

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 14, 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

Oops - I (Terri) goofed! I left off Laura's P.S. from her newsletter article in December - so here it is: P.S. I also want to say a big thank you for my Christmas gift through the love offering. It will definitely brighten up the celebration around our home and was again a demonstration of your warm and generous hearts! Thank you, from me and all of my family!

It's Monday and it's newsletter day. And here I sit with writer's block. It happens occasionally and usually I just try to talk (or write) my way through it. I know there are things I need to say, but today they just won't come. So, rather than verbally meander or pontificate, I'll pass on something useful. A church member sent me this in an e-mail and it may not be religious or sacred in nature, but faithfulness includes care of the body and care for others. I think it falls under that category.

STROKE - Remember the 1st three letters... S.T.R. Stroke Identification:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall-she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics)...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital (at 6:00 pm Ingrid passed away). She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die...they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Recognizing A Stroke - Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. A bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions: S - Ask the individual to SMILE, T - Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently - i.e. It is sunny out today), R - Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS. If he/she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke - Stick Out Your Tongue - Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to "stick" out his tongue. If the tongue is "crooked", if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Blessings,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec. 16, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	108
Dec. 23, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	89
Dec. 30, 2007 -	Early	6
	Traditional	87
Jan. 6, 2008 -	Early	7
	Traditional	81
Jan. 13, 2008 -	Early	8
	Traditional	86

Offering 12/16/07

Gen. Fund	3,078.00
Build. Fund	692.00
Choir Music for DMF Caroler	25.00
Appreciation	
Christmas Offering	92.00
Youth November Recycle	75.58

Offering 12/23/07

Gen. Fund	2,285.00
Build. Fund	317.00
Christmas	45.00
Memorial in honor of Sandra Hay-	25.00
Outgoing DWF President	
For Secretary - New Computer	500.00

Offering 12/30/07

Gen. Fund	3,301.00
Build. Fund	567.00

Offering 1/06/08

Gen. Fund	2,980.08
Build. Fund	457.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Iris Wilson; Ivan Walker; Cindy Wray; Carol & Betty Ludtke; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Robert & Patti Barnaby; Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Margie Lile; Mary Tableman; Brandi Reynolds; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Nevil Williamson, Sr.; Nevil Williamson, Jr.; Nancy Hollinger; Tom Kaker; Phylcia Kaker; Kayla Wallace; Tammy Belz; John & Mary Tableman; Michael, Erin & Alexis Drybola; James & Dodie Odiorne; Juan & Ivelisse Morales; Dylan Lemons; Cindy Howtow; Carolyn Vardeman; Roy & Linda Cronenberg; Harue Yokely; Sam, Sarah, Brea & Sue DeSessa; & 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, JANUARY 16, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
12:00 Noon FCC Friends (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

8:00 AM Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 PM Recycle Round-Up

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008

Deadline to Register for CYF Mid-Winter Retreat

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon Youth Fellowship
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

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

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity at Christmas. We appreciate it so much. It is a wonderful feeling to know such a loving, caring great big family in Christ. My daily prayers will always include you all.

Love,
James & Mary Penney

WELLNESS MINISTRY

We will have our next Wellness Ministry meeting on Sunday, January 27th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We had 19 people at the first session on January 13th. If you were not able to be at the first session, please join us on the 27th. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Wayne English (817) 295-3045.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on April 25th at Kerr Middle School.

I have registered a team for our church and I hope we can have a team of 15 members.

There will be a sign up sheet on Sunday.

Rae McGowan



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Cyndy Garrett had questionable results from MRI. She is having further neurological tests.
Karen Moore had a hysterectomy on December 17th.
Bill Sholders needle biopsy came back negative - there is no cancer!
Doyle & Bonnie DePratter's son-in-law had 2 stints placed in his heart on Monday, December 17th.
Lisa Smith, the spouse of a co-worker of Peggy Johnson.
All military service men and women.
Kira Perdue's cardiac cath procedure has been delayed. She is the granddaughter of Rodger & Judy Isom.
Jane Ann McGowen got a new job.
Ivan and Lavinia Walker, Carol Findley's parents, need prayers for strength and healing.
Mary Medwick, Jean Rubis' sister, has internal bleeding and other medical complications.
The Kaker Family
Nelda Boots
Ryan Odiorne and family, recent death of Ryan's Uncle Don Odiorne.
The family of Lowell Rice, a cousin of Bill Sholders, who passed away unexpectedly.
Troy Smith is having back surgery on January 23rd at Medical Plaza Hospital in Ft. Worth.

JOYS:

Friends and family visiting during the holidays
Baptisms of Tessa Cooper, Wesley Kaker, and James Odiorne
Another Storch baby has arrived! Cole Joseph Storch arrived November 18, 2007, weighing in at 10 lbs 5 oz.
Michelle and Steve Storch are the proud parents and Steve should be back from deployment in Afghanistan around December 31st to see his new son for the first time. Prayers for his safe return.
Andrew McGee is home for 2 weeks of R & R!

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, PFC William Gunn

MEN'S RETREAT GLEN ROSE, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008

For more information, please call Richard
Land (817) 447-0154 or Steve Rubis
(817) 295-8263

CALLING ALL CYF YOUTH

The deadline for the CYF Mid-Winter Retreat forms to be turned in is January 27th. The Mid-Winter Retreat will be in Athens the weekend of February 22nd-24th. Forms are in the box by the Youth bulletin board. I hope you can come with us!!

Brenda Land

SYNOPSIS OF DECEMBER 20, 2007 BOARD MEETING

The bank loan on our building will stay at First National Bank, as Wells Fargo cannot give us a fixed rate, and First National Bank will give us the same 5 year rate, with no closing costs and no additional expenses to change all our accounts.

The nursing home will not spend any money on our parking lot, so they will no longer be using it. Richard Land will check more options on getting it patched and resealed.

Wayne English requested use of the Family Life Center on Sunday, January 13th, 7:00-8:00 pm for the start of a Wellness Ministry, beginning with our church family and later reaching out to the community.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Larry & Needra Womack
(817) 304-4113

This is not a long distance call from Burleson

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

The government of Ireland says it plans to organize new non-religious primary schools in Dublin. For more than a century the Roman Catholic Church has been the principal administrator in Irish education. The new move reflects growing immigration into Ireland and declining church power in the traditionally Catholic country. The country has experienced a wave of immigration from Europe, Africa and Asia.

HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS THE 2ND GIVING "EST" CHURCH IN BURLESON. LAST YEAR WE GAVE \$7,240.83 WHICH MAKES US A PLATINUM ANGEL. FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY OUR HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY NETTED \$135.00 AND 35.5 POUNDS!

To Church Family at FCC,

Dick and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for helping to make our 50th anniversary celebration so wonderful!

Thank you for coming to the party, for the cards, gifts and congratulations you gave us. A special thanks to the ladies who spent so much time decorating the Family Life Center as well as the Sanctuary - Onita, Rae, Bonnie & Pat Worrell with others made it a very beautiful occasion. Dick & I are so grateful to Flora for being the audio visual tech, for Terri taking calls and graciously giving information and encouragement. A very special thanks to Dr. Laura for making it all happen in such a spiritual, elegant way.

Once again, our church family has provided another set of precious memories.

Our Love,
Dick & Dorothy Nash

TRINITY-BRAZOS LEADERSHIP EVENT

"Recreating The Church"

Saturday, January 26, 2008-8:30 am - 3:00 PM
Riverside Disciples Center
1000 Bonnie Brae Avenue
Ft. Worth, TX 76111

Registration Info: \$15.00 by January 16th, \$18.00 after January 16th, \$12.00 for groups of 10 or more registering from the same congregation and paying with a single church check.

DISCIPLES WOMEN OUTREACH

The Disciples Women are happy to report our outreach total for 2007 was \$3,925.90. Because of monthly offerings and fundraising efforts, we were able to give the following:

- \$700 Harvest House
- \$500 Church Finance Council (Week of Compassion)
- \$500 Church Finance Council (Basic Mission Finance)
- \$500 First Christian Church (Computer Fund for Secretary)
- \$500 First Christian Church (Church Lunches)
- \$400 Roy Cox Memorial C.L.O.T.H. Fund
- \$250 Holiday Friends
- \$250 Heifer International (another water buffalo!)
- \$150.90 Blessing Boxes that benefit Church Finance Council
- \$150.00 DFW Airport Interfaith Chaplaincy
- \$25.00 First Christian Church (In honor of Sandra Hay)

Thank you to the women of the church who keep outreach a priority and to the rest of the church for supporting us when we sponsor fundraisers.

Women, please join us the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

One or more people are needed on the Education Committee. If you would consider being the Education Chair for the 2009 year, this would give you the opportunity to have a full year's experience!

Brenda Land

In Pastor Laura's sermon on January 6th, she spoke to us about re-gifting ourselves to the Lord. Here are some opportunities to serve our mighty God:

1. Teach 3, 4, and 5 year old Sunday School on a weekly basis-if you will be gone, there will be someone to take your place.
2. Teach Bible Force (grades 1st-5th) Sunday School for one month. The materials will be prepared for you-one week of storytelling, one week watching a movie, one week of games and one week of arts & crafts/cooking/etc.
3. Teach an adult class-be creative! It doesn't have to be something we have had in the past or now. It could be short term (ex. 6 weeks) or long term (til ?).
4. Groups needed to provide stations for the Easter EGG-stravaganza the Saturday before Easter-find out what your group would like to do and sign up right away! Materials for many activities are available (operates like the Advent Festival).
5. Organize the Easter Egg Hunt on March 22, 2008.
6. Teach Children's Church-a complete description is included

If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, please see Brenda Land or call (817) 447-0154. Thanks!!

What is Children's Church all about: This takes place just after Children's Moment during the worship service. It involves children from three years of age through Kindergarten and YOU!

During Children's Moment, you go to the back of the Sanctuary to meet the children. You escort them to the classroom, serve a *provided* snack, tell the *provided* Bible story with the *provided* materials, make the *provided* craft, supervise play, and pass out the *provided* take-home sheet and *provided*, completed craft when the parents arrive. That's all there is to it! Just let Brenda Land know which slot you would like. You may pick one Sunday each month during February-July or one Sunday each month during August-January. If you want one Sunday each month for the entire year, we will see what we can do. I'm waiting to hear from YOU!



MORE NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

The Gallop poll says people who say they do not believe in God has risen in the United States to eight percent, up from only one percent in 2001. Religious Writer Lisa Miller says perhaps it is a reaction to what she calls "the intransigent rhetoric of right-wing Evangelical Christians". Bible Scholar Bart Ehrman says what endangers the world is not belief or non-belief in God, but what he calls the "ruthless certainty" of people who say they have all the answers.

Four men in his congregation died in less than a week. And that was enough for the Reverend Keith Troy in Columbus, Ohio. The following Sunday, the preacher announced that every man in his all-black congregation would sign up with the promise of seeing a doctor for a checkup within three months. If the member couldn't afford the checkup, the church would somehow find the money. If the member didn't have transportation, someone would drive him. The preacher says too many black men are dying of preventable diseases. Black men are the least likely to see a doctor regularly. They have higher risk of high blood pressure, higher obesity and higher risk of strokes. Rev. Troy says he is going to see that every person in the church, especially men, will be checked out.

The latest on the scandal surrounding Oral Roberts University in Tulsa: Two more televangelists, Benny Hinton of Grapevine and I.V. Hilliard have resigned from the University's Board of Regents. Two other Regents resigned last week. The scandal revolved around ex-University President Richard Roberts (son of the University Founder) who resigned following accusations that he had used donated money to finance a lavish life style and a friend's political campaign. One of three professors, fired by Roberts after blowing the whistle on Roberts, has already been reinstated as Chairman of the Department of History, Humanities and Government. The University has now been separated from its parent Oral Roberts Ministries.