

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, February 23, 2009



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:

Chapel Worship	8:15 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Youth Fellowship	5:00 PM

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

I was having an unusual dream this morning when I awoke. I was trying to explain the concept of journey to a small room full of very results and product-oriented people. As it happens, actor Cuba Gooding, Jr. was among that group of people, but I think that is because I'd seen him the night before on the Academy Awards show.

If you know me well, then you would understand the humor in a dream where I am the one trying to move others beyond a product-oriented way of looking at life. I have often struggled with trying to prove my worth, my value by something I produced - something I can quantify, measure, and say, "look, here it is...this is what I've done!"

It has taken me a long time (and I still have some moments of backsliding) to come to the point where I realize that I don't have to prove my worth to anyone. I am worthy, created, wanted, beautiful and loved - because the love of Christ has made me that way. And the only one who really matters is the One who sent Him here in the first place.

So, knowing that I don't have anything to prove, it's easier for me to let go of the notion that life and faith is about getting into heaven. That has already been accomplished. This takes me back to my dream and that word "journey". That word has helped me to see life differently. Life is not a series of tasks or accomplishments, awards, and "proofs" of my worthiness to be here. Life is an experience - filled with relationships, love, learning, laughter, surprises, mistakes, more learning, tears, and joy. Life and faith are about being present in the moment, being able to understand that each day you wake up and put your feet on the floor is a gift and there is some blessing to be found in it. Being on a journey is understanding that the path and the people you encounter on it, the places you see God active along the way - this journey is as much a gift, a prized and valued gift, as the destination. We already know the destination. We know the "arrival", so let's enjoy the journey - together, one day, one hour, one step at a time - seeing ourselves and the others around us as worthy, wanted, blessed children of God.

Grace and Peace of God be with you,
Pastor Laura

REMINDER

There will be a brief congregational meeting following the 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, March 8th to consider a candidate for the position of Minister to Youth and Children. Please plan to come!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 15, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	84
February 22, 2009	- Early	6
	Traditional	65

Offering 2/15/09

Gen. Fund	2,112.00
Build. Fund	582.00
Week Of Compassion	452.00
Honorarium-Sholders Anniversary	25.00

Offering 2/22/09

Gen. Fund	1,262.50
Build. Fund	652.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Hilda Rushing; Erika Silberman; William Martin; Betty Speed; Don Anderson; Katherine Payne; Kevin Howe; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Elise & Anna Grace Bosma; Bill & Vickie Johnson; Haley Meek; Iris Wilson; Nancy Hollinger; & 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 25, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM PPRC Meeting
4:00 PM Youth & Parent Meeting (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am tomorrow morning. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (S)
12:00 PM Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

THANK YOU!

There are not enough words to THANK YOU for supporting our 2008 Harvest House Holiday Friends Christmas Celebration. We came to share our love of Christ with others yet we too were blessed. Thank you for reaching out to your community and giving them a Christmas they will never forget.

"We have shared together the blessings of God."

Philippians 1:7

Harvest House

WELCOME

We want to welcome new members, Robert and Virginia Popiel. Robert and Virginia come by affirmation of faith into our church family. They have been worshipping with us for a while and have been active in other ways. We are joyful and blessed that God has called us to be together. Welcome, Robert and Virginia!



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Doyle DePratter is recovering at home after being hospitalized for cellulitis.

Chris, Ben & Adam Fambrough's half brother & half brother's wife died in the tornado in Oklahoma. Their daughter survived. Please pray for the boys as well as their dad, Tom Fambrough.

Jacob West, the Gunn's grandson, had food poisoning.

Diane Chilton's sister and family in Kentucky did get their power back, but there are still a lot of problems following the ice storm.

Leslie Lalonde's father is in therapy for arthritis in both shoulders.

Bill Sholders had a doctor appointment to get results from an MRI.

Continue prayers for Jackson, Richard Bryan's co-worker's son.

Marion Higginbotham fell and broke a bone in her hand.

Chelsea Wheeler, Betty Wheeler's granddaughter, has a staph infection on her face.

M'Lee Turner, a friend of Michelle McCrory, has stage 3 breast cancer. She is 33 years old and has 3 children. Prayers for successful surgery and healing and remission.

Prayers of comfort for Gina Kirsch and family in the recent death of Gina's aunt, Juanell Miller.

John Applegate, a classmate of James Odiorne's, is recovering from a car related injury.

Prayers for a quick recovery from sinus infections for Rodger & Judy Isom.

JOYS:

Valerie Stuart's mom is improving.

Billy Chandler, Brenda Yowell's brother, is doing very well following removal of a cancerous kidney. Doctors believe that the cancer was contained and they got it all.

Steve Hindman's gallbladder surgery went well.

Welcome to Robert & Virginia Popiel who joined our church fellowship on February 22, 2009.

Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee

YOUTH CORNER

We had five youth who participated in Recycle Round-up and we collected a lot of paper, helping to make a greener earth and earn a little money for our ministry in the process. We also had a yummy dinner at Dairy Twin. Thank you to the Johnson family!

Please remember this coming Sunday, March 1st, we have a very important meeting for parents and youth beginning at 4:00 pm. It will be in the Family Life Center and younger siblings may come along with their parents. The meeting should last about an hour with two primary subjects - a welcome aboard camp out for our new youth minister (God willing), and a wonderful opportunity for a mission trip this summer. Please make every effort to come. If transportation assistance is needed, please call the office or Pastor Laura at home by Thursday and arrangements will be made.

THANK YOU!

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 2008. The \$5,057.48 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 5,240 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 2009.

Thank you,
Matt Chandler
Executive Director

MARCH HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Tommy & Angela Kaker

Acolyte Attendant: Beth Hindman

Communion Preparation: Bonnie DePratter

Attendance Books: Christal McGee

Children's Sermon:

01 Larry Womack

08 Dorothy Nash

15 Faye McLaren

22 Linda Cronenberg

29 Pastor Laura

Scripture Reading:

01 James Odiorne

08 Jerry Hay

15 Juanice Wichterich

22 Judy Isom

29 Kaye Gregory

Deacon Team: Kim Bonds, Chris Cooper,
Lolly Ellis, Judy Isom

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan, Steve McGee

3-5 Year Class: Mindy Preston

Elementary Class: Faye McLaren

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

01 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

08 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &
Barbara Bond

15 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

22 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

29 Laura Odiorne/Juanice Wichterich

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Preston Everett

3/6 Ann Gartman

3/11 Sharon Yowell

3/16 Harue Yokeley

3/16 Vicki Rubis

3/19 Juanice Wichterich

3/22 Virginia Reinier

3/23 Deana McCoy

3/23 Cori Anne Yowell

3/27 Bob McLaren

3/28 Tina Gregory

3/29 Tommy Bonds

3/29 Richard Pettis

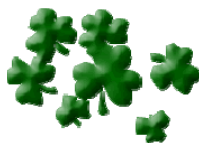




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 PM - PPRC Meeting (E) 4:00 PM - Youth & Parent Meeting (FLC)	2	3	4	5	6	7 Daylight Saving Time begins tomorrow. Set your clocks forward 1 hour tonight! 
8 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting (S) 12:00 PM - Luncheon (FLC)	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11	12 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (FLC) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	13	14 9:00-12:00 PM - Church Wide Property Work Day
15 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	20	21
BURLESON & JOSHUA ISD SPRING BREAK!						
22 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)	30	31			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 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	