

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 28, 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

Friends,

Just a few short days ago, our Board and Cabinet worked diligently on a Saturday morning to put planning and ministry in motion for the year. Ministry teams are organizing and looking into the year's activities. At the end of the meeting, I reviewed with them the 6 goals identified by our discernment process that we went through last year.

That was the work of all of you and it was very important work. But once the goals have been identified, the work is not over. It has actually only just begun. As we all know, you can set or identify a goal, but if you don't develop a strategy or activity to live up to the goal, it won't happen on its own. I gave each member of the Cabinet and Board a "homework" assignment. Their assignment was to come up with one new idea for ministry that might strive toward one of the six goals. Just one idea - that's not too hard.

But just as the discernment process is the work of the whole, so is the development and implementation of new ministries. So....the homework assignment is for all of you - yes, you. You are challenged, by the end of March, to come up with one idea and pass it on. You can give it to any ministry team leader, board member, or me. If you think it's unusual or a little "out there" just don't put your name on it, but share it anyway - one never knows where and how God will work.

In order to help you with your "homework" assignment, I will list again the six goals identified through the discernment process. Remember, these were for our ministry for the coming 4-5 years. This stuff won't happen overnight and we won't accomplish it all in 2008. It's a journey and a process, but we need to be about the intentional work of putting flesh and bones on them or they will languish and fall away. So, here are the goals, in no order of priority, just as I remember them:

1. Establish better communication in the congregation and develop strong conflict resolution skills.
2. Be more inviting in our ministries to young adults and families.
3. Find ways to help our wider membership be more involved in the ministries of the church.
4. Become more visible in our community.
5. Expand our local outreach ministries in the community.
6. Expand and enhance our member care ministries.

Some things are already happening, like the Wellness Ministry and some of the outreach we did during the Christmas season, but we have much more to offer. As I told the folks at the Cabinet/Board gathering, we will find ways to be involved and supportive of the Will Graham Celebration, so you can't use that as your idea.

You are bright, loving and creative people. Put those graces to work and let the Holy Spirit lead. If we all participate in this, we will live faithfully as the people of God in this place and I have every confidence that we will not only meet the goals, we will go far beyond!

Blessings,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Jan. 20, 2008 -	Early	6
	Traditional	85
Jan. 27, 2008 -	Early	8
	Traditional	102

Offering 1/13/08

Gen. Fund	2,333.00
Build. Fund	622.00
Sound System Remodel	432.00
Youth December Recycle	76.65

Offering 1/20/08

Gen. Fund	2,445.00
Build. Fund	242.00

Offering 1/27/08

Gen. Fund	2,035.00
Build. Fund	752.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Harue Yokeley; Greta Eller; Billy Gunn; Andriah Bush; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam & Brea DeSessa; Kristie Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Colton Essary; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Rick, Kris, Ryan & Anna Cheek; Lloyd Cooper; Audria Gunn; & 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.

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



PRAYER PYRAMID

If you would like to remain on the Prayer Pyramid or be taken off of it for the 2008 year, please call Bonnie DePratter at (817) 295-2936.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

1:00 PM South Burleson Home Owners Association (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

YOUTH 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 PM Deacon Training (S)
12:00 PM Youth to Souper Bowl of Caring
12:30 PM PPRC Meeting (E)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

A BIG **THANK YOU** goes to Peggy Johnson for getting a "new" desk, credenza, & file cabinet for my office. Thanks also to Ronnie for helping to deliver it and getting it set up. It makes my new office very cozy and comfortable to work in.

Another BIG **THANK YOU** goes to Disciples Women for their generous contribution towards a new computer for my office.

Terri Lester

DISCIPLES MEN GETAWAY

April 17-20, 2008
Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Call Richard Land for more details
(817) 447-0154



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Judy Isom and family in the recent death of her sister Nancy.

Family of Bob Courtney, a friend of Ryan Odiorne, who passed away suddenly.

Family of the alum from Crossroads who committed suicide.

Welch Family

Kaker Family

Janie Middleton, Jane Ann McGowen's mother, is undergoing chemotherapy.

Francis McGowen, Leonard McGowen's oldest son, is having kidney surgery this week.

Kira Purdue's, Rodger and Judy Isom's granddaughter, heart cath procedure is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29.

Cody Gregory's roommate: Matt's step-father is recuperating from open heart surgery.

Kaye Gregory's co-workers: Prayers for LaDema's mother, Mrs. Kaase and Bill's father, John Leader.

Luvenia Walker, Carol Findley's mother, passed away Thursday. Keep the Findley's and their family in your prayers.

Troy Smith had back surgery and is now recuperating at home. Pray for his continued recovery.

Bill Gunn answered prayers for friends.

JOYS:

Andrew McGee is enjoying R & R and was in worship with us on Sunday.

James McGee graduated A school with honors and promoted to Petty Officer. He also received the Commander's personal excellence award for his class.

Congratulations to Diana McGee who received the Sam Houston State Distinguished Secondary Educator of the Year award. She is also an alum from Sam Houston.

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

DEACON TRAINING



Training for new Deacons will be held directly after church on February 3rd. The training will be conducted by Bill & Carol Gunn. If you have any questions, please call the Gunn's (817) 478-8102 or the church office.

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

SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 17, 2008 BOARD MEETING

2008 Board Officers elected are Paul Holton-Chairman, Michelle McCrory-Vice Chair and Kathy Welch-Secretary.

The parking lot on the east side of the church will soon be patched and sealed.

A committee will be appointed to oversee the Audio Visual Project in our Sanctuary made possible by a donation.



OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES!



A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on the way to the church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

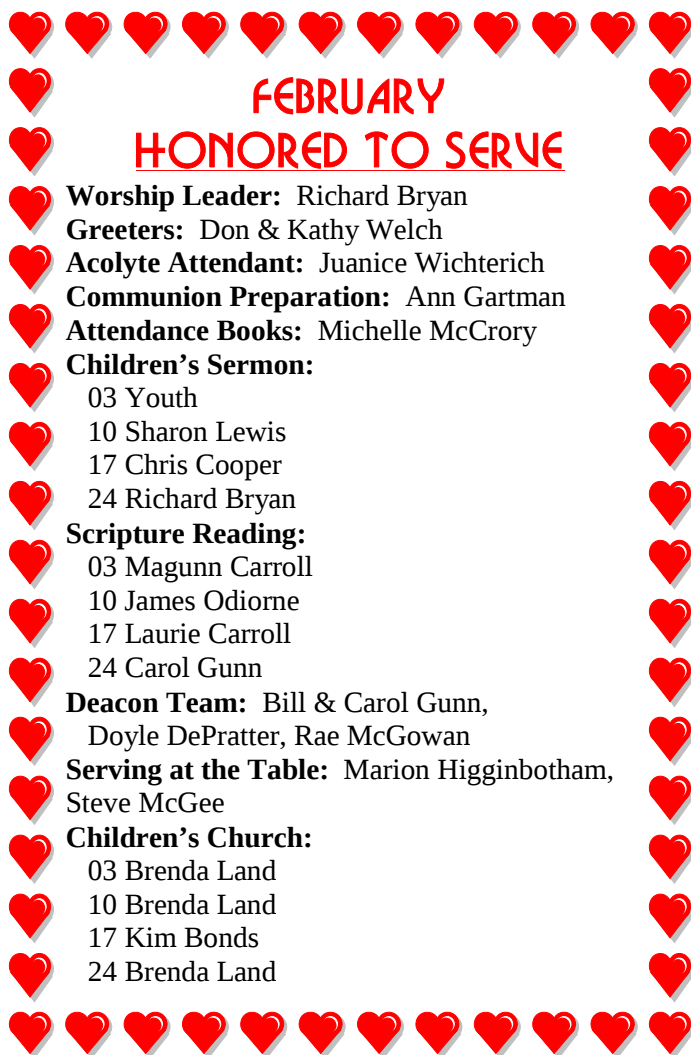
In Pastor Laura's sermon on January 6th, she spoke to us about re-gifting ourselves to the Lord. Here are some opportunities to serve our mighty God:

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!



FEBRUARY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Acolyte Attendant: Juanice Wichterich

Communion Preparation: Ann Gartman

Attendance Books: Michelle McCrory

Children's Sermon:

03 Youth

10 Sharon Lewis

17 Chris Cooper

24 Richard Bryan

Scripture Reading:

03 Magunn Carroll

10 James Odiorne

17 Laurie Carroll

24 Carol Gunn

Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,

Doyle DePratter, Rae McGowan

Serving at the Table: Marion Higginbotham,
Steve McGee

Children's Church:

03 Brenda Land

10 Brenda Land

17 Kim Bonds

24 Brenda Land



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

2/19 Rosalyn Wilcox

2/20 Diana McGee

2/24 Brenda Yowell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



DISCIPLES WOMEN

(First Christian Church, Burleson, Women's Fellowship)

We invite all women to join us as we share the lives we live through Christ and the mission in which He calls us. Our meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Family Life Center beginning at 7:00 pm. A typical meeting includes providing and sharing refreshments with the Disciples Men, followed by study and worship, a short business meeting and sharing prayer concerns. With advance notice, a nursery will be provided.

Special meetings during the year include an officers' installation, a swim party during the summer and a Christmas party hosted by one of our members. We also celebrate with our church women when they have a Zero birthday (30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, etc.). Monies collected during these parties go to help with special church needs.

Our offerings and fundraisers are used to support our budgeted expenses and any church, community, national, or worldwide needs that may arise. A blessing box offering is an over and above offering given out of gratitude for blessings. Women may request a special Blessing Box for this offering. These offerings are an extra gift given to the Christian Church's Basic Mission Finance and presented to the Department of Church Women at the Disciples Women Area Assembly in June. Every fourth year, the International Disciples Women Quadrennial Assembly is held in lieu of the Area Assembly.

Our women are invited to attend several retreats throughout the year. The Trinity Brazos Area of the Christian Church in the Southwest sponsors a spring and fall retreat. Our own women plan and organize a fall retreat at the Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas for the women of our church and their family and friends.

There are many opportunities to serve as a Disciple woman. In times of hospital stays or illness, we organize meals to help out families. We also sponsor service projects that have included collecting cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (cut out with only a 1/4 inch border around the stamp), providing home-made cookies for our college students and young people in the military, dressing dolls and bears for the Salvation Army, collecting bears for the Burleson Police Department to have for children during crisis times, collecting personal items for Harvest House, supporting the Burleson Ministerial Alliance by taking "angels" from the Little Red Schoolhouse and at Christmas-time. We also host a Graduate Tea for our graduating high school and college seniors every May.

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.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

All women are encouraged to attend.

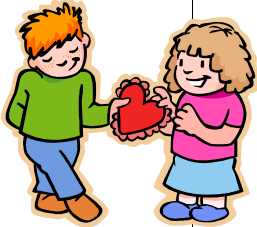




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2008



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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)	7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	Disciples Men Retreat-Glen Rose, TX - 2/22-2/24 CYF Mid-Winter Retreat 2/22-2/24	
24	25	26	27	28	29	
6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published					