

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 13, 2009



The purpose of this church shall be as revealed in the New Testament: to win people to faith in Jesus Christ and commit them actively to the church; to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ that increasingly they may know and do His will and to work for the unity of all Christians.

Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship	8:15 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Youth Fellowship	5:00 PM

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

The very first musical I ever saw was Jesus Christ Superstar, and it's still one of my favorites. Last night I watched it again with my family. While it is an artist's rendering of the last week of Jesus' life and is very loosely based on the gospel accounts, it is moving and passionate, not to mention pretty groovy in a '70's kind of way.

Even though I have seen this movie many times, not to mention multiple stage productions, I still managed to notice something new. Last night I noticed how director Norman Jewison really drew out a powerful connection and love relationship between Jesus and Judas. In this musical Judas is deeply pained by the choices he makes and sees no other way to save the movement and the man he has followed and come to admire, respect, and love. I felt my heart ache for Judas last night.

As long as I can remember, I've known the name of the actor who played Jesus, Ted Neely (a native Texan), but last night I watched the credits and learned that Carl Anderson was the man who played Judas. Then I went on the internet and learned that both started as understudies for their respective parts in the Broadway casts and touring casts. Then through twists of fate (or perhaps the hand of God) they both got to fill the roles for which they'd prepared. While Carl Anderson's bio shows an accomplished musician who has worked with the likes of Stevie Wonder, you find that he spent most of his life playing Judas. Ted Neely worked right alongside him and they both have given their lives to this musical, to the passion of Christ told in a slightly different way. Carl died a few years ago from leukemia, but Ted still tours with the cast playing Jesus, hitting some incredible high notes and showing the love of Christ to audiences young and old alike - both on stage and off.

I thought last night that even if these two men had only done this one film production and then faded into anonymity, they still made a mark on the world and left it better for their having been here. Then to learn that both men essentially dedicated their lives to telling the story of Christ - I was amazed. While they may not use the term, I'd call that a ministry.

Would that each of us could say that we have spent our lives telling the story of Jesus in our own way. It is, after all, our calling - but is it our passion? Where is Christ calling you to share his life and his love? If we have eyes to see and ears to hear - we will find it. Then when we hear and see that call, may we have the courage to let God use us to tell the story, that those who hear may come to know and believe and have life with God. Amen.

Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 29, 2009 - Early	7
Traditional	84
April 5, 2009 - Early	6
Traditional	91
April 12, 2009 - Early	8
Traditional	140

Offering 3/22/09

Gen. Fund	1,686.00
Build. Fund	327.00

Offering 3/29/09

Gen. Fund	2,998.00
Build. Fund	1,317.00
"0" Birthday	330.00

Offering 4/5/09

Gen. Fund	2,735.00
Build. Fund	387.00
Easter Offering	42.00

Offering 4/12/09

Gen. Fund	3,046.00
Build. Fund	285.00
Easter Offering	307.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger; Jeff Baysinger & Austin & Gina Kirscht in the early service.

Margie Lile; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Stephanie Preston; Peggy Burr; Ariel Jorgensen; Gilbert Richardson; Garrett & Ashley Sholders; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Bill & Ruby Carlton; Bill & Vickie Johnson; Gary & Stacey Hay; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Donovan & Caleb Estes; Scott McGuire; Eric, Deborah, Jake & Lauren Wichterich; Kurt, Jacob & Leah Voss; Ken, Theresa, Elise & Anna Grace Bosma; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Billy Gunn; Gina & Robyn Lively; Derek Sansom; Eula Mae Yowell; Tommy Hsiovo; Esperanza Ramirez; Frank & Patti Pace; Grady, Shannah & Zander Pace; Brandy Hay; Robin Strodtz; Jemmy & Donna Huggins; & our other regular visitors in the Traditional Service.

*We were happy that they worshipped
with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship
and love.*

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 17-18, 2009

Relay For Life

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

9:00 AM Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly-
Central Christian Church-Ft. Worth

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)

(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

- ⇒ I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. Gregory, 5
- ⇒ Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. Olive, 9
- ⇒ It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, 9
- ⇒ Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, 7
- ⇒ My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, 8
- ⇒ Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows. Jack, 6
- ⇒ All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, 9



APRIL HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

58 1/2 Pounds
\$125.00



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

John Higginbotham is back home.

Pat Teague, Kaye Gregory's aunt & Margie Lile's sister, will have a 4 month recovery from extensive foot surgery.

Betty Naler, Carol Gunn's sister, has congestive heart failure and is having tests done.

Bill Gunn's nephew & family were in a car accident.

Brenda Yowell's sister, Nell passed away. Pray for peace and strength.

Bill Chandler, Brenda Yowell's brother has complications from surgery.

Roger Cooper and family in the recent death of his grandmother.

Jean Rubis had doctor's appointments related to dizziness and fatigue.

Jessie James, brother of a friend of Gina Lively, is 19 years old. He was seriously injured in an explosion in an oilfield. Prayers for him and his family.

Ruby Allen, Flora Roe's sister, passed away. Prayers for Flora & Ruby's family.

Mary Beth Brookins, Kaye Gregory's aunt, continue prayers for Alzheimers.

Flora Roe is recovering from surgery on Monday, April 13th.

Don & Connie Hull, friends of the Welch's, he has a back injury and is paralyzed.

Rhonda Little, John Higginbotham's niece, had a stroke.

Family of Henry McBrayer who passed away due to cancer.

Kathy White's son was the Bridgeport policemen who was killed. Prayers for the family.

M'Lee Turner started chemo on April 7th.

Mrs. Clinkscale passed away.

Onita Holton was home ill on Easter.

Jim Rubis passed away. Jim is Steve Rubis' uncle.

Lee Barnard, a friend of Penny Enochs, has lung and brain cancer and has been given 6 months to live.

Mark Enochs, the Enoch's son, had a motorcycle accident and has several injuries. He will need surgery.

Debbie Hiller, a friend of Cyndy Garrett, fell and hit her head. Prayers for her and her family and doctors.

Family friend of the Kirscht family passed away in a car accident in Tennessee.

Newell Newlin, Bev Sholders' brother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is in the hospital. They will be running more tests.

JOYS:

Bonnie DePratter's "0" Birthday party.

Bethany Bonds one 2nd place in Editorial Writing and 6th place in Impromptu Speaking in UIL Competition.

Lolly Ellis' brother-in-law, Dan Ives, is out of the hospital and much improved from pancreatitis.

Congratulations to Spencer & Leann (Findley) Maxwell on the birth of Walker Lee Maxwell. Proud grandparents are Pat & Carol Findley.

Hernan & Natalie (Findley) Argüello visited.

Eight youth and several adults were at the youth camp-out at Cleburne State Park.

The garage sale for Relay For Life went well.

Steven Burr came forward on Easter, April 12th, to transfer his membership to our church family.

Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee

THANK YOU!



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What a blessed Holy Week we had! There are so many people to thank for the contribution to events during the week - perhaps too many to list by name. Nevertheless, thank you all who participated in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, the prayer vigil, the Eggstravaganza and those who helped beautify the sanctuary for our Sunday morning worship services. Thanks to the choir and musicians for the gifts of music that enriched our Easter worship. It was truly a blessed experience and spiritual high for all who were able to come and be a part of things.

Pastor Laura



A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

To all who helped make the Good Friday service memorable. Pastor Laura, Steven Burr, Bethany Bonds, Tommy Bonds, Mary Bryan, Richard & Genna Edmonds, Jack Gregory, Jr., Bill Gunn, Ryan Odiorne and Don Welch.

Larry Womack

MADE IN THE SHADE

Are you looking for some shade for your back porch? Clint Bourland has an 11 foot wide motorized awning that he is not using. He would love to find it a new home where it can give someone the enjoyment of a shady patio in the summertime. If you have a porch or patio where this awning would fit and has an electric supply for the plug, please call the church office and we'll get you connected with Clint!



FEW SKILLS REQUIRED

Can you push a power button on a remote? Can you click a mouse on a computer? Then you already have the skills needed to join our projection team. We have some wonderful and dedicated folks serving in the back of the sanctuary running our visuals on Sunday mornings, but they could use some help. You don't have to build the programs for each Sunday. Pastor Laura does that. With about 30 minutes of training and a Sunday or two of shadowing one of the current members of the team, you could be ready to go and serve in a much-needed and appreciated area of our church's worship ministry.



If you would like to join the visual team, call the church office for further details and to schedule training.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Disciples Women will meet this Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend.

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. April's hostesses are Mary Bryan, Lolly Ellis, and Kathy Welch.

The study and worship will be led by Cyndy Garrett and Marion Higginbotham.

Bring toothbrushes and toothpaste for this month's service project for Harvest House. Also, remember to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village and your offering.

If you need a nursery, please call Diane Chilton before Wednesday so arrangements may be made. Her phone number is 817-426-6194.

