

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, April 27, 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

Recently a friend asked me to write a forward for a book he's writing on the Biblical book of Deuteronomy. I consider myself fairly well read when it comes to the scriptures, but I must confess that Deuteronomy is one of a handful of books that I have mostly steered around. I've long lived with the assumption that Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy were rule books for the Israelites in preparing them to enter their promised land and how to live and act as God's people. A book full of rules sounds pretty boring.

It occurred to me that those who look at the Christian faith from the outside looking in might see it as nothing but a set of oppressive rules intended to make one's life miserable when nothing could be farther from the truth. In the same vein, as I am reading my friend's book, I am looking at Deuteronomy with a fresh set of eyes. I am now seeing not just a list of do's and don'ts but rather noticing a God who cares so deeply for his chosen ones, that he wants to help them, guide them and protect them from harm - physically, emotionally and spiritually. There's a lot of love found in the pages of Deuteronomy. I'm not sure why I was surprised, but it is the good kind of surprise. A few years ago, I went through an exercise where we would read a passage of scripture and then ask the question, "What does this say about God and God's approach towards us?" Next we would ask what the passage said for us about our relationship with each other and with the Lord. These two questions can breathe life into what seems ancient and make it very relevant. I encourage you to try it some time - and maybe re-read the book of Deuteronomy with a fresh set of eyes, or read it for the first time. Either way, approach the Word of God with the expectation that it has something to say to you --- and it almost always does.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 19, 2009 - Early	6
Traditional	78
April 26, 2009 - Early	8
Traditional	92

Offering **4/19/09**

Gen. Fund	1,407.00
Build. Fund	652.00
Memorial-Jim Wheeler	25.00
Youth March Recycle	88.74

Offering **4/26/09**

Gen. Fund	2,286.50
Build. Fund	572.00
CLOTH Fund	13.50
Memorial-Jim Wheeler	25.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Greta Eller; Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Beth Wilson; Ariel Jorgensen; Drew Powers; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Cindy Easton; Leah Voss; Charlene Teague; Charles & Bobbie Douglas; Walter & Marilyn Adams; & 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

Members of the Worship Committee wish to clean areas of the Communion Preparation Kitchen. There are many large glass vases stored under the sink there. If you wish to take some of these, do so **by Sunday, May 3rd.** Remaining vases will then be recycled.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education (C) Chapel

FELLOWSHIP SANDWICH LUNCHEON

Sunday,
May 3rd

Family Life Center

Immediately Following the Worship Service

Please join us and bring a dessert
(cookies, brownies, cakes, etc) if you wish!





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Jack Gregory, Sr.'s sister, Thalia, passed away. Prayers for Jack, Sr., and Jack and Kaye and their family.
Jim Wheeler, Betty Wheeler's husband, passed away. Prayers of comfort and strength for Betty and her family.

Bev Sholders' brother is starting chemotherapy.

Dottie Mehaffey, a friend and co-worker of Rodger Isom and Carol Findley, is having tests for chest pains.

Continue prayers for Debbie Hiller, Cyndy Garrett's friend.

Tim Romo has a perforated ulcer and peritonitis and is hospitalized in Virginia.

LaVerne McGowen is at home with the flu.

Chance Kaker is in Cook Children's Hospital with Osteomyelitis in his knee.

Flora Roe is home for 3-4 more weeks following surgery.

Dana Kilmer, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter's daughter, had a tumor removed in her breast. Prayers that it will be benign.

Lee Sikes wife, Mary, passed away. Prayers for Lee and his family. The Sikes are members of Hillside Memorial Christian Church.

Needra Womack is at home with pain from arthritis in her back.

Virginia Moore, a friend of Rosalyn Wilcox has cancer in her jaw and will have surgery.

TAKS test for students, teachers and counselors.

Jacob, a friend of Bethany Bonds, broke his nose and needs surgery.

Karen Melbourne, Linda Cronenberg's sister, had breast cancer surgery.

Mikaela Sholders broke her arm and elbow in a fall at home.

M'Lee Turner will have her second chemo treatment.

Leah Voss' cat broke his tail.

Unspoken prayers

JOYS:

Relay for Life - our team was recognized for best decorated booth!

The McGee's future daughter-in-law is back on U.S. soil after deployment.

Bernice Williams has a new great grandson!

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SPENCER &
LEANN MAXWELL ON THE BIRTH OF
WALKER LEE MAXWELL!**



He was born at 2:51 am on April 1, 2009 and weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

He was 19.25" long.

Proud grandparents are Pat & Carol Findley.

Aunts and Uncles are Matthew Findley and Hernan and Natalie Argüello.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that graced the pulpit on Sunday in honor of Secretary's Day. They are so pretty and I'm now enjoying them in my office. Also, thank you for the awesome bonus! What a wonderful surprise! Thank you for thinking of me and for making First Christian Church a fantastic place to work!



I Love You All,
Terri Lester

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Tessa Cooper
5/8 Kathy Welch
5/11 Hayley Vastine
5/13 Michiel Rubis
5/13 Caisey Yowell
5/18 Kerry Moore
5/19 Carol Findley
5/19 Brett King
5/19 Ky Gregory
5/20 Tyler Hamilton
5/22 Rodger Isom
5/24 Flora Roe
5/25 Jerry Hay
5/27 Steve McGee
5/29 Mary Bryan



MAY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mary Bryan

Greeters: Tommy & Kim Bonds

Acolyte Attendant: Carol Gunn

Communion Preparation: Judy Isom

Attendance Books: Carol Gunn

Children's Sermon:

03 Suzanne Barton

10 Jack Gregory & Larry Womack

17 Wayne English

24 Angela Kaker

31 Pastor Laura

Scripture Reading:

03 Marion Higginbotham

10 Onita Holton

17 Paul Holton

24 Richard Bryan

31 Steve McGee

Deacon Team: Paul & Onita Holton,
Mindy Preston, Bobby Lewis

Serving at the Table: Ann Gartman,
Wayne English

3-5 Year Class: Diane Chilton

Elementary Class: Marion Higginbotham

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

03 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

10 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &
Barbara Bond

17 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

24 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

31 Laura Odiorne/Juanice Wichterich





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5/3 Harvest House Sunday					1	2 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)
3 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 PM - Luncheon (FLC) 4:00 PM - Youth Fellowship (FLC) 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM - Graduate Tea & Recognition (FLC) 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 4:00 PM - Youth Fellowship (FLC)	25 Memorial Day-Church Office Closed	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27	28	29	30 6:00 PM - Youth Lock-In 6:30 PM - Games Night (FLC)
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