: "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." As the New Year dawns our thoughts turn to beginnings. Our Richfield family has shown progress by staying together and standing solidly behind David and his family during the past 18 months as Grant continues his recovery. As 2010 arrives, let us strive for a successful year by working together to further God's kingdom in our community. Perhaps community service is your calling. How about visiting our sick or homebound? Maybe joining one of our ministry committees. Where is God leading you this year?

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS (CWF)

CWF will meet at 6:00 on Tuesday, January 19. Sandra Westmoreland and Carol Miller will be our hostesses. Cane Ridge Christian Church is the service project for January. Ladies, we hope to see you here for this time of fellowship.

HELP! CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please meet at the church on Saturday, January 2, at 9:00 a.m. to take down the Christmas tree, the Memorial Christmas tree and other Advent decorations.

Memorials Received

We have received the following memorial gifts to be used to the glory of God and the ministry of Richfield Christian Church.

In Memory of: **Mildred Page**

From: Charles & Connie Jefferson
John & Sandra Westmoreland
Mary Chapman

In Memory of: **Al Price**

From: Jack & Nancy Munson
Charles & Connie Jefferson

In Memory of: **Elizabeth Wolfe Morris**

From: Margaret Latimer

In Memory of: **Robert Burge**

From: Pete & Deena Moffatt

In Memory of: **"Little Vic"**

From: Jody & Linda Sykora

In Memory of: **Wayman**

From: Chick & Lloyd Lewis

In Memory of: **Herschel Bunting**

From: George & Carol Miller

In Memory of: **Rev. Jack Cox**

From: Minor & Vivian Helm
Charles & Connie Jefferson
Chick & Lloyd Lewis
George & Carol Miller
Clint & Inez Montgomery
Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy
John & Sandra Westmoreland
Bill & Shirley Fuller
Pete & Deena Moffatt
Jack & Nancy Munson
Ronnie Smathers
David & Paula Story

In Memory of: **Margaret Davis**

From: Richard Davis

RCC Bowling News

Join the fun and sign up for our RCC Winter Bowling League! We will begin in late January or early February and bowl on Monday evenings at Westview Lanes. We will have at least four teams (all from Richfield) and will bowl against each other for 10 weeks. Sign-up sheet is in the Information Hallway.
Pete

For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Labit, Valera
Anderson, Bob	Laird, Peggy
Bergquest, Darlene	Littlefield, Opal
Basquez, Lupe	Long, Dewayne
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Glenn
Boatright, Jaiden	Lothlen, Patsy
Boyd, Mildred	Maxon, Eric
Bratten, Don	Maynard, Ginna
Brock, Price	McCain, Tracy
Burge, Susan	McGee, Lynda
Burns, Marian	Moffatt, Rachel
Cargile, Melvin	Moix, Zachary
Catchings, Art	Montgomery, Don
Catchings, Nial	Moore, Sharon
Christian, Jere	Moran, Wanda
Church, Inga	Munson, Jim
Clay, James	Organ, Larry
Copeland, Teresa	Painter, Todd
Cryer, Kaitlen	Parker, Mildred
Davis, Carol	Pearson, Brandy
Davis, Don	Phillips, Jimmy
Davis, Josh	Pryor, June
Dewlen, Al	Quinlan, Dan
Dewlen, Lucille	Quinn, Michael
Duncan, Mark	Richardson, Steve
Easterling, Maurine	Riddle, Imogene
Foster, Brie	Rivera, Candace
Fricke, Cutler	Robertson, Janet
Fuller, Hester	Salsiccia, Connie
Evans, Debbie	Sancillo, Wanda
Garvin, Charlotte	Schonerstedt, Danny
Gleissner, Nicholas	Shreeve, Judy
Helm, Bea	Skinner, Jim
Helm, Lee	Smith, Glenn
Hill, Sandra	Smith, Pam
Holcomb, Marvin	Snyder, Shawna
Horner, Davis	Spears, Betty
Houston, Peggy	Stidvent, Vivian
Howze, Frank	Story, Grant
Hurd, Sarah	Story, Joleta
Johnson, Randie	Sykora, Jody
Jones, Patsy	Thompson, Gypsy
Jordan, Marie	Urbel, David
Kattness, Michael	Vernon, Robert
Keck, Don	Wallace, Mary
Kelley, Linda	Wingard, John
Kerey, Glynnis	Woodard, Ann
Knowles, Kenneth	Yates, Phillip

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

To Remember in Prayer

Jody Sykora is feeling a little better. **Teresa Copeland** will see the heart doctor again in February to determine if the medicine is correcting the problem. **Max Vargas** hopes to schedule his back surgery in January. **James Clay** continues to suffer from respiratory distress. **Marie Jordan** is doing a little better but still having blood pressure issues. **Grant Story** continues his recuperation at Baylor Medical for rehab and then is scheduled to come home on Jan. 7. **Art Catchings** (Joyce Vanya's brother-in-law) diagnosed with acute leukemia, continues treatment. **Connie Salsiccia** (a friend of the McCord family) receiving radiation and chemo. **Rachel Moffatt** is receiving medication and is doing better. **Jason Saulters** received a great report on the biopsy and is doing well. **Mark Duncan** (a friend of Brad Clay) suffered a stroke and is presently in a care facility. Kaitlen Crier (great-granddaughter of Norma Beaver) is in Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, but is doing better. **Frances Clay** is scheduled for cataract surgery at this writing. **Al Dewlen** has had a bout with pneumonia on two occasions over the last month. **Doris Surface** was also hospitalized with pneumonia but is now back at Stillwell. At this writing **Gypsy Thompson** is hospitalized at Providence with heart problems. **Darlene Bergquist** (Marlene Proctor's sister) received a good report following the surgery and the tumor removal. **Kathy Munson** had successful surgery the last week of December and is home doing well.

Serving in Iraq: **Tony Ramirez** (James McCord's nephew), **Josh Denton** (Martha Corley's grandson)

Serving in Afghanistan: Curtis Clark (friend of Joyce Vanya), Tyler Webb (friend of Debbie Webb), Kyle Ward (Norma Beaver's grandson)

Pray for all of these and pray for the **parents** of our congregation and parents around the world as they lead their families in **building Christian homes**.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend our deep sympathy to Doris Surface in the death of her son, **Wayman**. His memorial service was held in Corpus Christi the second week of December.

EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS

Personally, I usually don't buy into the whole New Year's resolution game. Don't get me wrong, setting goals is important. However, if something is worth resolving to do, then why not start doing it now? But since now just happens to be around the beginning of the New Year, then here are a couple of suggestions.

1. I/My family resolve(s) to attend Sunday school at least twice a month in 2010. Or if #1 seems to easy, perhaps consider #2.
2. I resolve to teach a Sunday school class for at least one month in 2010.

You see, as Christians we should constantly be striving to develop that personal relationship with God which is offered to us through his Son, Jesus. I believe one effective way to do just that is through Bible study. And what better way is there to study God's Word than with your church family on Sunday morning?

While I realize not everyone may feel he or she has received the spiritual gift of instruction, preparing a Sunday school lesson can be a great way to intensify your own personal Bible study. — not to mention you are helping fulfill Richfield Christian Church's mission to share the Good News and providing spiritual support and nurture to others. Our education ministry members strive to select curriculum that has resources available to assist the teachers in every way possible. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach Sunday school in 2010. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Monthly Bible Verse

Jeremiah 29: 11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Hello, Everyone,

As members of Richfield Christian Church, we are quick to express our love for each other and for our church. Members give of their time, gifts and talents for our church on a regular basis. The giving and loving spirit of our church body is evident, and it is that loving spirit that I would like to appeal to now. I would like to challenge each member to show their love for Richfield in a new way. Each Sunday let's make it a priority to leave our space in the sanctuary as neat as we found it. Candy wrappers, bulletins, Kleenex and other personal items can be easily picked up and thrown away on the way out of the building by each person present. We are blessed at Richfield to have so many young children in our congregation. It is truly a gift — it is — to see them each week. What better way is there to teach our children about loving the church than teaching them and showing them by example how to leave the sanctuary clean and neat each Sunday? Thank you for your help with this important issue.

Sincerely, Lisa Kattness

THANKSGIVINGS RECEIVED

Dear Friends of Richfield -

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia and thank you for the love and prayers. I miss you.

Marie Jordan

Thanks to my church family for all of your cards, prayers, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital and rehab center. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love,

Margie Busch

CUB SCOUT ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

The Cub Scouts will start back with the weekly meetings on Thursday, January 7, at 6:00 PM. We will also have our God and Me day camp on Saturday, January 9, in the fellowship hall from 9:00-4:00. Our scouts will earn their religious knot at this event, and then we will present their badges to them on Scout Sunday in February. The God and Me program will be taught by Kent Holguin.

We will have our annual Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, January 23, in the fellowship hall starting at 10:00 AM. We invite Richfield members to come and cheer for the scouts and watch a great race. The boys will be building their cars for the race.

On the weekend of January 29 to 31 our Webelos Scouts (4th & 5th grade) will participate in a winter camping event at Camp Jim Braley in Hallsburg.

2010 marks 100 years of scouting! We are looking for Richfield members who were Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts in their childhood. Even if you did not finish, we are tallying up a list for a special 100-year badge. Let me know if you were a scout even for a short time.

Kayla Rosas,

Committee Chair, Pack 403

ALL ABOUT THE YOUTH

Attention, All!!

On Sunday, January 17, the youth will be hosting a *Chili Cook-Off* to raise funds for the Mission Trip. I will need volunteers to make the *chili*. Please sign up on the sheet in the Info Hallway. I will need the youth parents to bring a dessert. All youth will meet on Saturday, January 16, at 10:00 to decorate for the cook-off. There will be prizes for the top three *chili* makers and a lot of fun for the rest of us.

We will begin our regular meetings on Sunday, January 17, at 4:00 PM. I would like to have a meeting on Sunday, January 24, for all parents with active youth in grades 6-12. I really need to meet with you.

Have a wonderful holiday & I'll see you in 2010! :)

Amy

2010--VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are still a couple of weeks left to sign up for an RCC Ministry. We would like to have 8-10 people on each committee. We also need Sunday School teachers. Make your New Year's resolution to become a ministry member at Richfield Christian Church!!!

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Attendance:	Dec. 6 - 108
	Dec. 13 - 117
	Dec. 20 - 140
	Dec. 27 - 86

Giving 12/16

General Fund	\$ 5,065.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

Giving 12/13

General Fund	\$ 7,705.25
Building Fund	\$ 75.00

Giving 12/20

General Fund	\$ 3,055.50
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

Giving 12/27

General Fund	\$ 2,348.00
Building Fund	20.00

MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the body of Christ known as Richfield Christian Church, we believe that we are called to share the Good News that leads people to Jesus Christ; called to provide a place of worship, spiritual support and nurture to all who come; called to support the growth and development of outreach and mission at home and abroad; and called to help train and educate those persons chosen by God to service in ministry, both lay and ordained - so help us God."

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving Special Day Offering totaled \$185.00. Your gift will help support the colleges, universities and seminaries affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

David McMahan, Outreach