

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, January 22, 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

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

I have often been my own biggest critic. Now admittedly, I was trained to be disappointed in anything less than perfection, but I picked up on that training quite well and have lived with it much of my life. Sometime back in an interview I had with a search committee, I was asked the question, "What is your greatest accomplishment in ministry?" I couldn't answer the question. I told them honestly that I am not in the habit of blowing my own horn and that struggling with perfectionism makes it difficult for me to look at something I've done and say, "That was really great!" I always see what could have been done better.

This has even spilled into the way I've done ministry in and with congregations. I've noticed what wasn't quite perfect, could have been done better, or went overlooked and forgotten. I realized somewhere along the way, that with that as the dominant focus in my life and my ministry, words of affirmation and praise and appreciation didn't occur very often. It only took me 36 years to realize this. I'm not too slow.

So now, I try to offer words of encouragement and praise and appreciation to others more often. I know how much they mean to me; how they can help me see that something I've done was worthwhile. It can even be what fuels me for the next step in the journey, the next project, or challenge that comes along.

I pray in this new year that we will, as a church family, look around at each other and notice things, stop and appreciate them, say thank you more often and offer more "atta boy's" than criticism. It's a wonderful habit to have. I believe the feelings will be contagious. Who knows where it will lead? But I'd sure like to try and find out.

I am grateful for each of you,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP TRAINING

There will be training for all Deacons, Worship Leaders, & Communion Preparers on Sunday, January 28th immediately after the 11:00 am service.



DISCIPLES MEN RETREAT MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

February 23rd-25th
Glen Rose, Texas

Please contact Richard Land
(817) 447-0154, Steve Rubis
(817) 295-8263 or one of the
Disciples Men for more information.

Offering 1/14/07

Services cancelled due to ice & snow

Offering 1/21/07

Gen. Fund 4,088.10

Build. Fund 956.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 14, 2007 services cancelled due to ice & snow.

January 21, 2007 - Early 9
Traditional 94

Visitors and Guests



Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger; & Jerry
Gladeland in the early service.

Jim & Juanita Sharp; Charlene Teague;
Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Kim
& Shea Pulliam; Jerome, Becky, &
Trevor O'Loughlin; Heather Peters & son; Mike,
Winie, & Colton Vitosh; & 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.*

JOB OPPORTUNITY

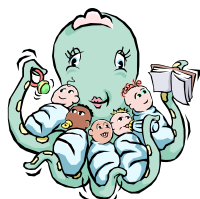
Nursery Attendant

When: One Sunday a month and one
Thursday a month (during Board
Meeting)

WHO: Must be 18 years of age or older and
have a background check.

PAY: \$10.00/Hour

CONTACT: Terri Lester (Church Secretary) or
Pastor Laura Odiorne during normal business
hours at (817) 295-4123.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

8:30 AM Trinity-Brazos Leadership Event -
University Christian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 Noon Worship Training for Deacons,
Worship Leaders, & Communion
Preparation

12:00 Noon Discernment Meeting (E)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)

9:00 AM Worship Training for Acolyte
Attendants, Greeters,
Children's Sermons

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (E)

5:00 PM Young Adult Fellowship
Meller's Home

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (E)

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9-11, 2007

Chi-Rho Mid-Winter Retreat - Brownwood

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (E)

(E) Education

(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel

(FLC) Family Life Center



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Earl Roe is having chemo for lung cancer.

Billy Enochs had surgery for lung cancer.

Wanda Walker, a friend of Ronnie Johnson, had diagnostic tests

Juanice Wichterich's knee replacement surgery is Tuesday, January 23rd, at Plaza Medical Center.

Annette Whitworth, Marion Higginbotham's mother, please continue prayers.

Richard Ogden, the Nash's brother-in-law, has lung cancer.

JOYS:

Rain

We were back in worship on Sunday

Continued Prayers for

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

DISCIPLES WOMEN



Our "purpose" is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries; to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

All women of the church and their friends are invited to join us the second Thursday of every month for study/worship, fellowship, refreshments, and a short business meeting.

Except for special occasions, we meet in the first Sunday School classroom in the education wing at 7:00 pm. We always invite the Disciples Men to join us for refreshments.

During the year, we participate in service projects, fund raising activities in order to meet our outreach goals, and fun and fellowship with our annual swim party and Christmas party. When a woman has a birthday that ends in a zero (30, 40, 50 etc.,) we sponsor "ZERO" birthday parties where the honoree enjoys a potluck, many, many cards, and cash gifts are given to local church needs in their honor.

We also host a Graduate Tea in May for our high school and college graduates. In the fall, we go to Athens for our yearly Women's Retreat. This is always an amazing weekend and we encourage everyone to participate. Also in the fall, we fill Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army.

And as needed during the year, we provide courtesy meals for folks coming home from the hospital and coordinate bereavement meals.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 8. If you need a nursery attendant, we will arrange that for you. Please contact Sandra Hay at 817-297-9905 before that night.



YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join us Sunday, February 4, 5:00 pm at Jason and Kara Meller's home for pizza, fellowship and the Super Bowl!!! We are always Kid-Friendly so your children are invited to come, too.

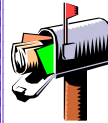
This is our first get-together and we are so excited to be off and running. We encourage any young adult to attend - married, single, with kids or without kids. Jason and Kara's address is 113 NE Brushy Mound Road, Burleson. If you need directions, call them at 817-295-1978. If you have any questions, call Jack and Kaye Gregory at 817-295-0009.

FELLOWSHIP SANDWICH LUNCHEON

The first Sunday of each month we will have a sandwich luncheon after the 12:00 service. Sunday, February 4th will be our first.

Meats, bread, chips, beverages, and fixings will be provided. You may stay and play games or just visit. This will be a great time to get acquainted with each other. Any questions, please see Vicki Rubis or Onita Holton.

NEW ADDRESS FOR KY & TINA GREGORY



Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., & Keira Gregory
PSC 557 BOX 2461
FPO AP 96379-2461

BOARD NEWS

New Board officers were elected as follows: Board Chair: Steve Rubis, Vice Chair: Paul Holton, Secretary: Barbara Bond. Minutes were approved as corrected. Treasurer's report accepted subject to questions. No Pastor's report as Laura was home with her sick baby. Steve read letter from Clint Bourland resigning from By-Laws Committee. Steve will replace him and the committee will meet and bring change possibilities back to the Board. Steve read a letter from Ken Hall saying that he and Area Moderator, Celinda Hallbauer, met with members from Grace Christian Church addressing our concerns about starting a new Disciples church in Burleson. He asked both congregations to bury any animosity and seek reconciliation and move forward in the interest of the Church of Jesus Christ.

New Business: We need to hire a new nursery worker for Thursday evening Board meetings and other possible evening meetings, plus one Sunday a month. Notice of this job opportunity will be in our newsletter. Applicants must be 18 years old or older and pass a background check. Disciples Women and Disciples Men will be discussing remodeling possibilities for our nursery and replacing our outdated cribs with port-a-cribs. Disciples General Assembly will meet in Fort Worth in July. We will be sponsoring an out of state minister, who will be preaching for us and sharing a fellowship luncheon. We will be hearing more about this and opportunities to attend assembly events.

Laura Odiorne will be working with the Cabinet this year, and Dorothy Nash will make Cabinet reports to the Board. Richard Edmonds will talk to Laura about getting PPRC reactivated and trained.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond

For more details, please read the Board meeting minutes posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Royce Smith
2/3	Brian McCrory
2/4	Bill Sholders
2/8	Kim Bonds
2/10	Bethany Bonds
2/11	Bonnie DePratter
2/13	Carol Gunn
2/17	Beth Hindman
2/20	Diana McGee
2/24	Brenda Yowell



FEBRUARY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch
Acolyte Attendant: Faye McLaren
Communion Preparation: Needra Womack
Attendance Books: Richard Edmonds
Children's Sermons: Larry Womack
Scripture Reading:
 04 Kathy Welch
 11 Carol Gunn
 18 Steve Rubis
 25 Bill Gunn
Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,
 Joe & Linda McDowell
Serving at the Table: Wayne English, Barbara
 Bond
Song Leader: Wayne English

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 de-
 fined because some men need
 more "healing" than others!)

Lake Murray, Oklahoma

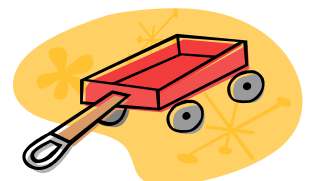
Please come for fun and fellowship,
 worship, golf, fishing, or bike activi-
 ties, sight-seeing, stories, domi-
 noes, & more "healing" activities!

For more information, please
 contact Richard Land
 817-447-0154 or Richard Bryan
 817-295-3390.

It was the day AFTER Christmas at a
 church in San Francisco. The pastor of the
 church was looking at the manger scene, when
 he noticed that the baby Jesus figure was
 missing from the cradle. He immediately
 turned and went outside and saw a little boy
 with a red wagon walking down the street.
 And in the wagon was the figure of the infant
 Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said,
 "Son, where did you get that little baby Jesus
 that's in your wagon?"

The little boy replied, "I got him from the
 church." "And why did you take him?" asked
 the pastor.

The little boy replied, "Well, about a week
 before Christmas, I prayed to the little Lord
 Jesus. I told him if he
 would bring me a red
 wagon for Christmas, I
 would give him a ride
 around the block in it."



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2/4 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Mtg. (E) 9:00 AM - Worship Training (S)	 Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship 5:00 PM - Youth Fellowship			1	2	3
4 12:00 Noon - Discernment Team Mtg. 12:00 Noon - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC) 5:00 PM - Young Adult Fellowship- Meller's Home	5	6	7	8 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	9	10
11 Chi-Rho Mid-Winter Retreat	12	13	14	15	16	17
	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published			7:00 PM - Board Meet- ing (E)		5:00 PM - Youth Valen- tine Dinner Fundraiser (FLC)
18	19	20	21 1:00 PM FCC Friends- Deana McCoy's Home 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service	22	23	24
		3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)			CYF Mid-Winter Retreat Brownwood 2/23-2/24 Disciples Men Retreat Glen Rose 2/23-2/25	
25 CYF Mid-Winter Retreat Disciples Men Retreat	26	27	28	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice 		
	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published					