



## Today's Schedule

### Morning Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church: *Paula Stubblefield*  
Praise & Worship: *Praise & Worship Team*  
Message: *Rev. Douglas Martin*

6:00PM



In the fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish (enough for your family and extra to share) and a wrapped 'white elephant' gift. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please email your announcements to [debbieshoup@gmail.com](mailto:debbieshoup@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday.*

## Look what's happening at CCRO!



**SCHEDULE CHANGE** Please note the new schedule for our Sunday morning services.

**Sunday School** 9:30am  
**Morning Worship** 10:30am

We are doing this in order to have a full discipleship time and celebration experience while at the same time dismissing more consistently at the noon hour.

### **S.A.L.T. WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

will be having an ornament exchange Sunday, Dec. 20th at 6:00pm at Picosos Mexican Restaurant; 1950 Menefee Avenue, in Ft. Worth (located just past the Walgreens at River Oaks Blvd. and Jacksboro Hwy. Come prepared to laugh and eat. Menu prices range from \$7 and up. Child care will be provided at the church. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Tasha Martin 817-731-1574.



### **GIRLS MINISTRIES DELIVERY SERVICE**



The Girls Ministries will deliver your Christmas cards for a donation to missions. Just place your cards in the boxes in either foyer between December 6th and December 20th. See Gloria Wilson for more details.

### **CONNECTION GROUPS 2010**

The new year is just around the corner. We will be adding three new connection groups; that's in addition to our second Sunday night connection time. We will be adding a motorcycle group, bowling group and a walking/exercise group. If you are interested in participating in any of these three groups, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Cindy Tomas.



## Pastor's Corner

### THREE GIFTS I BRING

One of the issues that we must contend with when it comes to giving is the feeling of guilt or sense of disappointment that we do not have the resources to acquire the perfect gift for all that we love. We could have a million-dollar budget for Christmas and we would still have a sense of frustration in not being able to get the perfect gift for everyone we know!

The real issue of Christmas is not simply to mirror the spirit and the act of giving as exemplified to us by Divine example but to move into the place of offering to God a gift which is pleasing and acceptable. You have heard of trying to "get the gift for the guy who has everything". Imaging offering a gift to God who is the Creator of EVERYTHING!

The Wise Men (remember there were not three wise men but wise men with three kinds of gifts) came and offered gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. These gifts can be offered by us today!

**Gold** speaks not only of the deity of Christ and His purity and devotion to the plan of God but can also speak of our life devoted to Him and offered in purity and holiness through the work of the Holy Spirit. God is pleased when His resources are brought back to Him demonstrated in the uniqueness of a human life!

**Frankincense** speaks of the aroma of Christ as He was dedicated to God and cast Himself upon the altar of devotion to and fellowship with God Almighty. Each fellowship offering was lifted with the aroma of a burning incense specially formulated for temple service. Our lives can be lifted to God as a Praise and Worship of "sweet smelling savor"

**Myrrh** was a spice/perfume used in embalming the dead. The family would carefully wrap a combination of herbs, spices, and aloes in the burial clothes to preserve the body of a deceased loved-one. The smell of myrrh was the odor of death. We die to ourselves daily and offer to God a death to self which enables us to partake in the life of Christ.

These three gifts we can bring on a continuous basis: purity, fellowship offering, and death to self. These resources are found in Christ and they are offered to Him through the uniqueness of the fabric of our own personal identity.

*Pastor Doug*