

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, February 12, 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

As Larry Womack shared in worship on Sunday, the work of the Discernment leadership team is underway. You can expect regular updates and will soon be invited into the process of seeking God's direction for First Christian Church. As a precursor to the discernment process, we had a congregational survey in the Fall. The worship committee coordinated this survey and I am placing Dorothy Nash's article/report on the survey as feature article in this newsletter. Please remain in prayer for all the congregation's leaders and for our ability to learn God's will for the future ministries here at FCC and our willingness to be faithful and obedient in response to what we learn.

Blessings, Pastor Laura

REPORT FROM THE FALL FCC SURVEY

In order to discern the feelings and wishes of FCC members, a survey was conducted concerning desires of members attending worship services. The survey was passed out for three Sundays.

Thirty-three surveys were returned with the following responses most often expressed:

- The most important blessings were: people, love for each other, fellowship, and the presence of God's spirit.
- The most obvious challenges were: attracting young families, Sunday School classes, youth, feeling trust again, paying bills and evangelizing.
- The most important part of the worship services was: sermon, music, prayer, and communion.
- When asked what service would be attended most, the answer of the majority was Traditional.
- Whether or not to begin a contemporary service on a one to five rate of importance, the majority of answers ranged in the 3 to 4 area with about the same number 1's as 5's.
- About 98% of those returning polls felt a contemporary service should be established only after or as a product of the discernment process.
- When ranking the importance of activities of the church, all were equally valued with somewhat less value placed on retreats, prayer, study groups.
- When asked what activities would not be attended, the response showed those with restricted opportunities such as choir, youth and men's fellowship.
- Members were most passionate about prayer, study groups, supporting young adults, worshipping, looking to the future, commitment levels, and youth ministry.
- The largest response to "where are you willing to serve" was "anywhere I am needed".
- Goal setting was listed as very important and the time to start a church wide reflection and goal setting process was overwhelming NOW.

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Offering	1/28/07
Gen. Fund	2,193.50
Build. Fund	637.00
Offering	2/04/07
Gen. Fund	3,682.50
Build. Fund	477.00
Offering	2/11/07
Gen. Fund	3,527.00
Build. Fund	507.00
December Youth Recycle	\$63.20

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 28, 2007 - Early	10
Traditional	83
February 4, 2007 - Early	7
Traditional	94
February 11, 2007 - Early	8
Traditional	92

Visitors and Guests



Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger; Jo Stephens; Tim Romo; & Jerry Gladeland in the early service.

Greta Eller; Charlene Teague; Jaden Wilson; Debbie Quesenbury; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Imogene Cottman; Rosalyn Wilcox; Jim & Juanita Sharp; Heather & Luke Peters; Juelisse Morales; Tom & Melanie Hatfield; Andy & Kristin Prather; Robyn Lively; Kevin Woods; Edward & Jean Bryant; Lauren Traylor; Iris Wilson; & 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a new book, *Having A Mary Spirit* by Joanna Weaver, at 9:30 am on February 21st.

All women are invited to join us. We meet at the church in the Education wing. Books are available at Logos.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

6:30 PM Youth Valentine Dinner Fundraiser (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

1:00 PM FCC Friends - Deana McCoy's Home

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23-24, 2007

CYF Mid-Winter Retreat - Brownwood

FCCB Disciples Men Retreat - Glen Rose

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (E)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

(C) Chapel

(S) Sanctuary

(FLC) Family Life Center

THANK YOU!

To My Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, calls and food during and after my recent knee surgery. Thanks to Pastor Laura for her visit at the hospital and to Faye McLaren for bringing communion on Wednesday.

You are all very dear to me.

Love in Christ,

Juanice Wichterich



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Billy Enochs is recovering from surgery.

Wanda Walker, a friend of Ronnie Johnson, is at MD Anderson for cancer treatment.

Roland Salzman is home from Huguley Care Center

Joe McDowell

Connie Jensen, Earl Roe's sister, is recovering from a broken hip

Allen Haldy

Onita Holton had bronchitis.

Neal Boyd was in the hospital with pneumonia and a broken hip.

Bill Sholders has been ill.

Karen Moore has been ill.

Jessica Kaker is recuperating from a winter cold, but it has been a slow process.

Don Vardeman, the Nash's brother-in-law, had surgery.

Richard Ogden, the Nash's brother-in-law, has lung cancer and has an appointment at MD Anderson.

Annette Whitworth, Marion Higginbotham's mother, passed away.

Chuck Malone, a friend of Jerry & Sandra Hay, is not doing well. Please pray for him and his family.

Mary Louise Pace is at home with back pain & will see a doctor Wednesday regarding treatment.

Christal McGee was home with a fever Sunday.

Wilma Taylor is at home with a recurring cough.

Greg Potter, a friend of Bill Taylor, will have a 2nd attempt at knee replacement this week after complications prevented the first attempt.

Keith Gilbert & family. Pray for God's strength and presence.

Robin Moore, Kerry Moore's father, is in the hospital in Cleburne.

JOYS:

Juanice Wichterich is doing very well following her knee surgery.

Continued Prayers for

Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Erma Uptgraft, Donna Jenkins, Earl Roe, Sharon Lewis, Nelda

Bruce, 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

As our population ages, the number of people who have Alzheimer's disease is growing, and so is the likelihood that one of them will be a member of your family. If so, it is the start of a new journey for you and other family members. On this journey you may find that you need support, guidance, and spiritual support. We are making an Alzheimer's Family Support Group available to the public at no charge. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday evening of the month. You do not have to have reservations. The groups will meet at the Mission Hospice office, 505 N. Ridgeway Dr., Suite 173, Cleburne, TX. For more information, please call (817) 517-7336

DISCIPLES MEN RETREAT MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

February 23rd-25th
Glen Rose, Texas

Please contact Richard Land
(817) 447-0154, Steve Rubis
(817) 295-8263 or one of the
Disciples Men for more information.

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the newly formed "Discernment Committee" was held as the first step toward discerning where God will lead FCC Burleson.

Discernment is not a quick-fix system, but one that utilizes prayer, thinking, and assessing to determine the will of God. All members of the congregation will be asked to participate in various ways during this lengthy process, and there will be periodic congregational meetings to keep everyone involved and aware of the steps being taken. This system is not a plan of where we want to go, but finding what God wants of us. Regular updates and information will be issued as you are all a part of this.

A meeting of the Discernment Committee and the Church Board will be held on March 3, 2007 at 8:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Larry Womack
Team Facilitator

"0" Birthday Party

WHO: Kim Bonds
WHEN: February 17 at 11:00 am
WHERE: Kathy Welch's Home
213 Hillside Drive West
Burleson, TX 76028
Phone: (817) 447-6349

Bring a brunch dish, funny card, and your donation.

Directions: Take Alsbury Blvd. East at Hwy. 35. Go east on Alsbury Blvd. East which goes around Spinks Airport and turn right onto Burleson-Retta Road. Turn right (south) on Hoover Road, turn left on Hilltop Circle, go to the first stop sign and turn left on Hillside Dr. West.

Join us for a fun time!



Valentine Italian Dinner

Saturday, February 17, 2007

At 6:30 p.m.

In the Family Life Center
First Christian Church, Burleson

Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert & drinks will be served by the youth of the church.



The dinner is free, but donations to the youth program will be graciously accepted.

We will also be playing **BINGO!** We will have prizes for the winners.

Please reserve your space by turning in this form to Brenda Land or by calling the church office on or before Thursday, February 15.



Thank you!!

Please plan on _____ guests from the
_____ family.

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 2006. The \$2,482.60 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 4,040 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 donation and for your spiritual support. Please continue to keep the camp and its staff in your thoughts and prayers throughout 2007.

Thank you,

Matt Chandler
Executive Director



Here are Luke & Quinn Nash, Age-actual 5 months. Luke is on the right with his hand up. They are both doing well. Thanks for all the prayers and concerns during the past 6 to 8 months. They have been home about 2 months now, which should be their age. They weigh 9 and 11 pounds.

Dorothy Nash



**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.



FALL FCC SURVEY
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The Worship Committee wishes to thank each of you who took the time and effort to complete the survey. Since this survey was completed, the Discernment process is in motion, giving to the church has shown a steady increase, more people have engaged in activities of planning and participation, youth sponsors have stepped up to maintain an active youth ministry, and a young adult Sunday School class is thriving and increasing in members. Attendance in worship service is back to the numbers we had last summer, and there is a strong feeling of God's love and spirit of cooperation.

Copies of the survey will be in Pastor Laura's office if you wish to inspect them for more specific information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Nash



**SYNOPSIS OF JOINT BOARD/CABINET
MEETING**

January 20, 2007 8:00 AM

- Our church calendar for 2007 was set for the year, first by scheduling regular monthly activities and then going through each month to add special events. The calendar will be published monthly in the newsletter as it has in the past.
- Laura explained that the Cabinet will try an experiment this year by only meeting quarterly.
- Each of the Ministry Team Leaders reported on any needs or special plans they have.
- Kaye Gregory asked that a synopsis of Board Minutes be published in our newsletter.
- Laura Odiorne will be working with the PPRC Committee, helping them get training and education.
- Steve Rubis closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary