



# The Contact

**Mission Statement: Colonial Hill is committed to loving God supremely by making disciples of Christ through loving people, witnessing, and teaching.**

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**TEXAS RANGERS  
VS.  
NEW YORK YANKEES**



***MAY 6, 2011***

Tickets -- \$35.00

We will be taking a bus to the game in Arlington. If you would like to go, please sign up on the sheet on the table outside the office. We will be leaving at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, and will return early Saturday morning.

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## Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Tommy J. Culwell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks for letting me be gone this past Sunday to help lead the celebration of the new education facility at First Baptist in Sweetwater. It was a glorious day of new beginnings for that congregation.

I wanted to give you a more full report on the Worship Committee work that was just completed. The committee brought its report to our last business meeting. Their report was that they did not believe it was in our best interest to pursue the idea of two worship services with one having a more contemporary beat. It was obvious from the first meeting of the committee that there was deep opposition to the idea on the part of some of the committee members. The only thing that could have possibly encouraged them to reconsider that stance was if a strong consensus of those responding to the survey indicated a desire for these two services. That consensus did not emerge from the surveys.

I do not think it would be accurate to assume, though, that the lack of a consensus did not mean that there was not a significant constituency who did desire such a service. In fact, there were more in favor of such a service than there were in opposition to it. I do not believe that fact should be ignored, but neither does it give us a solid foundation for moving forward in the direction that was sought by many.

I assume that all of you understand that nothing is more futile in a church than winning a vote by a 51 percent majority. While that kind of activity might suffice in a legislative body, it is not an adequate basis for a church to move forward. Let me assure the folks who favored the two worship service idea that your desires are not being ignored. We hope to have some special events that will include the kind of worship you prefer.

We hope that we can incorporate more of these elements, such as guitars, into our regular morning worship service.

David and I committed years ago that we would try to bring you the best of the old and the best of the new every Sunday. In my opinion, David has done that brilliantly. We will continue to try to bring you the best of these two worship styles each Sunday. What is most important is to remember that the song that is not to your liking may be speaking to someone else at the deepest level of their lives. The issue in worship is never the style of music. The issue in worship is always the issue of relationships. If I love someone who responds to music that is not my favorite, then my willingness to worship in that atmosphere is greatly increased. If all I hear is music that is not to my liking, then I probably don't have a relationship with anyone who is ministered to by that kind of music. The problem is not the music, it is the lack of relationships.

The reason most commonly given in the surveys for opposing the idea of two services was that it would diminish the unity of our church. I think you know me well enough to know that unity is a very important subject to me. I am not aware of another church where a greater emphasis on unity has taken place. So, in that spirit, let us covenant together that we will continue to move forward trying to seek a common ground in worship that speaks to everyone in our church. In the meantime, move across the aisle to get to know someone who is not in your age group. What is needed is a deeper awareness of the centrality of the relationships in our congregation. The book of Revelation tells us that at the end of time the entire church from all races and languages will gather and sing one song. If we can do that then, we can do it now.

Remember, I love each of you and I am glad that I am your pastor.

In Him,  
Bro. Tommy

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 6-14, 2011

CHBC Goal ~\$10,500.00





## Welcome New Members

### By Letter

**Chris Atchley**  
**Charles Bollinger**  
**Julie Bollinger**  
**YoonRang Chang Miller**  
**Joe Wirsching**

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Please pray for the following mission trips.

Chile - March 10 thru March 19 - Bobby Holamon and Connie Reeder will be traveling with a team to minister to the people of Chile.

Brazil - Britt Canada will be going to Brazil in July or August. If you would like to go on this mission trip, contact him at 573-1359.



*Reid...* **ALL ABOUT YOUTH**

**Minister of Youth and Young Adults —  
 Reid Johnson**

Seniors in high school and college students are invited to attend Passion, a three-day conference in Fort Worth, featuring speakers Louie Giglio and Francis Chan and worship leaders Chris Tomlin, David Crowder, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Redman, and Charlie Hall. The cost is \$200, and the deadline to register is Wednesday, March 23. Next week, we will also begin registering students for summer camp which is scheduled for June 18-24 in Arlington. Further details will be forthcoming, but I wanted to get the dates on all your family calendars now, as I know they're filling fast with other activities. Until we meet again, I will leave you with this thought: our first house was a two-bedroom house, but isn't it really up to me how many bedrooms it has?! "This bedroom has an oven in it, and this bedroom has a lot of people sitting around watching TV."

Reid

## Speegle's Catalog

**David Speegle**  
 Minister of Music

### THANK YOU CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir sang in the morning service again last Sunday and once again sang really well. I appreciate those families who see the importance of their children being involved in this worship activity. This Sunday they sang a song that teaches of being aware that God is creator and "I just thank you Father for making me, me." No matter what our physical outsides look like, or what our talents and abilities are, God made us and can use us just like we are. They also sang "My hands were made to serve Him. My heart was made to love Him. My voice was made to lift and raise and praise the Lord," underscoring how important is for each of us to worship and praise the Lord. I know there are so many activities that vie for the time of families and children. But if you think these concepts are worthy of the time and effort it will take to bring your child to choir on Wednesday from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m., I hope you will make that effort. Every Sunday I see boys and girls who could be involved in this ministry but are not. Please think about the value of this ministry. Satan loves to make us think we are too busy to get involved and that it is embarrassing to stand up in front of people and declare the love of the Lord in song. Don't believe it.

### SR. ADULT GAME NIGHT

Mark your calendar for Friday night, March 18, for a game night in the FLC. Bring a plate of sandwiches to share and the chips and drinks will be provided. Even if you are not into playing games, come and enjoy a sandwich and the fellowship.

David

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

We moved to Snyder in May of last year while facing lots of personal adversity but trusting God to be with us as we felt we were supposed to move here. Clarence discovered he had cancer just before we moved and the devastation we felt with this diagnosis was softened by the outpouring of love our new church home enveloped us with. The phone calls, cards, letters and food gave us support in the most trying times. My, how we have been blessed also by those caring souls who have transported Clarence to and from Lubbock for chemo treatments! Many such transporters came from Colonial Hill. We say, "Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness to us." God has blessed us in our move here as Clarence took his last chemo last Friday. A time for healing has begun and you had a major part in all of it. We hope to be able to "pass it on" some day to others as you have done to us. Thank you.

Clarence and Tonya Shook

## Clay's Column

Clay Giddens  
Minister of Education



If you are interested in playing in a Church Co-Ed Softball League for CHBC, please sign-up on "The Table" outside the office or contact Clay for more information.

Play Begins in April.

## G.R.O.W

Week 1-March 6 "G" (Green)  
Week 2-March 13 "R" (Red)  
Week 3-March 20 "O" (Orange)  
Week 4-March 27 "W" (White)

Scheduled G.R.O.W. times are:  
Sunday @ 4:45 p.m.  
Monday @ 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.



## Creative Bible Study



### Bible Study Events

Please put these events on your calendars.  
They will be Spectacular!!!!

April 30 — Preschool /Children Workers' Banquet

Special Guest: Diane Lane—Texas Baptist Preschool/Children Specialist

May 1 — All Adult Sunday School Rally & Breakfast  
With Phil Miller, Texas Baptist Bible Study Division

May 1 — Age Group Bible Study Training @ FBC—Colorado City  
In Conjunction with our Rolling Plains Baptist Network



### Nursery/Preschool Growth

During our remodeling project, we have moved the existing Nursery/Preschool classes to classrooms in the Children's Hallway (between the Office and the Family Life Center).

Thank you for your understanding during this exciting phase of our growth.

## Sunday Summary

### Sunday School Report

	<u>2/20</u>	<u>2/27</u>	<u>3/6</u>
Enrolled:	800	799	799
Attended:	254	260	304

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### Budget Offering

	<u>2/20</u>	<u>2/27</u>	<u>3/6</u>
	\$10,016.71	\$12,958.83	\$24,548.99

### Designated Offering

	<u>2/20</u>	<u>2/27</u>	<u>3/6</u>
	\$2,268.12	\$1,955.10	\$13,691.45

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