

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, January 26, 2009



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

Our **Youth Ministry Program** has been in quiet mode for a few weeks, but we will begin activities again this Sunday, February 1. That is the day of the Super Bowl, but you may recall that it is also the day of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This Sunday, we will do something a bit different than we did last year. It is Harvest House Sunday, so there will be the usual collection of canned goods and money that will go to Harvest House.

FOR YOUTH - We will meet at the church at 3:00 pm. Each youth is asked to bring \$5 which we will add to a portion of our profits from our paper recycling money and our profits from the soda machine in the old kitchen. We will go to Kroger and shop for groceries to donate to Harvest House. I will get a list of any special needs or requests from Harvest House and we will try to make purchases in that area. Afterwards, we will go eat pizza and return to the church between 5 and 5:30 pm. You are encouraged to bring guests and ask them, if they are able, to make a \$5 donation to our shopping effort as well.

There will be more information coming about further youth events. I hope to see you Sunday for our activity.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

PRAY PRAY PRAY



Lord, help me to keep my
mouth shut and my heart
open - PRAY!



HELP WANTED!!

We are still in need of someone willing to serve as head of the Membership Ministry Team. This ministry is primarily responsible for 3 things: Bereavement meals following a death and memorial service in the church family, twice yearly dinners for new and prospective members, and updating the Prayer Pyramid. Volunteers have already signed up to help with both the bereavement meals as well as new member dinners. What is needed is someone to coordinate volunteer efforts in an organized fashion and divide volunteers into teams that will take turns as needed.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 18, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	80
January 25, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	77

Offering **1/18/09**

Gen. Fund	1,445.00
Build. Fund	692.00
CLOTH Fund	25.00
Memorial for John Barr	25.00

Offering **1/25/09**

Gen. Fund	1,539.00
Build. Fund	332.00
Memorial to Kaye Gregory	25.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Leslie Lalonde; Susan DeSessa; Imogene Cottman; Perry & Marilyn Stout; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Steven Burr; Ariel Jorgensen; Bill & Vickie Johnson & 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.

DEACON TRAINING

Deacon Training for all new and returning Deacons will be Sunday, February 1st immediately following the morning worship service.



WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

Week of Compassion Special Offering begins on February 15th and ends on February 22nd. Week of Compassion joins our hearts with God's by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells.

Won't you prayerfully consider what God would have you give during this campaign to help those who are hurting and in need around the world. For more information you can go to the website at www.weekofcompassion.org.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
6:30 PM Games Night (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM New & Returning Deacon Training (S)
3:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Installation & Blessing of New Leaders & Elders (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
3:00 PM Sholders 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception (FLC)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009
9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School begins this Sunday, February 1st, for 3-5 year olds. This class will meet in the room next to the Pastor's Office.

Sunday, February 8th will be the Installation and Blessing of our new church leaders and elders in the morning worship. Please join us.

JUST A REMINDER...

Please turn off the lights when you leave a room/bathroom even if you are not the last one in the building. There have been several instances in the last few weeks where the lights have been left on all night particularly in the bathrooms. So please help us be good stewards and remember to turn off the lights when you leave!

Thanks for your help!





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Maya Hamilton, newborn granddaughter of Chris & Mary Ann Hamilton is remaining in the hospital for treatment of a blood infection.

The family of Doreen Scott, a friend of Laurie Carroll, who passed away unexpectedly Tuesday.

Barbara Hodge, a friend of Linda Swan, Marion Higginbotham's sister, fell and is in the hospital.

Dick Nash - mobility challenges and medical tests. Dick is beginning a new physical therapy routine.

Mary Tableman, Chris Cooper's mom, was in a car wreck. She is recovering from injuries.

Clay West, Nola West's father-in-law, has complications following carotid artery surgery. Nola is the Gunn's daughter.

Leslie Lalonde asked for prayers for 2 grieving families-a neighbor's family and a friend's family following the death of the mother.

Jack Gregory, Sr's neighbor, Glen died. Prayers for his family.

Noah, the nephew of a co-worker of Mary Bryan, is 18 months old and has some medical problems.

Mac Gillen, is 18 years old and is close to receiving a lung transplant.

Mary Rice, a friend of the English's, has an inoperable brain tumor.

Bobby Barton's uncle is being treated for COPD.

Valerie Stuart is hospitalized for treatment for a blood clot in her leg.

Our nation's newly elected and returning leaders for wisdom and courage to lead our nation in the direction it needs to go.

Storm victims in Spain, France and Madagascar.

JOYS:

Magunn Carroll has been selected to be the Teen Representative for the Ft. Worth Libraries at their meeting in Houston.

Steve & Michelle Storch are expecting their 5th baby in August. The place is to be determined as they will move again this summer with the Air Force.

Steve Storch is also doing above and beyond in healing from his bike accident. Steve & Michelle say thank you for all the prayers that got him through it. They know that is why he has healed so quickly.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning February 1st there will be no Children's Church offered during worship.

ATTENTION CHESS PLAYERS

If you are interested in playing chess one or two evenings a month, please contact Larry Womack at bigeagle39@yahoo.com.

If anyone has any towels from the Family Life Center that you have taken home to wash, please bring them back. We are running short and have several events scheduled in the Family Life Center for the month of February. Thanks for your help!!

Pastor Laura was wondering who the kind person is who is doing the soda can recycling. Please let her know by calling the church office or e-mailing her.



Reviving a tradition from several years ago, the Fellowship Ministry plans to hold a "Games Night" whenever a 5th Saturday occurs in a month. The first is Saturday, January 31st from 6:30-9:00 pm or so. Bring your favorite games, snack foods, and a light heart for a fun evening in the Family Life Center. If you have questions, please call Juanice Wichterich (817) 295-1502.

Marion Higginbotham
Juanice Wichterich
Fellowship Co-Chairs

NEXT DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend the next Disciples Women meeting on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Disciples Men are invited to share refreshments with us. This month's hostesses are Kaye Gregory, Onita Holton, and Vicki Rubis.

The study and worship will be lead by Barbara Bond and Diane Chilton.

The business meeting will follow and include approving this year's budget as well as passing out this year's yearbooks. Remember to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village and your offering.

If you have need of a nursery, please contact Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before Wednesday, February 11, so arrangements may be made.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
A RECEPTION
HONORING
BILL AND BEVERLY
SHOLDERS' 50TH
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY ON
FEBRUARY 8TH
3:00 - 5:00 PM
IN THE FAMILY LIFE
CENTER

"0" 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!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE REVISED

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE DEACONS HAS BEEN REVISED. NEW SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sign up poster for flowers is now in the Foyer. Cost for each Sunday is \$30.00. We would like to have flowers every week in the sanctuary. You may let Terri know the reason for the flowers, honor of, memory of, etc., so she can include it in the bulletin for that week.

You can give your check to Terri, Needra Womack or Peggy Johnson.

Dear First Christian Church,
Happy New Year! Thank you very much for First Christian Church's check in the amount of \$851.07 given in support of the ministries of the Trinity-Brazos Area. We are indeed grateful for your support for the year 2008 and hope that you will be able to provide similar support in 2009. We are grateful for your partnership with us in the ministries that we do on behalf of all of us. Your support makes it possible for us to remain in the ministry and to be of service to the entire Trinity-Brazos Area. Please do not hesitate to call on us if there are ways in which we can be of special assistance to your congregation. Kindly express our deep gratitude and appreciation to your congregation.

Sincerely,
Ken Hall
Trinity-Brazos Area Minister

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE!

Spencer and Leann (Findley) Maxwell have a new address:

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Austin, TX 78727

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Spencer-(512) 698-6911

E-Mail: Leann-leannmaxwell@gmail.com
Spencer-spencermxwell@gmail.com



Chris Cooper has a new e-mail address:
ctcooper@windstream.net

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

A surprising number of Americans are switching religions. A study by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life shows that 44 percent of Americans have switched from the religion in which they were raised. Author Eleanor Clift cites one example: Albert Scariato was raised a Jew, became a medical doctor, then entered seminary and is now an Episcopal priest heading St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

It runs in the family. A search committee for Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has chosen Tullian Tchividjian to be the church's new pastor, pending approval of the congregation. The proposed new pastor is the grandson of Evangelist Billy Graham.

FEBRUARY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Diane Chilton

Greeters: Wayne & Anne English

Acolyte Attendant: Angela Kaker

Communion Preparation: Bev Sholders

Attendance Books: John Higginbotham

Children's Sermon:

01 Wayne English

08 Chris Cooper

15 Diana McGee

22 Judy Isom

Scripture Reading:

01 Larry Womack

08 Bethany Bonds

15 Larry Womack

22 Diane Chilton

Deacon Team: Michelle McCrory;

Ryan Odiorne; Don & Kathy Welch

Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash,

Bill Gunn

3-5 Year Class: Cyndy Garrett

Elementary Class: Ryan Odiorne

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

01 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

08 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &

Barbara Bond

15 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

22 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Brian McCrory

2/4 Linda McDowell

2/4 Bill Sholders

2/8 Marlene Baysinger

2/8 Kim Bonds

2/10 Bethany Bonds

2/11 Bonnie DePratter

2/13 Carol Gunn

2/17 Beth Hindman

2/19 Rosalyn Wilcox

2/20 Diana McGee

2/24 Brenda Yowell



*Thank
You!*

Thanks to the generosity of the women at First Christian Church, Burleson and from the support of our church family, Disciples Women was able to give \$3,765.83 toward church, community, national and worldwide needs last year. Here is a break down of giving for 2008.

Harvest House (BMAA)	\$700.00
Basic Mission Finance	\$500.00
Week of Compassion	\$500.00
Fellowship Meals (FCC)	\$500.00
C.L.O.T.H. Fund (FCC)	\$400.00
Holiday Friends (BMAA)	\$250.00
Heifer International	\$250.00
DFW Int'l Interfaith Chaplaincy	\$150.00
Youth Snacks (FCC)	\$150.00
Computer Memory (FCC)	\$150.00
Nothing But Nets	\$100.00
Blessing Boxes	\$ 90.83
Building Fund (FCC Honorarium)	\$ 25.00



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 PM - New & Returning Deacon Training (S) 3:00 PM - Youth Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 10:00 AM - All Adult Sunday School Classes (FLC) 11:00 AM - Guest Speaker Kevin Howe (S) 12:00 PM - Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	20 CYF Mid-Winter Retreat Athens, TX - 2/20-2/22	21
22 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25 6:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service (S)	26	27 Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	28