

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, February 26, 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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WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LENT?

No, I'm not speaking of the fuzzy stuff that collects in your clothes dryer. I'm speaking of the season which began last week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for Easter. During Lent, we are called to a time of reflection, repentance and renewal – so that we are truly ready for a proper celebration of the resurrection of our Savior.

Perhaps you've had friends or neighbors who had pretty extensive traditions surrounding the season of Lent, like not eating meat on Fridays or giving up something for the season of Lent. My husband tried to tell me he was going to give up taking out the trash for Lent, but I told him he was missing the point. The purpose of giving something up for Lent is to give up something you enjoy and would miss. It is a small form of sacrifice that is supposed to make us mindful of the great sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

Others tie acts of charity to their Lenten discipline. Whatever they gave up (like sodas or chocolate or fast food), they take the money they would have ordinarily spent on those items and they give it to a charity that helps to fight hunger. Others choose, instead of giving something up, to add something to their daily life during Lent – like extra time in prayer, reading the Bible daily, weekly visits to shut-ins in the church, etc.

There are a variety of things that one can do to observe this season of reflection, repentance and renewal. I encourage you to find something that will be meaningful to you and take it on. Even if it's just for the remainder of Lent – it can still have an affect on you. You can still grow from the experience. From little seeds, big plants grow.

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Laura

P.S. By the way, I've given up Starbucks for Lent. Ryan says he feels like we hit the lottery!

Who is my neighbor?

Our Week of Compassion gifts are used from Louisiana to Sudan for Refugee resettlement, agricultural development, job skills training; sustaining lifestyles, economic development, disaster response, healthcare, safe water supply and education.

Our money goes far and provides much when we combine our resources.

Click on or go to the link below to see just who your neighbor is.

Thank you for all you give and do.

http://www.weekofcompassion.org/media/07Guide_compressed.ppt



Offering	2/18/07
Gen. Fund	1,740.00
Build. Fund	437.00
"0" Birthday-VBS	160.00
Youth Valentine Banquet	401.00
January Recycle	66.36

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 18, 2007 - Early	9
Traditional	91
February 25, 2007 - Early	10
Traditional	85



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Earl Roe; & Bob Lee
in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Greta Eller; Hilda
Rushing; Harue Yokely; Debbie & J.D.
Quesenbury; Gary & Stacey Hay; Dave, Kim, &
Shea Pulliam; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek;
Josh & Heather Peters & Luke & Mikaela; Rev.
Allen & Mary Jane Brady; Ken & Dianne
Taliaferro; Juelisse Morales; Jane Ann McGowen;
Laverne & Leonard McGowen; & 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 28, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)
7:00 PM Choir Practice

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2007

8:30 AM Board & Discernment Team Meeting
(FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

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 Men's Chili Pancake Lunch &
VBS Kick-off (FLC)
12:00 PM Youth Fellowship-Lunch & Games

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY MARCH 8, 2007

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

(C) Chapel

(S) Sanctuary

(FLC) Family Life Center

BABY SHOWER

Kristie Taliaferro-Gibson

2:00 PM

Saturday, March 24, 2007

South Hills Christian Church

3200 Bilglade

Ft. Worth

Baby Girl: Grace Elise

**Kristie & Grace are registered at Babies R
Us and Target.**

THANK YOU!

Your love and prayers have meant so much
these past months. They have truly given
us strength. May the Lord bless you all.
The food was wonderful - the hugs even
better.

Love in Christ,

John & Marion Higginbotham



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Eileen Fernstrom is having back problems.

Linda McDowell's niece has cancer. She is in her 40's.

Family of Keith Gilbert

Wanda Walker, a friend of Ron Johnson, has a good prognosis at MD Anderson.

Earl Roe, continue chemotherapy.

Richard Ogden, Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law, had his first chemo treatment at MD Anderson.

Don Vardeman is healing from a broken leg and can now bear weight on it.

Family of Tye Nixon.

Family of Betty Webb, Flora Roe's sister, who passed away.

Mary Louise Pace is having medical tests.

We wish the Womack's Godspeed in their move to Katy, Texas and Larry's new job.

JOYS:

The Youth Valentine Banquet Fundraiser.

Wednesday, February 14th, 8 youth and 4 adults went to the Tarrant Area Food Bank and helped pack 1200-1400 backpacks to help feed elementary age school children.

Penny Enochs said they got all of Billy's cancer and she gives thanks for the support from the church.

Juanice Wichterich was back in worship following knee surgery.

Juan & Juelisse Morales are moving to Florida and they thank the church for opening her doors to them while they were here.

Eleven men went to Glen Rose on the Men's Retreat.

Five youth and sponsors attended the CYF Mid-Winter Retreat in Brownwood.

Continued Prayers for

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

TBA DISCIPLES WOMEN SPRING RETREAT

MARCH 23-25, 2007
Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or in the church office.

Registration fee for the full weekend-\$75.00, 1 night only-\$55.00, Saturday only (3 meals included)-\$35.00, Bedding Fee-\$5.00

For registrations sent after March 12th please add a \$10.00 late fee.

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 5, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trinity Christian Church
6020 Meadowbrook Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Registration Fee: \$15.00/person, \$25.00/couple, \$8.00/TBA Youth

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or in the church office.

Registration deadline: April 25, 2007
Please add a late fee of \$3.00 after April 25, 2007.



Burleson's annual Relay for Life is just around the corner. Relay for Life raises money for cancer research as well as care for families dealing with cancer.

We have had a church team for past relays and would like to have one again this year. We are in need of a team leader or co-leaders, who would recruit and then schedule our walkers for the relay. If you would be willing to lead a team for our church, please let Mary Bryan know or call Terri Lester in the church office.

WALKING IN GOD'S SPIRIT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - 10:00 AM

The WINGS Sunday School Class would like to thank Pastor Laura for leading the 6 weeks study on the history of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

We are beginning a new series of study on Receiving God's Love. If you are a young adult and haven't been part of a Sunday School class in a while, check us out! We'd love to have you.

If you have questions, please call Jack or Kaye Gregory at 817-295-0009.

BOARD NEWS

SYNOPSIS OF JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

February 15, 2007

Old Business:

- By-Laws Committee will have their proposal to Steve Rubis by next month's Board meeting. At that time each Board member will receive a copy to study and Steve will set a meeting time for the Board to work through the proposal before presenting it to the congregation.
- The Finance Committee will look at the financial feasibility of hiring an additional nursery attendant. Volunteers will be used to help Lori for the present. Steve Rubis will appoint a committee, hopefully including new mothers or mothers-to-be, to work with Paul Holton to draw up plans to redo our nursery.

New Business:

- A committee is looking into our options about installing a screen and projector in the Sanctuary.
- The Discernment Team and Board will meet March 3 at 8:30 AM to prepare for sharing the process with the whole congregation.
- Steve Rubis will appoint 3 new persons to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, that will serve with the present members and 1 youth member to form a Pastoral Search Committee.
- There will be Lenten services each Wednesday starting Ash Wednesday, February 21st, which include soup and dessert at 5:30 to 6:15 PM, devotional and meditation time from 6:30 to 6:50 PM. Onita Holton is coordinating the food and needs volunteers to furnish soup or dessert each week.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary



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.



DISCIPLES WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to attend the next Disciples Women meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 pm. Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. Our hostesses will be Vicki Rubis, Onita Holton, and Kaye Gregory.

If you have a March birthday, remember to bring a penny for each birthday you have had. Also, we are collecting cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village. And...don't forget your offering.

If you need a nursery, please contact Sandra Hay before the day of the meeting.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Everett Preston
3/6	Ann Gartman
3/6	Heather Hertel
3/9	Clinton Weil
3/11	Kara Meller
3/16	Harue Yokely
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



MARCH HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Tommy & Kim Bonds

Acolyte Attendant: Marion Higginbotham

Communion Preparation:

Michelle McCrory

Attendance Books: Paul Holton

Children's Sermons:

04 Laura Odiorne

11 Faye McLaren

18 Faye McLaren

25 Faye McLaren

Scripture Reading:

04 Cyndy Garrett

11 Michelle McCrory

18 Paul Holton

25 Jody Land

Deacon Team: Jason & Kara Meller,

Doyle DePratter, Rae McGowan

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan,

Bill Sholders

Song Leader: Brenda Land

Children's Church:

04 Kim/Bethany Bonds

11 Mary Bryan/Christal McGee,

18 Vicki/Natalie Rubis,

25 Kara Meller/Stephanie McGee



Do you have old cell phones lying around? Please help the youth group raise money for camps and retreats by bringing your old cell phones up to the church. Please ask your co-workers, friends, and families for theirs too! We will be doing this fundraiser now through March 31st, and you can bring your phone anytime. Thank you so much for your help!

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Ricky was excited about the task - but he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 2007



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18 No Youth Fellowship	19	20 3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)	21 1:00 PM - FCC Friends - Deana McCoy's Home 5:30 PM - Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)	22	23	24
25 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM - Youth Fellowship with Pastor Laura	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27	28 5:30 PM - Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)	29	30 Youth Camp Out - 3/30-4/1	31 9:00 AM - Building & Grounds Workday