

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, February 25, 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

Friends,

I found cause for concern last Thursday evening at our Board Meeting. I was first concerned about how many of our members were sick and unable to be there. I do hope that each of you are attending to self-care in ways that prevent or minimize sickness and don't let your bodies get run down this time of year when there is so much floating around out there. Take care of yourselves and make time for rest.

I was also concerned when I read our Treasurer's report and it reflected a noticeable dip in giving for January. Now, maybe that was a direct correlation with the number of folks who have been out ill. If so, I continue to pray for your recoveries and hope that as you are able you will also catch up with your giving commitment to the church. There are obvious and practical reasons for this, but you also benefit by growing stronger in your personal self-discipline of stewardship of all that God has given you.

My other concern is that we not become complacent, relaxed, or comfortable with the income generated by the day care. I mentioned this back in the early fall, but it bears repeating. If just a handful of families decide that they can give less because of the child care situation, then we lose out and so does the ministry to which God has entrusted us. If we are to be able stewards of this gift, then we need to continue our personal giving in such a way that we do not depend on this extra income for meeting regular expenses. If we keep giving as a sacrifice to honor God, then we are able to plan for growth and do more with God's gifts instead of less. I look forward to growing in our walk of faith together, and in our ministry here at First Christian Church, for the glory of God!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2008 Flower Calendar is in the gathering area outside the Sanctuary. If you wish to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone or occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, you can sign up on the poster. Then you need to turn your money in to Terri in the office *in advance* of the Sunday you want the flowers. Let her know what your budget is and if you have any color or theme preferences and they will strive to meet those needs - and beautify our Sanctuary during worship. You are then invited to take the flowers home and enjoy them even longer.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb 17, 2008 -	Early	7
	Traditional	83
Feb. 24, 2008 -	Early	10
	Traditional	76

Offering **2/10/08**

Gen. Fund	3,010.00
Build. Fund	592.00
Worship - Lent Booklets	34.00

Offering **2/17/08**

Gen. Fund	1,507.00
Build. Fund	887.00
Week Of Compassion	75.00
Youth January Recycle	61.93
Other - Family Life Center Rental	75.00

Offering **2/24/08**

Gen. Fund	1,358.00
Build. Fund	367.00
Week Of Compassion	205.00
Other - Family Life Center Rental	150.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.



Greta Eller; Imogene Cottman; Audrey Gunn; Kristen & Andy Prather; Robyn Lively; Billy Gunn; Derek Sparks; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam, Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Susan DeSessa; Iris Wilson; Tim Webb; Kristi Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Harue Yokeley; Michael, Paulette & Carter Hartman; Tim, Elizabeth, Katie & Ellie Mae Kirkpatrick; & 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.*

DISCIPLES MEN GETAWAY

April 17-20, 2008
Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Call Richard Land for more details
(817) 447-0154.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM	Early Service (C)
9:00 AM	Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon	Pot Luck Luncheon (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008

9:00 AM Building & Grounds Workday
5:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner & Square Dancing (FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 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 (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

Friends,

I have driven past Harvest House several times this past week and their sign is expressing a need for breakfast cereal. I encourage you, if you have not already purchased your grocery donation for Harvest House Sunday (March 2nd), to focus on breakfast cereal and let's see if we can't help re-stock that area of their food pantry.

An illustration showing a clear glass bowl filled with various types of cereal pieces. Next to it is a tall white glass of milk. Behind the bowl and glass is a box of Trix cereal, which has orange and yellow branding. The entire scene is set against a light tan background with small decorative stars scattered around the items.

Peace,
Pastor Laura

Our church has a team for the Relay for Life event to be held at Kerr Middle School on April 25, 2008. We would like to honor those of our congregation who are cancer survivors. If you are a "survivor" and would like to participate in the survivor activities, please contact Faye McLaren (817) 295-1308 or Marion Higginbotham (817) 295-0279.

Thanks so much!



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Prayers of comfort for Marion Higginbotham's brother, in the death of his mother-in-law, Jean Johnson. Kayla Wallace, Tommy Kaker's sister, hysterectomy to remove pre-cancerous lesions. Prayers for successful surgery and healing.

Kent Kilmer, the DePratter's son-in-law, in the death of his dad, Riley Kilmer of Kansas.

Lisa Smith, wife of a co-worker of Peggy Johnson, prayers for continued healing after mastectomy and that the cancer has not spread.

Harry Sunderman, Diane Chilton's father, is in hospice care.

Goldie Rubis, Mike Rubis' mother, has fluid around her heart.

Beth Bishop, a friend of the Gunn's, is undergoing treatment at M.D. Anderson.

Jay Beal, the father of Bill & Wilma Taylor's daughter-in-law, was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Darlene Pettis continues cancer treatment.

Billie Barton, new wife of Bobby Barton's uncle, is undergoing diagnostic tests. Pray for good results.

JOYS:

Kira Perdue's surgery went well and she is recovering nicely.

Mike McGowen's, Leonard McGowen's grandson, surgery went well and he is recuperating at home.

Jody Land received a 1 in solo and ensemble and his ensemble will be advancing to state competition. Way to go Jody!!

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

POT LUCK DINNER

March 2nd will be a pot luck dinner in lieu of the sandwich luncheon. It will begin at 12:00 noon immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. Bring your favorite dish and join us as we celebrate Spring!!



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

4:00 - 6:30 PM

Family Life Center

Come as you are and join us for soup and sandwiches. All people of the community are welcome to attend.



IGNITE THE FLAME

A Prayer Event for Students
An Evening of Prayer, worship and equipping
Greater Johnson County Will Graham
Celebration

Keynote Speaker:
Josh Weidmann

Wednesday, March 12, 2008
7:00-9:00 pm
Burleson High School Auditorium
100 Elk Drive



Christian Life & Witness Course
Mondays, March 31, April 7, 14, & 21
Joshua High School
909 South Broadway

Bring your Bible, pen and a friend!
Live music "Dutton" at 6:30 pm
Classes begin at 7:00 PM

COMMUNION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	ANN GARTMAN
MARCH	JUANICE WICHTERICH
APRIL	BETH HINDMAN
MAY	ONITA HOLTON
JUNE	BEVERLY SHOLDERS
JULY	JUDY ISOM
AUGUST	MICHELLE MCCRORY
SEPTEMBER	BONNIE DEPRATTER
OCTOBER	VICKI RUBIS
NOVEMBER	KAYE GREGORY
DECEMBER	PEGGY JOHNSON
JANUARY, 2009	ANGELA KAKER



The Disciples Men Fellowship would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy another evening of food, fun, and square dancing on Saturday, March 8th, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The dinner will be pot luck. We would request that you bring an entrée and a dessert that would feed 4 people. The cost will be \$10.00 per couple at the door, or \$5.00 for singles. We will eat around 5:45 pm, clear the tables and begin dancing around 6:30 pm. Look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please call Steve Rubis at (817) 295-8263.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

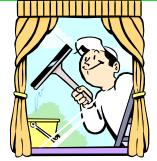
The Saudi Arabian Religious Police are at it again and getting plenty of criticism in their own country. This time, they arrested an American business-woman for going to a Starbucks for coffee with a male colleague. She is accused of "sitting with a man who is not a close relative and of talking and laughing with him."

A newspaper columnist is threatened with jail for criticizing the arrest. This is one of a string of incidents involving the religious police who are charged with enforcing the country's strict Islamic lifestyle laws. A survey of Saudi citizens indicates people would like to see some regulation of the police activity.

WORK DAY - MARCH 8TH

Come join us in getting the church ready for the Easter season. We will be working on the Sanctuary, Chapel, foyer and adjoining areas. We will begin at 9:00 am and finish no later

than 12:00 Noon.
There is something
for everyone, so



come and help!!

Order Your Easter Lilies Today



Use this form to order your Easter Lilies today from Sandra Hay or turn in to Terri Lester in the church office. Lilies are \$10.00. Orders must be turned in by March 9th.

ORDER FORM FOR EASTER LILIES

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

_____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____



Order form with check must be turned in to Sandra Hay or Terri Lester in the church office by March 9th.

MARCH HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Richard Edmonds,
Michelle McCrory

Acolyte Attendant: Cyndy Garrett

Communion Preparation: Juanice Wichterich

Attendance Books: John Higginbotham

Children's Sermon:

02 Kaye Gregory
09 Paul Holton
16 Jack Gregory, Jr.
23 Faye McLaren
30 Vicki Rubis

Scripture Reading:

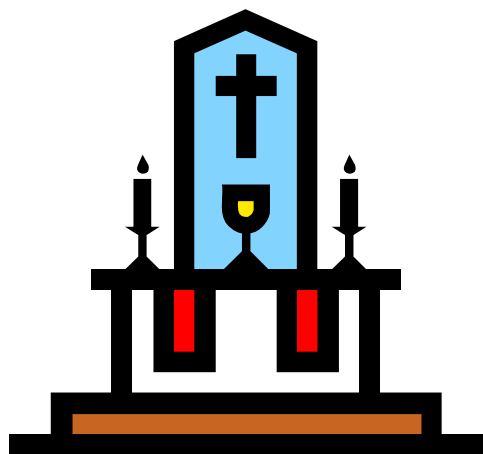
02 Jack Gregory, Jr.
09 Steve Rubis
16 Richard Bryan
23 Diane Chilton
30 Diana McGee

Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,
Chris Cooper, Michelle McCrory

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan,
Bill Sholders

Children's Church:

02 Ann Gartman
09 _____
16 Kim Bonds
23 _____
30 Diana McGee



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Everett Preston
3/6 Ann Gartman
3/9 Clinton Weil
3/16 Harue Yokeley
3/16 Vicki Rubis
3/17 Danielle Van Cleef
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

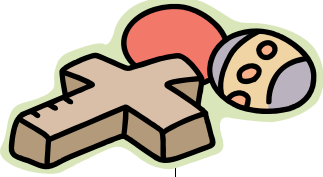
Happy Birthday!





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March 2008

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9 5:00 PM - Re- cycle Round-Up 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12	13 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	14	15
16 PALM SUNDAY 	17	18	19 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)	20 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service (S)	21 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service - Hillside- Memorial 9:00 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil	22 10:00 AM - Easter EGG- stravaganza
23 EASTER SUNDAY 	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	28	29
30 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	31	