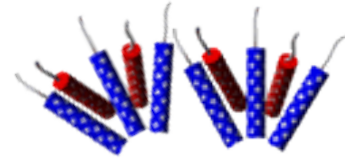


# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 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

The lazy days of summer are anything but around here. We are preparing for Vacation Bible Camp next month. Its theme revolves around the life and ministry of Jesus and we're doing things a bit differently than we have in the past. Please be in prayer for all who have volunteered to serve on this ministry as it truly is a team effort.

We're also getting ready to kick off a new visitor hospitality program. This program will involve taking a gift bag to the home of first time visitors within 36 hours after their visit. I am asking for teams or individuals to take a Sunday each month (beginning in August) for which they are responsible. I have two teams, one for visitors under 50 and one for visitors over 50. If you volunteer, you take the same Sunday each month (unless you need to switch with another team). The bags will be pre-made and available in the church office. After worship, you would check with Ann Gartman for a name and address, pick up a bag and go to the home. If the visitor is home, keep the visit quick and on the front porch (5 minutes or less). If they are not home, you can leave the bag on their door handle. It's that simple. I will be contacting people this next week to fill the teams so that we are ready to go. August will be here before we know it!

And finally, please be in prayer for the search committee as they seek God's guidance to find the right person to come and serve as our new minister to youth and children. This is an important step in the life of our church and this person will need your prayers and support all the way through.

In Christ,  
Pastor Laura



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                 |             |    |
|-----------------|-------------|----|
| June 29, 2008 - | Early       | 6  |
|                 | Traditional | 64 |
| July 6, 2008 -  | Early       | 7  |
|                 | Traditional | 68 |
| July 13, 2008 - | Early       | 10 |
|                 | Traditional | 69 |

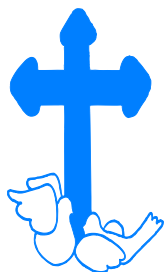
### Offering **6/29/08**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund   | 2,046.00 |
| Build. Fund | 727.00   |

### Offering **7/06/08**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund   | 2,630.00 |
| Build. Fund | 282.00   |

## **Visitors and Guests**



Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee & Austin & Gina Kirscht in the early service.

Harue Yokeley; Marjorie Armstrong; Sandy Kemp; Carl Burrese; Chris DeSylva; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Iris Wilson; Eula Mae Yowell; Cobbette, Bobby & Cassidy Riza; Imogene Cottman; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Bodie Nash; Harper McGowen; & 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.*

## **NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION**

The Presbyterian Church (USA), already bitterly divided over sexuality and the Bible, is in another battle. Meeting in California, the denomination's General Assembly has voted to drop a requirement that deacons, elders and ministers either live within a marriage of "a man and a woman" or, if gay, live a celibate life.

The move must have the approval of a majority of the nation's 173 presbyteries and that will take about a year. The church (and other Protestant denominations) has seen some conservative churches leave after losing battles over the place of gays and lesbians.

At the same time, the church reported a loss last year of more than 57,000 members.

## **CALENDAR**

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

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

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 21-25, 2008

Trinity-Brazos Area JYF III Camp

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)  
2:00 PM Bridal Shower for Natalie Findley - Onita Holton's Home  
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

### MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Publisher



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

## **NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION**

The cost of getting married goes up a little in September. The fee for a marriage license jumps from 30 to 60 dollars. But couples can reduce the fee by attending a free, eight-hour course on relationship education.

The Parenting Center in Arlington is spearheading the program in 11 North Texas counties, including Tarrant and Johnson counties, and is trying to recruit religious groups and churches to offer the course throughout the area. Each couple attending the course will receive a certificate offering a discount on the marriage license fee.

Even singles who don't have immediate marriage plans can sign up. The parenting center can be reached at 817-332-6348 or on the internet at [www.theparentingcenter.org](http://www.theparentingcenter.org). The program hopes to reduce the divorce rate that in this region stands at 55 percent.

Islam does not prohibit contraception, so Egyptian President Mubarak has launched a campaign to reduce Egypt's increasing birth rate. The country in 1981 had a population of about 40 million people. Now, its population is more than twice that and Mubarak says the populations will double again by 2050. The huge population already is creating economic problems and Mubarak is urging couples not to have more than two children. Egypt, in the 1990s, had an aggressive birth-control campaign, including TV ads urging use of condoms. It didn't work.



# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Victor Struck, Peggy Johnson's cousin, passed away. Prayers for his family.

Debbie Davis, a friend of Mary Bourland, has recurring cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Loree Lewis, Juanice Wichterich & Ann Gartman's sister, is better.

Demetria & Richard Hawkins, Tommy Bond's niece and her husband, who were killed in PA. Prayers for their 4 children and safe travel for friends and family going to and from the funeral in El Paso.

Barry Ballard, Carl & Betty Ludtke's son, is home and continues to improve.

Flora Roe's daughter - the preliminary biopsy is benign.

Paul Shepherd, Carl Burress' step-father, has a heart irregularity.

Charlotte, Carl Burress' daughter, was recently hospitalized.

Search Committee

Betty Wheeler is recovering at home with Epstein Barr Virus. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Bill Gunn was in Harris Hospital last week with chest pain. The cause has not been determined; he has an appointment with a cardiologist. Please pray that this is not heart related.

Mike Tyler, a friend of Bill Sholders, was killed. Prayers for his family.

Susan Gaines, Bonnie DePratter's sister, was bitten by a copperhead and is in the hospital in Austin.

Frank Pace, Bobby Lewis' brother-in-law and friend to many of us, fell off a horse and broke his leg. After surgery, he is recovering at Huguley.

Many of our members are traveling. Please pray for safe travels.

## JOYS:

Thank you to Dorothy Nash for her time working on the gas lease. Paul Holton reported that our church received \$76,731 for an oil/gas lease. Paul also wants you to remember that our tithes and offerings that we pledged to our Lord are still needed.

## Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Donna Jenkins, Nelda Bruce, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee

## WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING FOR NATALIE FINDLEY

Please come to a wedding shower for Natalie on  
Sunday, July 27, 2008  
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Onita Holton's Home  
224 Flagstone  
Burleson, TX 76028

Because of Customs Laws and where Natalie is going to be making her home, we are requesting no gifts - just cards and cash only.

If you have any questions, please call Onita Holton (817) 447-8664.

# YOUTH CORNER



The youth group collects old cell phones as a fund raiser. We will soon be sending in our collection of old cell phones. If you have any old cell phones you would like to contribute, please turn them in by the end of July. Thanks!

The youth group has a variety of cell phone supplies such as chargers, cases, cell phone cover plates, etc. The company does not want these "extras" - in fact, they will charge us a disposal fee if we send them in. We want you to benefit. If you need an "extra" for your cell phone, check with us!

The youth group would like to inform you of a special contest currently underway with the paper recycle. This contest lasts from May until August. If we have a 20% increase from this time period in 2007, 24.97 tons, we will receive \$500. If we have a 25% increase, 26.01 tons, we will receive \$1000. If you have old papers you need to recycle, now would be a **GREAT** time to do it. If you have a really big load that you need help with, contact the youth group and we will see what we can do!



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## Swim Party at Pastor Laura's



It was a bright and sunny afternoon and the pool was sparkling and refreshing. Tessa Cooper's mom, Chris, sat baking in the sun like a content cat in a sunny window. James was a busy swimmer

as usual and the girls crowded around James' little brother, Josh, who does not like the water. All in all, it was a good time. Thanks to Ryan, the grill master, for making tasty burgers and dogs and to the Bourland's who loaned us a canopy for shade in the back yard.



## CAMP NEWS!

- We had all four of our CYF youth members attend the CYF Conference - 100% attendance - YEAH!!
- We had three of our Chi Rho youth members attend Chi Rho camps! YEAH!!
- We will have two JYF members attend camp in July - YEAH!!

If you sent mail to CYF/Chi Rho kids while they were at camp, THANK YOU!! If you would like to send mail to Tessa Cooper/James Odiorne, they will be attending camp July 21-25. Remember to send it early so that it arrives before they are gone. It is also a good idea to use the camper's home address for the return address so that if it does not get there in time, it will go back to their home address. Their camp address is:

Disciples Crossing  
3693 State Hwy. 31 East  
Athens, TX 75752-3991

Tess Cooper and James Odiorne will be leaving for JYF Camp on Monday, July 21. We hope they will be blessed and have a great time and come back with smiles like the rest of our campers have.

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We need your help with Vacation Bible Camp and with the picnic on Sunday, August 10th. Please talk to Pastor Laura for ways that you can help!

