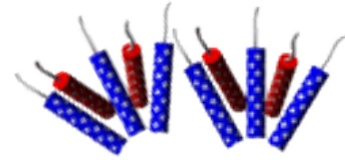


FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

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 summer is flying by at breakneck speed it seems. Before you know it, our kids will be going back to school. I can remember last year how we had our special project to collect and assemble school kits for Church World Service. And of course, I remember my pink hair too! It was a fun challenge and a worthy project. On a local level, many of you have no doubt noticed the Little Red Schoolhouses that have popped up around town. They are visual reminders that it's that time again. It is the time that Harvest House needs help in purchasing school supplies and preparing young people from economically disadvantaged homes to have what they need to get the school year off to a good start. We will probably have a school house of our own where you can donate the routine supplies like pencils and paper, but we've also taken on a special challenge. Alice Bleeker, Director at Harvest House, needs about 40 USB memory drives or sticks for students who cannot otherwise afford them. We have committed as a church to provide these for her. Most places have them for about \$10 (if you find them for less, please call the church office and let us know). They can be found at some really easy locations like Wal-Mart or Target or maybe even your local grocery or drug store. Wouldn't it be great if we met the goal and even had some left over for next year. Also, the School Fair is coming up. This is where children and youth receive the supplies they need and some other services like hair cuts and help learning the financial aid system for high school students looking to go to college. That fair is Saturday, August 16. If you would like to help with the fair, call or e-mail Harvest House. If you helped with Holiday Friends, your background check is probably still valid and it will simply be a matter of getting you connected with an area of need. There will be more information regarding when the USB drives need to be into the church so we can get them to Harvest House on time, but don't wait. Start shopping now and know that even the smallest gift can bless the life of another person. Christ said that faith the size of a mustard seed had power.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

Don't Let Your Offering Take A Vacation!

There's lots of fun Summer traveling going on and as a result, worship attendance takes a little dip here and there. Our church's ministries never take a vacation, though, and they need your continued support. As you make your check lists for what to do to get ready for your trips, please include your contribution to the church on that list, so that it doesn't go on vacation with you. Your continued support and God's continued blessings make our ministries possible!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 20, 2008 -	Early	7
	Traditional	69
July 27, 2008 -	Early	9
	Traditional	77

Offering 7/13/08

Gen. Fund	2,584.63
Build. Fund	1,387.00

Offering 7/20/08

Gen. Fund	1,644.00
Build. Fund	407.00

Offering 7/27/08

Gen. Fund	2,377.00
Build. Fund	582.00

Visitors and Guests



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

Harue Yokeley; Sandy Kemp; Iris Wilson; Carl Burrell; Harper McGowen; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam, Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Lloyd & Kay Cooper; Hernan Argüello; Derek & Trey Sansom; & 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.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to all the people and groups of First Christian Church who contributed to the new computer for Terri's office. It is so much faster than the old one and getting the newsletter out now is so much easier!! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Terri Lester

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

The Vatican has rejected the request of more than 50 Catholic organizations to repeal the ban on birth control.

The groups, headed by Catholics for Choice in Washington, D.C., wants to lift the ban imposed by Pope Paul VI in 1968, saying that the ban has had a catastrophic effect on Catholics, especially in the fight against Aids.

A Vatican spokesman says the accusation is unfounded, that the church is known for its fight against Aids. The groups asking to lift the ban are from America and Europe.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
No Choir Practice ~ On break for summer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

HARVEST HOUSE 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 PPRC Meeting (E)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
No Choir Practice ~ On break for summer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008

9:00 AM Vacation Bible Camp

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
2:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp & Picnic
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Publisher



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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Saturday, August 9th (9:00 am-3:00 pm) and Sunday, August 10th (2:00-4:00 pm with a picnic to follow)

It will be here before you know it. We have many wonderful volunteers who are coming together to make this ministry a blessing in the lives of the children who will attend. If you have a child, grandchild or neighbor, bring them as together we will have many hands on activities that help us learn more about the life and ministry of Jesus. The theme is "Along the Road with Jesus" and features the call of Jesus' Disciples, the miracle of the loaves and fish, and the miracle on Emmaus Road.

If you would like to help, check with Pastor Laura, there are still places where you can contribute your time. And of course, if you wanted to contribute financially you could do that by putting some cash and coin in the designated cross in the foyer or by writing a check and placing a designation in its memo spot that it is for Vacation Bible Camp. If you do nothing else, come to the picnic on Sunday afternoon and see what a blessing this ministry is.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Bobby Barton is recovering from foot surgery.

Darlene Pettis' surgery last Thursday went well. It appears that they got everything. They will do follow up radiation later.

Jody Land is recovering from knee surgery.

Prayers for Arthur Kirby, a co-worker of Ryan Odiorne, who was recently diagnosed with Bells Palsy.

Genna Edmonds had a heart attack, received angioplasty and a stint and is home and doing well. She is thankful for the wonderful treatment she received at the Harris Emergency Room and the Cardiac Center.

H.B. Christiansen, Pastor Laura's grandfather, suffered a mild stroke last week but bounced back quickly and is home and anticipating his 98th birthday next week.

Prayers of comfort for Iris Wilson's son-in-law whose father, Ernest McRae, recently passed away.

Andrew McGee

A friend of Rhonda Janusch had a miscarriage. Another friend may be deployed for a 3rd time.

Search Committee

Vacation Bible Camp

Tommy Kaker will have a colonoscopy on August 11th

Chris Cooper's dad is not well. Mary Cooper is on a mission trip. Please pray for their safety.

Ryan Sholders, son of Bill & Beverly Sholders, & Alexis Chernosky, granddaughter of Bill & Beverly Sholders, had knee surgery. Both are doing well.

Kerry & Karen Moore are traveling. Prayers for safe travel.

Laurie Carroll fell at work and hurt her knee and arm, and may have to have surgery.

Susan English is recovering from surgery.

Don Welch

Betty Wheeler is recovering from Epstein Barr Virus.

JOYS:

Bill Gunn did not have a heart attack, is feeling well, and is grateful for all of your prayers.

Congratulations to Diane Chilton on the birth of her new granddaughter, Olivia Marie Luck, born Thursday, July 17, 2008. Olivia weighed in at 9 lbs. 10 oz and was 20 inches long. Mom (Mindy), Dad (James) and big sisters (Isabel and Elizabeth) are overjoyed!

Kim Lenz, Flora Roe's daughter, celebrates as all her tests have returned a verdict of benign on the cyst that she had.

Happy Birthday to Darlene Pettis who turned the big 5-0 on July 21st. Another big happy birthday goes out to Jean Rubis who turned 80 on that same day! Best wishes to a couple of classy women!

James Odiorne & Tessa Cooper are back from JYF Camp and had a great time!

Jane Ann McGowen's mom is in remission from cancer.

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

PRAY - GOD WANTS THE BEST FOR US...WE JUST NEED TO ASK





DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 pm at Onita Holton's home. Come ready to swim or at least put your feet in the pool.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share, towel, lawn chair and offering. For our service project for Harvest House, please bring body lotion or hand lotion.

We will also celebrate Mary Bryan's Zero Birthday so bring a funny card and donation for a local church need.

If you need directions to Onita's, her phone number is 817-447-8664. Because we will not meet at the church, a nursery will not be provided.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Rae McGowan
8/6 Andy Penney
8/15 Mindy Preston
8/15 Jack Gregory, Jr.
8/19 Jessica Kaker
8/22 James Luck
8/23 Matthew Hindman
8/24 Brenda Land
8/25 Terri Lester
8/28 Imogene Cottman
8/29 Natalie Argüello
8/30 Needra Womack
8/31 Laura Odiorne



AUGUST HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn

Greeters: John & Marion Higginbotham

Acolyte Attendant: Sandra Hay

Communion Preparation: Michelle McCrory

Attendance Books: Lacy McGee

Children's Sermon:

03 Karen Moore

10 Karen Moore

17 Judy Isom

24 Onita Holton

31 Vicki Rubis

Scripture Reading:

03 Bill Gunn

10 Carol Gunn

17 Magunn Carroll

24 James Odiorne

31 Laurie Carroll

Deacon Team: Kim Bonds, Lolly Ellis,

Judy Isom, Ryan Odiorne

Serving at the Table: Steve McGee,

Wayne English

Children's Church:

03 Wayne English

10 Mindy Preston

17 Juanice Wichterich/Peggy Johnson

24 Lacy & Stephanie McGee

31 Diana McGee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:



Trinity-Brazos Area Upcoming Events

- Disciples Men Session 2008, Edmond, OK
- CCSW Disciples Men's Retreat, September 19-21 in Brownwood
- Licensed Minister Training, September 28, 2008 at Rush Creek Christian Church
- Spiritual Life Retreat for Clergy, September 22, November 17, and January 19
- Brown Bay Hospice presentation September 17 and November 12
- Regional Assembly October 17-19 in Fort Worth
- Disciples Transformation Event, Oklahoma City, January 16-18, 2009

This year to date we have given \$1,291.11 to the Trinity-Brazos Area .