

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, February 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

During yesterday's sermon, I asked you to tell me who your best friend was and why. For those of you who were brave enough to respond out loud, many of you had the same answers. Some of you were playful in sharing your answers, but there was a strong and consistent theme in the qualities of the best friends you mentioned. You lifted up qualities like loyalty, unconditional love and acceptance, compassionate, a good listener, truly cares for you, and much more. It wasn't really so unusual that no one responded (at least initially) that God was their best friend. And yet when we began to examine those qualities that we find in our best friends, they are indeed qualities that we find in perfect form in our Lord.

More often than not, we think about our faith as a system of beliefs, traditions, service, etc. It is not so common that we think of our faith in terms of relationship or friendship with God. Yet as we considered in worship yesterday, that is exactly what God desires - a deep and abiding friendship with you.

Rather than go on and reiterate more of yesterday's sermon points, I offer you a challenge. Ask yourself what you can do to take your friendship with God up a notch. Where is a point of growth or resistance that you might work on that will allow you to more fully surrender yourself in that love relationship with God.

And I leave you with a blessed thought - all those wonderful, loving people you mentioned that you have in your lives - they are God's gift to you and a measure of God's love for you. They are the love of God present in your life!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

The Souper Bowl of Caring was a GREAT success! We collected 95 pounds of food and \$360 for Harvest House at our church! Thank you so much for your support. We worked at Kroger's from 12:15-2:00 pm Sunday afternoon and we were able to encourage people to purchase over 20 bags of groceries totaling more than \$200 to go to the Tarrant County Food Bank and North Texas Food Bank. Harvest House will also benefit from these donations. Can you believe we raised over \$560 and 95 pounds of food? WAY TO GO!! Thank you for reaching out to the community!

FCC Youth Group, Brenda Land &
Mary Bryan



DISCIPLES MEN GETAWAY

April 17-20, 2008

Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Call Richard Land for more details

(817) 447-0154

MEN'S RETREAT
GLEN ROSE, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008

For more information, please call Richard Land
(817) 447-0154 or Steve Rubis
(817) 295-8263

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb 3, 2008 -	Early	10
	Traditional	93
Feb. 10, 2008 -	Early	10
	Traditional	82

Offering **2/03/08**

Gen. Fund	4,328.00
Build. Fund	642.00
Memorial to Bldg Fund- Luvenia Walker	25.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Harue Yokeley; Greta Eller; Billy Gunn; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam, Sarah, & Brea DeSessa; Kristie Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Nicole Altimus; Nicolas Williamson; Jared Estep, Colten Essary; Carolyn & Justin Daigre; & 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

WEEK OF COMPASSION BEGINS

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
12:00 PM FCC Friends (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008

CYF Mid-Winter Retreat

Disciples Men Retreat - Glen Rose

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

WOMEN'S AREA SPRING RETREAT

March 28-30, 2008

Disciples Crossing - Athens, Texas

Keynoter: Cameron Brown

"Mary, did you know that your Son would shine?"

Luke 1:30-31

"Don't be frightened...for God has decided to bless you!"

Cameron is a Firefighter and a Chaplain for the Fort Worth Fire Department.

She is a DOC Licensed Minister

Please return your registration form with payment by March 12th* to:

Barbara Miller

P.O. Box 1923

Temple, TX 76503

254-773-0475 (H) or 254-319-4983 (C)

Make Checks payable to TBA DWM

*Camp policy mandates that no refunds can be made after March 12. If registrations are sent after March 12, please include the \$10.00 late fee.

You can pick up a registration form from Terri in the church office.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Disciples Women will meet this Thursday, February 14, at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments hosted by Kathy Welch and Rosalyn Wilcox.

The study and worship will be lead by Juane Wichterich and a business meeting will follow.

Items to bring include cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (leave only 1/4" of envelope around the stamp), bar soap for Harvest House and your offering. If you have a February birthday, bring one penny for each year of your birth.

If you need a nursery for the evening, call Diane Chilton at least one day in advance so arrangements can be made. Her phone number is 817-426-6194.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Kira Perdue, granddaughter of Rodger & Judy Isom, will have heart surgery on February 14th.

The Kaker Family

Darlene Pettis, continued prayers for her during her chemotherapy.

Ivan Walker, Carol Findley's father.

Beth Bishop, a friend of Carol Gunn, has been diagnosed with cancer and is trying to get into treatment at MD Anderson.

Anne English, continued prayers as doctors decide a method of treatment for her eye.

Mike McGowen, Leonard McGowen's grandson, had surgery on Tuesday to remove pins from his back that have moved. Prayers are asked for full recovery and restored nerve responses in the legs.

Terri Lester, multiple kidney stones that will need to be removed.

Chelsea, a friend of Christal McGee, who had complications following heart surgery but is doing better.

Prayers for continued healing and recovery.

Judy Isom is ill, prayers that she will be well in time to be present for Kira's surgery.

JOYS:

Youth Sunday and Souper Bowl

Francis McGowen, Leonard McGowen's son, had successful surgery to remove the kidney with the cancerous tumor. The cancer had not spread and no further treatment will be needed.

Bethany Bonds received a 1 for her Clarinet solo in her first solo/ensemble competition.

Our Youth raised almost 100 pounds of food and over \$750 for hunger ministries in the area! WAY TO GO!!!

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

I have always felt the love and support of my dear church family, but even more so during the past 3 months. Your outpouring of love through your visits, calls, flowers, e-mails, cards, offers of meals and help in any way have been amazing and greatly appreciated. My family and I have felt your many prayers lift us up during these difficult times. We praise God for Mom's life and testimony. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers in the days ahead.

Carol Findley and Family

On Sunday, February 17th, there will be a short training session for everyone who signed up to do Children's Sermons.

If you would like to do Children's Sermons, but have not been asked, please call Sharon Lewis 817-295-4170 or the church office.

We are trying to get 26 people to do the Sermons so you would only be asked to do 2 for this year. I still need a few people to sign up.

Thank you,
Sharon Lewis

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Disciples Crossing would like to thank you for your support through prayer and monetary donations throughout 2007. The \$5,682.83 that your Church donated to the camp was very much appreciated. Without your kindness and the generosity of the many churches that support the camp, Disciples Crossing would be hard pressed to keep its doors open.

This past year we had 4,910 campers come through the gates. Were it not for the blessings that you provided, many of these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend a retreat or summer camp at Disciples Crossing.

Again, thank you for your generous financial donations and for your spiritual support. Please continue to keep the camp and its staff in your thoughts and prayers throughout 2008.

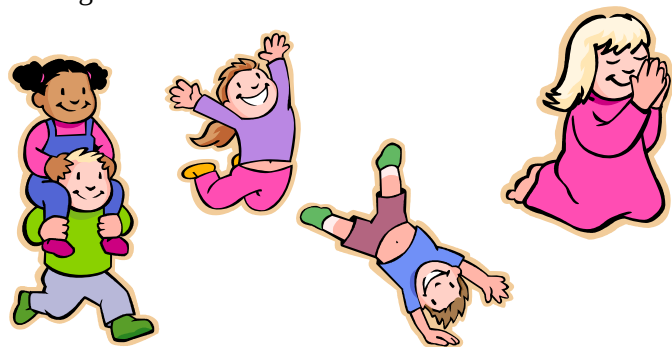
Thank you,
Matt Chandler
Executive Director

Here are some UPDATES to the opportunities to serve our mighty God through the Education Department:

1. Direct Vacation Bible School this summer.
 2. Sign up to be on the Education Committee. If you would consider being the Education Chair for the 2009 year, this would give you the opportunity to have a full year's experience before taking over as the Chairperson.
 3. Organize the Easter Egg Hunt on March 22, 2008
 4. Teach 3, 4, and 5 year old Sunday School on a weekly basis-if you will be gone, there will be someone to take your place.
 5. Teach Children's Church-a complete description is included. We have two teachers signed up for January-July. We need three more!
 6. Groups needed to provide stations for the Easter EGG-stravaganza the Saturday before Easter-find out what your group would like to do and sign up right away! Materials for many activities are available (operates like the Advent Festival). **THANKS TO THE WINGS CLASS FOR SIGNING UP!!**
 7. Teach Bible Force (grades 1st-5th) Sunday School for one month. The materials will be prepared for you-one week of storytelling, one week watching a movie, one week of games and one week of arts & crafts/cooking/etc.
 8. Teach an adult class-be creative! It doesn't have to be something we have had in the past or now. It could be short term (ex. 6 weeks) or long term (til ?).
- If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, please see Brenda Land or call (817) 447-0154. Thanks!!

What is Children's Church all about: This takes place just after Children's Moment during the worship service. It involves children from three years of age through Kindergarten and YOU!

During Children's Moment, you go to the back of the Sanctuary to meet the children. You escort them to the classroom, serve a *provided* snack, tell the *provided* Bible story with the *provided* materials, make the *provided* craft, supervise play, and pass out the *provided* take-home sheet and *provided*, completed craft when the parents arrive. That's all there is to it! Just let Brenda Land know which slot you would like. You may pick one Sunday each month during February-July or one Sunday each month during August-January. If you want one Sunday each month for the entire year, we will see what we can do. I'm waiting to hear from YOU!



The 2008-2009 Phillips University Legacy Foundation Scholarship application is now available.



The Phillips University Legacy Scholars Program makes annual awards of up to \$5,000 per year to full-time undergraduate students pursuing a liberal arts education at any of the 17 colleges or universities affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Recipients are chosen based on their academic achievements, their present and potential leadership in the church, their vocation, and their community.

More information and a printable application form may be found at www.pulf.org. The post-mark deadline for completed applications is March 7, 2008.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Author George Weigel says the United States must use ideas as well as bullets to fight Jihadism. He defines Jihadism as a "religiously inspired ideology which teaches that it is every Muslim's duty to use any means necessary to compel the world's submission to Islam."

Weigel, a senior fellow at Washington's Ethics and Public Policy Center, says the United States must unite to enter the war of ideas, pitting two different notions of the good society against one another. He says America should tell the world why religious freedom, civility, tolerance and democratic persuasion are superior to coercion in religious and political matters. And he says there is no time to lose. The ideology of Jihadism already has spread to such unlikely places as the Caribbean, Mali and the Philippines. And he says both Democrats and Republicans must unite Americans to defend the cause of human dignity throughout the world. The stakes, he says are high and its past time to acknowledge that.

Christian Scholar Phyllis Tickle, Religion Editor of Publishers Weekly, has written a book of Jesus' sayings. She plucks his words out of the Gospels and Acts to stand alone, not in the context of his actions. She says the reader will find the words harsh, testy and uncompromising. She says when it comes to his mission, Jesus doesn't mince words: "Anyone who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." She says obviously Jesus has an enormous amount of love, but it is the love of a parent who knows the rules and isn't going to soften the blow. The book, "The Words of Jesus" is due out in early February.

DISCIPLES ON CAMPUS

at tcu

about tcu's disciples on campus

Disciples on Campus is the student community and campus ministry helping Disciples and friends to grow in their relationship with God, Christ, each other, and the community. TCU DOC unites students from across campus every week for worship, fellowship, study

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THEIR MIDST." MATTHEW 18:20

mission and purpose

building community

through weekly gatherings, Bible studies, discussion groups, service opportunities, intramural sports, social activities, camping trips, and retreats;

supporting students

by providing pastoral care, linking students with university services, encouraging hopes and dreams, and offering guidance when needed;

developing faith

through scholarly reflections on Christian history, challenging Biblical competency, articulating *their* faith, and deepening their faith perspectives;

serving others

in outreach opportunities to the TCU Campus and the surrounding communities;

modeling church

in Christian unity, personal education, leadership development, and practicing faithful witness to God, each other, and the world we encounter; and

continuing tradition

by benefiting from the wisdom of people who have come before us
& contributing to that for future generations.

people and places

Student Leadership Team, meets monthly (disciples@tcu.edu)

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