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First Christian Church Fort Worth, Texas

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JACK AND JULIA

Wait! Hold the presses! Please make space for at least one more fan letter for Nicole Oglesby and her fabulous writing and directorial debut.

Some artists are known for coaxing a solitary expression of life and emotion from paint on canvas or musical notes on paper, but our heroine has recruited and engaged the lively talents of a joyful cast of fresh actors, skilled partisans of light and stage craft – and – blended an amazing story in her prose and musical composition. Through her magical poetic vision – her audience of neighbors, strangers, and friends became transported to a vivid, humorous, and immediate recollection of the limitless possibilities of youth, of life, and of joy.

Thank you Nicole, for taking us on this amazing journey into the wonders of Haltom City. (Who knew?) But for our good friends who missed this trip with **Jack and Julia**, rest assured that the well of talents of Miss Oglesby promises to provide many opportunities for great future theater!

With admiration and affection,
Jan and Mickey Shelton

Stewardship Report



Stewardship Alert!

The electric bill which came in Monday was more than the offering received on Sunday.

No Evening Prayer Until September 15

Wednesday evening prayer will take a hiatus for three weeks. The next time we'll meet for this special prayer time will be at 6:15 on Wednesday, September 15.

FW 1st provides a nursery downstairs near the Taylor Street entrance for infants through pre-school-age children.

Deadline for newsletter articles is **Monday** by noon.
Please submit articles by e-mail, if possible, or in writing.

CALENDAR REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Sunday School
Worship
Youth Groups
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday Bell Choir
Wed Evening Prayer
Chancel Choir
Sept 4 Men's Breakfast
Sept 5 Worship Leader Training
Sept 6 HOLIDAY-OFFICE
CLOSED!
Sept 10 Noon Music
Sept 12 Wilcox Reception
Choir Program
Sept 15 Worship Leader Training
Sept 17 -
Sept 19 CWF Retreat
Sept 20 Worship Team Meeting
Sept 19 Board Meeting
Sept 26 Birthday Lunch

WELCOME NEW
VISITORS
Colette Cline
Grace Ingersoll
Arrington Mays
Jaclyn Donovan

August 22
Sunday School 45
Worship 139
Offering 3693
The love of God extended
through our members:
Priceless.

Tom's Turn—Listening

There's a new series on the tube. I find it intriguing. It offers, I think, lessons in caring, and, unfortunately for the main character, in not caring.

The series is called "The Big C." It's on Showtime, one of those upper cable networks which seem to be employing the very best writers these days. Even when we don't always like the edginess of some of the programs, and even when they border on the salacious, we have to admire their willingness to wrestle with reality and to do it with a literary excellence we don't often get on TV.

But this isn't a critique of television programming. It's an article about relationships—the ones you and I live in every day. I mention the program only to say it offers a well-written depiction of how we really do treat each other.

The show's main character has cancer (hence the title, "The Big C"). The disease is fully developed by the first episode, so the story's not concerned about how she contracted it, how she discovered it or even much about her treatment options. The plot is simple. She's facing death. The story is about how, then, she will die and, more to the point, how she will live until she dies. That, my friends, is an issue for all of us regardless of whether we know how long that term will be.

And no one listens to this poor woman. No one who could play a meaningful part of her life has yet been able (the series is only a few episodes old) to pull themselves out of their old ways of relating to her. No character has yet lifted his or her head up out of self-concern long enough even to hear her say the words, "I have cancer, and I'm going to die." Consequently, she has not said those words. She has told no one of her disease except strangers in a rather unhelpful support group.

Each of the characters in her life is concerned about her. Each confronts her about acting differently. But they just think she's getting weird (her teenage son's opinion), or continuing a life-long pattern of crankiness (her brother's opinion), or having an affair (her husband's opinion). Only an obstinate next door neighbor knows of the cancer, and only because she guessed it.

Have you ever noticed a bird nest in a loudspeaker? If you look, you can often see them at kids' ballparks or other places that are outdoors and host events that require the amplification of voices. A bird who builds her nest in a loudspeaker hears lots of stuff, hears it very well in fact. Yet she cares not one whit for what is being said. She hears plenty. She listens not at all. She is like the self-absorbed characters on the TV show. She is like many of us.

Don't be like that bird. Do not merely hear. Listen.

I will see you and your guest next Sunday. Remember to car-pool when you can, and remember to wash your hands often. Join us for Evening Prayer from 6:15 to 6:45 each Wednesday (after Sept. 15). Parking is free after 6 that night. To prepare please read Lk. 14.25-33.

Peace,

Tom



We are pleased to announce that Friday, September 10, our Noon Music artist is our very own George Stephens, accompanied by Stanley Shepelwich on the piano. They promise an excellent program, as always. This will be followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. Reservations are not required, and the program is free. Donations are accepted for the lunch. Ninety minutes of free parking is available at the Tower parking garage. Just bring your ticket to be stamped.

More Joy

- George and Debbie Brady have been absent from “their” pew down front for a couple of Sundays. Debbie’s been taking scuba lessons, of all things. She passed. We’re proud!
- Many thanks to the Whisenand brothers for leading an impromptu gathering of men who lunched together during Sunday’s meeting of Disciple Women.

Caregivers Need Respite

If you could provide a few hours of care for one of our members you might allow those who are caregivers to have a little time away. If you think you might like to help in this way, please call the church office, 817.336.7185. If you're a caregiver and would like this kind of help, we'd like to know that so we can place volunteers where they're



To the General Fund
 In memory of Betty Marcell
 From
 Dean Robbins
 Bob and Jane Muncy
 In memory of Ruebin McKenzie
 From
 Ted and Wini Klein

THE CON-DUKE-TOR

Thank you, Nancy Styles, for accompanying one of our Mom and Daughter team members. Barbie Oakes and Becca Oakes presented "Amazing Grace" last Sunday. There will be other family members presenting ensemble selections. "Seek Ye First" is our next selection for worship on September 19.

Have you completed your challenge this week? Rev. Tom gave us a challenge find a new person each week to encourage. We can lift one new person for 26 weeks. Yes we can, NOT NO. We can live Grace-full and fearproof.

Keep the Heavenly Bells Ringing Mary Mason

PRAYER CONCERNS

Alberta & Jim Atchison	Ashley Crews	Gail Barker
Mary Ann & Don Davis	David DeBaer	
Lauren Dodson	Gonzales family	Leona Guyton
Tonya Huggins	Pamela Kemp & daughter	
Wini Klein	Mary Louise Long	
Bob Meece	Lois Marie Morrison	
Getrude Myaen	Alexis Nelson	Parnell family
Dean Robbins	Jan Simcox	Maidee Todd
Cherilyn Tracey	Mary Wilcox	
Margie Wilson		

The unemployed within our congregation

NEW CONCERNS

Family of Evelyn Johnson (widow of Howard Johnson, former associate minister of FW1st);
 Colette Cline; Thomas Franz.

Ginny Anderson	Tammy Barker	
Deborah Besadesky	Kenneth Burton	
George Clemons	Brian Culross	
Selma Cunningham	Amanda Davis	
Joy Smith Diaz	Deena Heide-Diesslin	
Ray Flachmeier	Scott Garrison	
Judy Gallagher-Gough & son Daniel	Ruth Heide	
Emily Hickman	Joseph Jaraquia	Jim Jones
Melodi Jones	Louise Lewis	Randy Long
Billy Fred Lotspeich	Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell	
Ryan Mitchell	Barry Morrison	
Eugene Naham	Christopher Omar	
Tom Palacheck	John Perez & family	
John Rubenkoenig	Jason Russell	Don Shipp
Opal Tanner	Grant Story	Susan Walker
Cameron Wheat	Toni Williams	
Phyllis Wilson	Coleson Young	

FW1st, for God’s will to be done and not our own

Names will remain on our printed prayer list for two weeks unless we receive an updated request

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**Serving for
MORNING WORSHIP
September 5, 2010**

Senior Minister, Tom Plumbley

Old Testament: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The Psalm: Psalm 1139:1-6,
13-18

The Epistle: Philemon 1:-21

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Focus: The tension
between Jesus and "family values"

Acolytes: Ryan Thomas and
Perry Nelson

Elder Loaf: Charles Everly

Elder Cup: Marsha Stallard

Deacons: George Brady, Debby
Brady, Karrin Atkinson, Marilyn
Lansford, Wendell Tackett, Janice
Tackett, Jim Pegg, Helen Scribner

Communion Preparation & Clean-up:
Linda Blocker



**Sunday Schedule
September 5, 2010**

<i>Elders Meet for Prayer</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Cherub Choir</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Youth Chorale</i>	<i>10:20 am</i>
<i>Worship</i>	<i>10:50 am</i>
<i>Choristers</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>
<i>Worship Leader Training</i>	<i>Noon</i>
<i>Youth Groups</i>	<i>12:30 pm</i>
<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Plumbley, Senior Minister
Dr. Ted Klein, Associate Minister

Christy Suggs, Youth Director

**Charles E. Duke,
Senior Minister of Music**

**Jan Shelton, Minister of Music
for Children and Youth**

**Mary Mason, Director,
Burnside Handbell Choir**

Peggy Grogan, Secretary
Roberta Williams, Bookkeeper

George Clemons, Custodian

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PRIME TIMER ACTIVITY

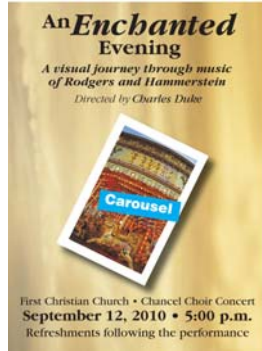
Several PRIME TIMERS were in the crowd that enjoyed Nicole Oglesby's play "Jack and Julia" on Monday evening.

Look for photos on our bulletin board!

Great job, Nicole! Next is the ARTISAN staged play, "SOUTH PACIFIC" on September 11. Tickets are \$14 for Seniors. We meet for lunch at Luby's at 1 PM. The show starts at 3 PM. ARTISAN did a great job on "MY FAIR LADY" and OKLAHOMA!" Get your reservations in to Wayne and Emma at 817 244-3260.

Stay Healthy! Drink Water!
*Go to 20_Worst_Drinks_in_America_2010.PDF
to be more aware of what you are
taking into your body!*

THE MUSICAL QUIZ BOX



CAROUSEL

(10 questions created by the Tenor section of the choir)

1. The first Broadway production of *Carousel* was in _____ (year)
2. The musical was based on the play “ _____ ”
3. In the year _____, the stage play was made into a film version.
4. *Carousel* is set in a _____.
5. In what month does the play *Carousel* begin? “ _____ Is Busting Out All Over”
6. _____ is the stage name of the heroine.
7. The Carnival Barker hero of the story is _____.
8. Carrie marries Mr. _____.
9. _____ & _____ starred in the movie version of *Carousel*.
10. The song that is sung at the death of the lead character and reprised at the end of the play is “ _____ ”

- ANSWERS**
1. 1945
 2. "Lilhom"
 3. 1956
 4. New England fishing village
 5. June
 6. Julie Jordan
 7. Billy Bigelow
 8. Mr. Snow
 9. Shirley Jones and Gordon McRae

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Donna and Tommy Sims
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Adult Classes for All Ages
 September 5, 2010

Loyal Fellowship, meets in Chapel on ground floor
Jesus and the Psalms, Psalm 96

Teacher: Ted Klein Contact: Frank Harris

Round Table Discussion, meets in the Library
"The Ten Commandments for Today" by

Walter Harrelson

Teacher: Sharon Cox Contact: Sharon Cox

Seekers, meets in Philathia Room, ground floor
 Class makes plans: 2nd session on the Shroud of Turin, study of Acts begins.

Sojourners, meets in room off Anderson Hall North
 Study of Luke. Contact: Barbara Batts

Children and Youth

Preschool, meet in classroom at 9:30, class 9:30-10:00,
 Teacher takes children to class-Marsha Stallard

K - 5th Grades, meet in Disciple Road Temple 9:30
 Shepherd (Carey Roberts) takes children to class
 Disciple Road, Rotation model Sunday School
 Parents pick up children at 10:30

Junior High - Chi Rho, Senior High - CYF
 meet on 2nd floor,
 Chi Rho Room,
 Christy Suggs, Teacher