

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 9, 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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Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

If darkness and death couldn't stop Easter morning, neither could a little snow and cold weather. What a blessed Easter weekend we enjoyed together as a family of faith! Many of us joined our friends at Hillside Memorial Christian Church for Maundy Thursday services where we observed a symbolic hand washing and the Lord's Supper. On Friday, our friends from Hillside joined us for a moving Good Friday service. At its conclusion, our prayer vigil began. Our youth had a lock-in - sponsored by the courageous Brenda Land and Angela Kaker who stayed with them all night! On Saturday morning we had a delightful group of children and families who braved the wind and snow to join us in the Family Life Center for our Easter Eggstravaganza with games, crafts, the Easter story and an egg hunt.

Sunday morning's worship was inspiring and the fellowship and joy of fellow believers filled the air.

What an opportunity for renewal - of hope, of joy, of life and faithfulness. My prayer for you is that the joy of Easter morning will be the fuel that drives your spirit to go further, to renew and strengthen your worship life, to take more opportunities to learn and grow in faith and spirit and that you will experience new joy in your relationship with Jesus Christ as never before.

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Laura

SUMMARY OF HOME MEETINGS AND SURVEYS

- We had 58 people participate in the home meetings.
- There were an additional 15 lengthier surveys' filled out by our Discernment Team and Church Board.
- The home surveys had an overall score of approximately 85%.
- Conversations were lively and constructive. Among the home meetings there were some emerging themes.
- These reflect that the church's energy, concerns, and hopes center around the following:
 1. Church growth, especially with youth and young families.
 2. More small group opportunities for learning and fellowship.
 3. Improved assimilation and discipling of new members.
 4. Increased opportunities for hands-on service and mission.
 5. The church's worship environment received very positive responses and her greatest strength is the love and care extended among the church family.

Please continue to hold your church family in prayer as we pray, listen and learn more about God's call for our ministry.

Offering 4/1/07

Gen. Fund	5,134.28
Build. Fund	722.00

Offering 4/8/07

Gen. Fund	3,215.00
Build. Fund	522.00
Special - Easter	192.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 1, 2007 - Early	13
Traditional	91
April 8, 2007 - Early	10
Traditional	170

**Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee; & Darlene & Ellis Baker; in the early service.

Debbie Quesenberry; Harue Yokeley; Hilda Rushing; Charlene Teague; Greta Eller; Jane Ann McGowen; Leonard & LaVerne McGowen; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Dave, Kim, & Shea Pulliam; Tim, Renee, Trinity, Violet, & William Lewis; Mike, Emily, & Carter Wind; Michael McDowell; Christi Keesal; Connie Keesal; Roy Gartman; Lauren Traylor; LaDonna Jackson; Pattie McGee; Dalton & Betty Grisham; Bret McGowen; Brenda Kirschbaum; Laurie & Magunn Carroll; Jerome, Becky, & Trevor O'Loughlin; Nevil & Nicholas Williamson; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob, & Leah Voss; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Tim, Elizabeth, Katie, & Ellie Kirkpatrick; Amber Minnich, Linda Minnich, Judy Colandino; James, Mindy, Isabel, & Elizabeth Luck; & 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 11, 2007**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (E)

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 13-15, 2007

Men's Retreat at Lake Murray, Oklahoma

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 Noon Discernment Team Meeting with Hillside-Memorial Church (FLC)

4:00 PM Baby Shower for Mary Ann Hamilton at Kaye Gregory's Home

4:00 PM Youth Advisory Council Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Sunday Preparation

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

7:00 PM Thailand Missionary Group (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

12:00 PM FCC Friends - meets immediately after Bible Study luncheon(E)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Sunday Preparation

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel

(FLC) Family Life Center

**FCC FRIENDS**

FCC Friends will meet at the church on Wednesday, April 18th. We will meet in the Education Wing immediately after the Wednesday Morning Bible Study luncheon. All are invited to attend.

The next step for the congregation in our Discernment process will be held on May 6th, following our Fellowship lunch. The Historical Reflection looked at where we have been, and we will be looking at where we are now. Please plan to attend!



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Earl Roe began a new chemo treatment.

Anne Koller, Steve McGee's niece, passed away. Please pray for her parents, Monty & Cindy Koller.

Family of Bill Malone, who was a Vocational Counselor at Burleson High School. He passed away last week.

Zoe Maxwell, Spencer & Leann Maxwell's niece, who is 2 months old and in the hospital.

The family of Elaina King, Peggy Johnson's cousin, who passed away unexpectedly. She was 28 years old and leaves behind her 5 week old daughter and 3 year old son.

JoAnn Spruell, Betty Wheeler's sister, has been ill again.

John Higginbotham had heart catheterization on Monday morning.

Andrew McGee leaves Friday for training in preparation for deployment, which will be around May 7th, to Iraq.

Steve McGee - continued prayers for healing.

Elaine Ferguson, a friend of Allene Haldy, who is recovering from a stroke.

JOYS:

Cody Gregory returned safely to his base in Biloxi, Mississippi from Afghanistan.

Ky & Tina Gregory are expecting their 3rd child late this fall. Ky is based in Okinawa.

Youth Lock-in & Brenda Land & Angela Kaker who bravely stayed all night!

Easter Eggstravaganza!

David, the King's neighbor, who returned home safely from Iraq.

Leonard & LaVerne McGowen & Jane Ann McGowen transferred their membership to our church family on Easter morning.

Continued Prayers for

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

Our own military people:

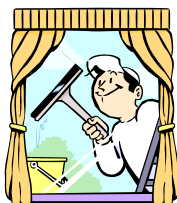
Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Major Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Pvt. Andrew McGee

Our own Reservists:

Tina Gregory, Jason Ross

Many thanks to all that shared their time, energy and skills to make our workday a great success. We accomplished a tremendous amount of maintenance and clean up items and it was done with grins, giggles, cheerful chatter, and a little perspiration. Please join us next time and enjoy a Saturday morning with your church friends.

Burt Bond, Property Chairman



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.

**ANNUAL DISCIPLES MEN
RETREAT (SABBATICAL/GET BACK
TO YOUR ROOTS WITH GOD)**

Begins the week of April 9th and ends on April 15th (dates are loosely defined because some men need more "healing" than others!)

Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Please come for fun and fellowship, worship, golf, fishing, or bike activities, sight-seeing, stories, dominoes, & more "healing" activities!

For more information, please
contact Richard Land
817-447-0154 or Richard Bryan
817-295-3390.

**FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY
LIVING, PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:**

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce **really** love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip for **meetings**
2. Turnip for **service**
3. Turnip to **help one another**

**TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST
HAVE THYME**

1. Thyme for **God**
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

THAILAND MISSIONARY GROUP

Monday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in the
Family Life Center

We have invited Mark & Christa Crawford who have served as missionaries to Thailand to come speak to us and the community in our Family Life Center.

Please come and bring your friends and family and help us welcome the Crawford's and Moon to our church for this special event.

HELP, HOPE, AND HEALING

A Worship Service for Crime Victims, their families
& friends, and the community

Sunday, April 22
3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Wesley Hall
800 West Fifth Street
Ft. Worth

For more information see brochure on the bulletin
board in the Education Wing or contact
Rev. Sandra Lydick (817) 675-6367

***THE HILLBILLY'S TEN
COMMANDMENTS***

(Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in
Gainesboro, Tennessee)

1. Just one God.
2. Honor yer Ma & Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yourself to Sunday meetin'.
5. Put nothin' before God.
6. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
7. No killin'.
8. Watch yer mouth
9. Don't take what ain't yers.
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

