

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 10, 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

What a busy weekend we had around here! We had our children's Nativity Program rehearsal on Saturday morning and then the lovely Celebration Service and Dinner for the Nash's 50th Wedding Anniversary. We had still more fun on Sunday. We had a beautiful guest soloist in the morning service. Tessa Cooper came forward and made her confession of faith. After worship we had a delightful meal together in the impeccably decorated Family Life Center. Then we returned in the evening for the Children's Nativity Program and our 2nd annual Advent Festival. I don't know about you, but when I went home, I was pooped! But it was a good kind of tired. It was a busy and blessed time. It is indeed one of the highlights of the Advent season for me and I look forward to being blessed by our choir's cantata in the morning worship service this coming Sunday.



I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you. It took the work, love and dedication of many, many people for us to have such a wonderful time. I want to thank our fellowship committee, under the leadership of Vicki Rubis and Onita Holton. They decorated the Family Life Center for both the Nash celebration and our activities as well. They also provided Sunday's meal and some of the refreshments for the Advent festival. Our kitchen was as busy as an ant colony this weekend! I want to thank our guest soloist Alesha Aulds who was accompanied by her husband, Jamie. What beautiful music they shared in our morning service. I want to thank Laverne McGowen, Jane Ann McGowen, and Brenda Land. They were the brains and brawn behind our Nativity Program and it was wonderful as always! I want to thank **everyone** who helped with the Advent Festival. I think there are too many to name. It took a team effort and that was exactly what happened. What a fun and visible demonstration of what healthy church ministry looks like - everyone pulling together, pitching in and doing their part - from the ones who ran activity stations or brought refreshments or cleaned up and put tables away afterward. It was a blessed day and a blessed kind of tired that I went home with - feeling the spirit of Christmas and the love of Christ, carrying me all the way.

Continued Advent Blessings,
Pastor Laura

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE - HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

This will be the only newsletter published for the month of December. The church office will be closed during the week of December 24-28, but Pastor Laura will be working from home and you can reach her there. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 31st, January 2nd and January 3rd. The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st.



DISCIPLES MEN CAROLING

Tuesday, December 11th
Meet at the church at 6:00 PM.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec. 2, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	84
Dec. 9, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	93

Offering 12/2/07

Gen. Fund	3,709.00
Build. Fund	652.00
Special Gift-Sanctuary	10,000.00
Audio & Visual Equipment	

Offering 12/9/07

Gen. Fund	1,899.45
Build. Fund	677.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Charlene Teague; Greta Eller; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Charlie & Grace Moore; Sherry Ryan; Imogene Cottman; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Conner Ratliff; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Jamie & Alesha Aulds; Louann Merrick; Mike McGee; & 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.

*Mr. & Mrs. Donny Ryno
and*

*Mr. & Mrs. James Scott Lester
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children*



*Desiree Dawn Ryno
To
Daniel James Lester*

*Saturday, the twenty-ninth of December
two thousand and seven
at five o'clock in the afternoon
Edge Park United Methodist Church
5616 Crowley Road
Fort Worth, Texas*

*Dinner reception to follow at Lockheed Martin
Recreation Association
(Call Terri in the church office for directions.)*

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

6:00 PM Disciples Men Caroling (meet at church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)

12:00 Noon FCC Friends (Foyer)

6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

6:30 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party -
Mary Bryan's Home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Christmas Cantata (S)

4:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007

No Ladies Bible Study

6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2007

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

6:00 AM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2007

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2007

No Ladies Bible Study

6:45 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

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



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The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Carol Findley's mother is improving, but is still hospitalized.

Diane Chilton's father is now in hospice care.

Bill Sholders will continue to be tested on a kidney mass.

Rudd twins were premature.

Lori Kiper is under the weather.

Ms. Grant's mother

Chelsea Simms

James Odiorne

JOYS:

Karen Moore's test results were good. There was no cancer! She will have a hysterectomy on December 17th.

Jim Wheeler is doing good.

Jack Gregory, Sr. had 2 new great-grandsons in one week! On November 29th, Zachary Taylor Mitchell was born to Jeremy and Sarah in Corpus Christi, and on November 30th, Kolton Dallas Gregory was born to Ky and Tina in Okinawa. Kolton's grandparents are Jack, Jr. and Kaye.

Bill Gunn got a good report from doctors at MD Anderson.

Jody Land made All Region Band

Bill & Carol Gunn are the proud great-grandparents of a new baby girl, Kristi Daniell Strickland, born Saturday, December 8th.

Tessa Cooper came forward on Sunday, December 9th to make her confession of faith. Plans for her baptism will be made soon.

Continued Prayers for

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

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee, PFC William Gunn

DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The next Disciples Women meeting will be a Christmas party on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm at the home of Mary Bryan, 216 SW Taylor, Burleson. For directions, call Mary at 817-295-3390.

Bring a covered dish to share and a \$5 or less Christmas tree ornament for our game. Also, bring toothpaste for our service project to Harvest House. Remember to bring a penny for each year of your birth if you have a December birthday. And...we will be collecting an offering and year-end outreach giving plans will be made.

The slate of officers for 2008 has been presented and a vote will be held. The nominees are: President - Kaye Gregory, Vice President - Barbara Bond, Secretary - Cyndy Garrett, Treasurer - Ann Gartman, Study and Worship - Juanice Wichterich, Hospitality - Kathy Welch, and Parliamentarian - Sandra Hay.

Terri has moved! You can find her in the office across from where Children's Church meets (it's the old Bible Force room and the old, old high school room). Many thanks go to Burt Bond and Brenda, Cory & Jody Land for helping to make things go so smoothly. Please drop by and see Terri and her new home!!

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Under pressure from a church-state separation group, the city council of Akron, Ohio, has decided to drop its long-standing practice of opening its sessions with the Lord's Prayer.

The Fort Worth Episcopal Diocese has taken preliminary steps toward separating from the national church. So have three other Dioceses in the country. The dispute centers around interpretation of scripture and the ordination of gay persons as priests and bishops. It will be a year before any final decision is made by the Fort Worth Diocese. The first move that threatens to break up the Episcopal Church in the United States has occurred in California. The Diocese of San Joaquin has voted to withdraw from the church, becoming the first Diocese to secede from the denomination in a dispute over the Bible and homosexuality.

The president of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa has resigned his job midst accusations that he used donated funds, other than his salary, on a lavish life style. Richard Roberts, son of the school's founder, is accused of using thousands of dollars on remodeling his home, on travel, new cars, clothing and horses. Since the scandal broke, a former accountant has come forward saying Roberts ordered him to help hide improper and illegal financial wrongdoing. Another accusation has Roberts using students in a political campaign, a move said to endanger the school's tax-exempt status. The University in Tulsa has received a \$70,000,000 donation from an Oklahoma City businessman after the financially-strapped university voted to remove itself from the Oral Roberts ministry.

The Saudi Arabia foreign minister says a court will review the case of a 19 year old woman sentenced to lashes and prison for being in a car with a man not her relative. She was abducted and repeatedly raped by seven men. The Saudi government has come under world-wide criticism because of the case. The government early on said others should not comment on what is an internal affair in Saudi Arabia.

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas love offering that you gave me. Thank you also to Paul & Onita Holton for the beautiful poinsettia. It makes my new office so cheerful. All of you are so great to work with and to work for. I truly look forward to coming to work everyday and not everybody in the world can say that. I'm grateful to have a place like this to come to every day. Thanks for making this Christmas so special!

Terri Lester

JANUARY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Burt Bond
Greeters: Clint Bourland, Judy Isom
Acolyte Attendant: Kim Bonds
Communion Preparation: Peggy Johnson
Attendance Books: Don Welch
Children's Sermon: Karen Moore
Scripture Reading:
06 Richard Land
13 Clint Bourland
20 Jody Land
27 Bethany Bonds
Deacon Team: Jerry & Sandra Hay,
John & Marion Higginbotham
Serving at the Table: Faye McLaren,
Bill Gunn
Choir Director: Steve McGee
Children's Church:
06 Ann Gartman
13 Dorothy Nash
20 Juanice Wichterich
27 Mary Bryan
Nursery Assistant:
06 Juanice Wichterich
13 Beth Hindman
20 Carol Gunn
27 Jody Land



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Mary Bourland
1/8 John Pettis
1/9 Lolly Ellis
1/9 Mary Cooper
1/10 Richard Bryan
1/10 Onita Holton
1/13 Evelyn Marr
1/27 Ronnie Johnson
1/27 Elizabeth Luck
1/27 Isabel Luck



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 6:45 PM - Choir Practice		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2	3	4	5
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Elders Meeting (E) 12:00 PM - Fellow- ship Luncheon/ Church Birthday Party (FLC)	7	8	9	10 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	11	12
13	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)	17 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	18	19 8:00 AM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)
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