

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 9, 2009

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V A L E N T I N E S D A Y

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 knew this father of three teenagers and pre-teens who once said that his number one parenting goal was to do all that he could to make sure he would get to see his kids in heaven. It was the first time I had heard a parent express concern about their child's spiritual health and salvation (other than a parent expressing interest in the ritual of baptism). Strange, isn't it? We find it easy to talk about what they're doing (good or bad) in school, sports and other extra curricular activities. We worry and ask our friends for prayer for our kids if they have a fever or get strep throat or sprain an ankle, yet how often do we give thought to the spiritual health, growth and development of the young lives God has entrusted to us? How often do we ask our friends for prayer that God would give us the strength to be the strong guide that our children need and that we might set the example we want them to see?

In the same community, I had a pastor friend who wrote a newsletter article that posed some very pointed questions in this area. He asked his readers if they would let their children decide whether or not they wanted to attend school? What a ridiculous question, of course not. He asked his readers if their child was sick with a 103 degree temperature and all signs of an illness, would they ask their children whether or not they wanted to go to the doctor for treatment? Again, adults know better. They are responsible for the well-being and health of their children. Then he asked the million dollar question, "Why do some parents let their children decide whether or not they will attend church, go to Sunday School or youth group?" If the adults are responsible for the health and well-being of their children until they reach adulthood, are they not also responsible for their spiritual development, health and growth?

That question is actually worth much more than a million dollars, for you can't put a price on salvation. If we believe that the gift of life eternal is real, and if we believe that the saving relationship with Jesus Christ begins in this life, here and now - then how as adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends) can we leave that relationship to the whims and will of a child? Our children (in our families, our church, and our communities) need adults in their lives who will help set their priorities for them. They need adults who will hold them accountable to always give their best and who will do all that is truly within their power (even forcibly) to bring them into a relationship with Christ. Now, when the habit and priority haven't been there, it might be tough at first to change a pattern or start a new one, but if done in love, God will bless it - and the child will grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. Funny thing is, so do the grown ups.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	81
February 8, 2009	- Early	6
	Traditional	67

Offering 2/01/09

Gen. Fund	4,473.00
Build. Fund	922.00
CLOTH Fund	60.00

Offering 2/08/09

Gen. Fund	1,613.00
Build. Fund	342.00
Honorium for Sholders	50.00
50th Anniversary to Bldg. Fund	



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Marjorie Armstrong; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Melanie & Tom Hatfield; Bill & Vickie Johnson; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Scott & Shonda Christensen; Greta Eller; Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Jimmy & Karen Lewis; Jim & Dodie Odiorne; & 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.*

"O" BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!

FOR: Bonnie DePratter

WHEN: Saturday, February 14th

WHERE: Onita Holton's Home
224 Flagstone
Burleson, TX
817-447-8664

TIME: 9:00-???

WHAT TO BRING: A brunch dish, a card,
money, and yourself!

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

Around the world, around the year. We care for God's treasures by sharing some of our earthly treasure - our money, our energy. When we care for people nearby and far away, we are transformed by experiencing the presence of God.
Where is your treasure?



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

9:00 AM "O" Birthday for Bonnie DePratter -
Onita Holton's Home

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School - Adult Sunday School
Classes meet in Family Life Center
11:00 AM Worship-Guest Speaker Kevin Howe (S)
12:00 PM Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

7:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20-22, 2009

CYF Mid-Winter Retreat - Athens, TX

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
5:00 PM Recycle Round-Up
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

JANUARY, 2009

41 Pounds
\$131.00

FEBRUARY, 2009

30 Pounds
\$165.00

On Sunday, February 15th we will have a joint adult Sunday School class with our guest from Global Ministries, Kevin Howe, recently serving in Honduras. Kevin will also be with us in the morning worship and for a potluck lunch to follow worship. Please join us as we listen to what Kevin has to say.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Valerie Stuart was hospitalized briefly for a blood clot in her leg. She is now home and is responding well to treatment.

John Higginbotham had an appointment with the cardiologist.

Paul Kendricks, a friend of Mary Bryan's sister, passed away.

Stephanie Grounds, a co-worker of Mary Bryan, is expecting twins and had a hole in her aorta. Follow up tests showed no hole in the aorta!

Frank Burton, a neighbor of the Bryan's, had a heart attack.

Mary Tableman is improving, but her brother passed away.

Angie Kalnins had a mild heart attack. She is home now and on medication. Her daughter Katie has a new son.

Richard Bryan's co-worker's grandson, Jackson, has life threatening muscular problems. He is 2 weeks old.

Vicki Rubis' dad, Dalton Gresham

Continue prayers for Mary Rice - inoperable brain tumor.

Mike Taylor, son of Bill & Wilma Taylor, is recovering from a work accident.

Rodger Isom's co-worker Lisa. Her daughter, Lacy, passed away. Please pray for the family.

Mary DeSessa's co-worker's granddaughter was born 3 months pre-mature. Her name is Riley.

Jenny, Diane Chilton's sister, and family in Kentucky are still without power after the ice storm 2 weeks ago.

JOYS:

Leslie Lalonde transferred her membership to our church family from University Christian Church in Ft. Worth.

Bethany Bonds birthday is February 10th and Kim Bonds is February 8th.

Clay West, the Gunn's daughter's father-in-law in Alabama, is doing much better.

Bobby Barton's uncle is doing much better.

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



PRAY PRAY PRAY

Prayer does not change God. It changes him who prays.

YOUTH CORNER

There will be no youth meeting this Sunday as we have a potluck lunch after church. Sunday, February 22nd, youth grades 5-12 will meet at 5:00 pm for Recycle Round-up and will go to Dairy Twin afterwards. On Sunday, March 1st, we will have a meeting of parents and youth to discuss 3 important items: 1. A prospective new youth minister, 2. A Spring Camp Out, 3. A Summer Mission Trip. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all youth and parents make it for this meeting. We will begin the meeting at 4:00 pm and will finish around 5:30 pm.