

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 11, 2008



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

I can't speak for all the other folks who worked to make Vacation Bible Camp a success, but I am still recovering. I am challenged, amazed and amused by the energy level of children and how they can be delighted by very simple things. It was fun to learn and play together, but a little quiet time afterwards is a good thing.

I am grateful to every person who signed up to serve with this very special ministry and to those who decided to show up and volunteer during the event. You all exemplified the priesthood of all believers and modeled healthy ministry in the way that you were flexible, patient, playful and willing to give of your self, your time, energy and love.

You also displayed your ability as a congregation to be generous and respond to a need when asked. We committed to provide 35-40 USB Flash Drives for Harvest House's Lil' Red Schoolhouse. By Sunday afternoon, we had collected 42 flash drives, some traditional school supplies and a cash donation!

I continue to be honored to serve with you and encouraged by your capacity to give in so many ways. I know that God is with us and the Holy Spirit is moving in and among us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WELCOME

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

A friendly reminder to all greeters and others in the gathering area before worship. If you see a newcomer, welcome them, introduce yourself and ask them to sign our guest book. There are many ways we respond to our guests and having information in the guest book helps us to be intentionally hospitable and gives us an opportunity to invite them back again.



For health reasons, Steve McGee has resigned as Elder effective immediately. Those of you whom he served will be transferred to other Elders for the remainder of 2008.

Two new Elders will be selected before 2009.

Thank you, Steve, for your service to our congregation. We love you.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 3, 2008 - Early	9
Traditional	84
August 10, 2008 - Early	9
Traditional	92

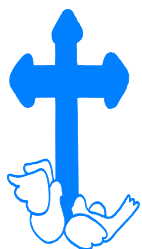
Offering **8/3/08**

Gen. Fund	3,862.50
Build. Fund	1,332.00

Offering **8/10/08**

Gen. Fund	2,605.00
Build. Fund	302.00

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Harue Yokeley; Carl Burrese; Iris Wilson; Clayton West; Billy Gunn; Diana-Marie Swinney; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Lloyd & Kay Cooper; Brea DeSessa; Matthew Carroll; Leah Voss; Mary Tableman; Theresa, Elise & Anna Grace Bosma; Andy Prather; Taylor Steinberg; Mikaela Sholders; & 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, AUGUST 13, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
No Choir Practice - On break for summer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008

6:30 PM Disciples Women "O" Birthday Parties
Onita Holton's Home
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008

7:30 PM Youth Ice Skating - Parks Mall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 PM PPRC Meeting (E)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
12:00 PM FCC Friends (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Dinner & Meeting - Dorothy Nash's Home

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2008

10:00 AM TBA Admin. Council Mtg.
6:30 PM Potluck & "The Shack" Book Discussion (FLC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 PM Recycle Round-Up
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Publisher



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

THANK YOU!

To All Of Our Church Family,

*A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of you for your prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls, visits, and delicious food. We are very appreciative of our supportive and loving church family.*

*God Bless You,
Darlene, John & Richard Pettis*

Potluck & "The Shack" Discussion

There will be a potluck and book discussion of "The Shack" on Saturday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Friends and guests are welcome!!





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Tommy Kaker had a colonoscopy and all of his tests came out good.

Penny Enochs' mother-in-law passed away.

Safe travel for the Isom's.

Jenny Rodriguez, Diane Chilton's sister, is recovering from heart related issues.

Mike, Ryan Odiorne's co-worker, prayers for Mike & his family.

Kerry Moore had a colonoscopy.

Erma Armstrong, Marion Higginbotham's cousin, will have cardioversion on Wednesday. She is 83 years old.

Ernie Dollar, Marion Higginbotham's cousin, has continuing problems with infection following a burst appendix and surgery in June.

Marion Higginbotham will have out-patient surgery on Wednesday morning on her right shoulder at Huguley.

Doris McCollum, Brenda Land's mother, is recovering from surgery.

Bus crash victims

Conflict between Georgia & Russia

Mike Rubis had shoulder surgery on Tuesday, August 12th at Baylor All Saints.

Kim, Wilma Taylor's niece, is recovering from having a pacemaker put in and is having gallbladder trouble.

Bobby Barton is likely facing repeat foot surgery.

Mac Gillen, a friend of Kaye Gregory's, is being placed on a double lung transplant list.

Iris Wilson's 2 cousins had knee surgeries.

Nelda Boots' mother-in-law passed away.

Iris Wilson's aunt is having multiple medical problems.

JOYS:

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteerism

Natalie (Findley) Argüello's wedding

Chance Kaker is in baseball who's who

John Higginbotham & Genna Edmonds were back in worship following hospital stays.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff

Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee

PRE BACK TO THE LOFT CHOIR DINNER



There will be a pre-back to the loft choir dinner and decisions meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:45 pm at Dorothy Nash's home, 216 Lester, Burleson, TX (817) 295-4773. All joyful noise makers are encouraged to attend, as we will share a meal together and make decisions about where we go from here.





DISCIPLES WOMEN **MEETING**

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday,

August 14 at 6:30 pm at Onita Holton's home. Come ready to swim or at least put your feet in the pool.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share, towel, lawn chair and offering. For our service project for Harvest House, please bring body lotion or hand lotion.

We will also celebrate Mary Bryan's, Rae McGowan's, Darlene Pettis' and Jean Rubis' Zero Birthday's so bring funny cards and donations for a local church need.

If you need directions to Onita's, her phone number is 817-447-8664. Because we will not meet at the church, a nursery will not be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHANCE KAKER

Chance Kaker has been selected to be included in the inaugural edition of "The Best in USSSA Baseball." This book honors the best baseball players in the USSSA, and it is a great honor for Chance to be selected for inclusion in this book. Way to go Chance!



NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

- ⇒ It pays to start 'em early. A study by Ellison Research of Phoenix says 55 percent of youngsters who attended church regularly before the age of 18 will attend church monthly or more when adult. That's true of only 21 percent who did not attend before 18.
- ⇒ In 1996, the staff of the Pleasant Glade Assembly of God Church in Colleyville conducted an exorcism, an attempt to force "demons" from a 17 year old female member. The woman said she was badly bruised in the encounter and emotionally scarred to the extent that she later tried to commit suicide. Her family filed suit against the church and a jury awarded \$300,000 in damages. But the Texas Supreme Court has thrown out the suit saying the church and its members involved are protected by the first amendment to the constitution. The court ruled that the exorcism is part of church doctrine. But one justice, in a stinging dissent, says the decision sets a standard which allows any church to claim a religious motive for any action for which it might be sued. He said the first amendment guards religious liberty but does not sanction abuse in religion's name.
- ⇒ A group in Denver, saying it wants to uphold separation of church and state, has bought billboard ads advocating what it calls "freedom from religion." A spokesman for the Freedom from Religion Foundation says the more that 2,000 religions in the world have fueled "division and rancor among people, have hindered scientific and social progress." One spokesman says the world would be better off without organized religion.

YOUTH CORNER

- ◆ Ice Skating at the Parks this Saturday, August 16th. Meet at the church at 7:30 pm and return at 10:30 pm.
- ◆ Recycle Round-Up, Sunday, August 24th at 5:00 pm.