

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 23, 2007



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:

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

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

This may be a short article, so please don't feel disappointed if you look forward to lengthy articles. I'll try to be more profound next time. This past week I have encountered many reminders of the fragility and fleeting nature of human life. I have been reminded that there are people in this world whose hurts and pain make mine seem so miniscule by comparison. So when I am inclined to throw myself a little pity party, I need to remember that while my pain or sorrow may be real, there are others who need my prayers and compassion more than I need to spend energy felling sorry for myself.

Further, I am reminded that those things you need or want to say or do with people you care about - you probably shouldn't wait. Life might be a lot shorter than we think. Say "I love you", "I'm sorry", "I forgive you" and say it now while you know you can. You won't be sorry that you didn't wait. And who knows what blessings may come.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WHAT IS NORM IDENTIFICATION?

I know, it's a strange phrase. The leaders of the Discernment Team have tried to think of a better way to describe to you what we'll do together on Sunday, May 6th after lunch. I guess the best substitute we could come up with was "Traditions and Sacred Cows". If you haven't already guessed, we'll spend some time identifying some of our assumed values, rules and ways of being as a church. We'll look at how these values and behaviors communicate who we are and what is important to us. From that, we'll learn more about our areas of strength and what might be some places that need some refining.

Why should you come? It's actually kind of fun, plus we need everyone's response to optimize our learning and growth opportunities. Please plan to come. It should last about an hour after the meal and will be in a relaxed place where children can remain and play in the area.

Offering 4/15/07

Gen. Fund	1,176.00
Build. Fund	447.00
Easter	10.00

Offering 4/22/07

Gen. Fund	2,657.75
Build. Fund	497.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 15, 2007 - Early	12
Traditional	81
April 22, 2007 - Early	10
Traditional	76

Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee; Eunice Roe; Tricia Ferguson; & Darlene & Ellis Baker; in the early service.

Greta Eller; Harue Yokeley; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Imogene Cottman; Laurie Carroll; Hilda Rushing; & 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.

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 5, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trinity Christian Church
6020 Meadowbrook Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Registration Fee: \$15.00/person, \$25.00/couple,
\$8.00/TBA Youth

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or in the church office.

Registration deadline: April 25, 2007
Please add a late fee of \$3.00 after April 25, 2007.

CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

7:00 PM Discernment Team Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

4:00 PM The Gathering - FCC Arlington

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 Noon Fellowship Lunch-Norm ID & Youth Fellowship (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (E)

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2007

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (FLC)

(E) Education

(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel

(FLC) Family Life Center



In honor of Secretary's Week, we'll be taking up a collection on Sunday, April 29th, for our secretary, Terri Lester. If you would like to contribute, please see Richard Land.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Lee Carter, Kristi Weil's father, has been ill for a while. Please continue prayers for him.

The family of Earl Roe who passed away.

The family of Elana King.

Bob Collins, Wilma Taylor's brother, has cancer.

Charles & Betty McNeil whose son passed away.

Michelle Sholders', daughter-in-law of Bill & Beverly Sholders, father passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for their family and safe travel for everyone.

Students, faculty, & families of Virginia Tech.

Dorothy Nash's brothers-in-law, Richard Ogden and Don Vardeman.

JOYS:

Twenty-two men were at the Men's Retreat in Oklahoma.

On Saturday, April 21st, Jack Gregory, Sr. won the Cowtown Tennis Tournament even though he had to compete with the younger 75 year old set!

Sharon & Bobby Lewis were in worship Sunday.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Lee Carter, Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Erma Uptgraft, Donna Jenkins, Sharon Lewis, Nelda Bruce, Mary Louise Pace, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Major Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Pvt. Andrew McGee, Pfc. William Gunn

Our own Reservists:

Tina Gregory, Jason Ross

BOARD NEWS

FROM OUR APRIL 19, 2007 MEETING

Janie Jones from the BISD Daycare Center said they were considering leasing the new shops next to us for their teachers' daycare, and would like to use our property between our education building and the nursing home for a playground. They would fence it and put down pea gravel. We could use it whenever they are not using it, and would leave it or remove it at the end of their lease whichever we choose. The motion passed to let them use our property if they lease the shops and they provide us with a contract and plans for what they will build.

The remaining section of the By-Laws will be gone over by the Board at a special meeting May 8, at 7:00 pm.

A motion passed to use the small room across the hall from the Kindergarten room for education supplies and storage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary

MAY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Sholders
Greeters: Clint Bourland, Judy Isom
Acolyte Attendant: Angela Kaker
Communion Preparation: Kathy Welch
Attendance Books: Carol Gunn
Scripture Reading:
 08 Barbara Bond
 13 Burt Bond
 20 Onita Holton
 27 Cyndy Garrett
Deacon Team: John & Marion Higginbotham,
 Jerry & Sandra Hay
Serving at the Table: Kaye Gregory,
 Steve Rubis
Choir Director: Jack Gregory, Jr.
Children's Church:
 08 Kim/Bethany Bonds
 13 Mary Bryan/Christal McGee
 20 Vicki/Natalie Rubis
 27 Kara Meller/Stephanie McGee



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Ed Kramer
 5/4 Tessa Cooper
 5/8 Kathy Welch
 5/9 Jason Ross
 5/12 Cora Jo Meller
 5/13 Michiel Rubis
 5/13 Caisey Yowell
 5/14 Andy Prather
 5/18 John Barr
 5/18 Kerry Moore
 5/19 Carol Findley
 5/19 Brett King
 5/19 Ky Gregory
 5/20 Angela Kalnins
 5/22 Rodger Isom
 5/24 Flora Roe
 5/25 Jerry Hay
 5/28 Steve McGee
 5/29 Mary Bryan



NEWSLETTER DATES FOR MAY

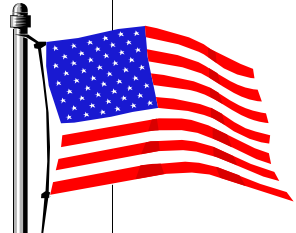
Because the church office will be closed on Memorial Day the newsletter will be published on May 7th and May 21st. Please have all newsletter articles in by 9:00 am on May 7th/May 21st.



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 	14	15	16 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (E)	17 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	18	19 9:00 AM - VBS Training (E)
20 10:00 AM - VBS Registration	21 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	22 3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	29	30	31	 TBA Grand Camp 5/31-6/2	