

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 6, 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

Summer has felt like a quiet time, to slow down a bit, reflect, spend time on some projects neglected over the school year. Yet this Summer I've been too busy. Before I know it, it will be a new school year and I will be a mother of a middle school student (we used to call it junior high when I was a kid).

Yet before we get to that milestone transition, there is another event in the life of our youth, even our church, that is worth our time, attention, thought, and prayers. Later this month, Steven, I, and some of our youth will be traveling to Indianapolis to participate in the pre-assembly mission event. This is a big group mission trip that has accompanied the General Assembly since 1993.

Back in '93 our General Assembly met in St. Louis and that was the year of the big floods. So, many of our folks went up early and helped fill, move and stack sandbags along the river banks and other areas. It was a way of showing our Christian love to the citizens of the community or city that was hosting our church's bi-annual family reunion and we've continued that ministry ever since.

I had the privilege of attending one of these mission events back in 2001. I took several of my youth from the church in Iowa and some adults and it was an amazing experience. We met adults and youth from Disciples congregations from every state in the country. We slept in a variety of churches that had agreed to host us and we had many diverse projects of compassion, improvement and care going on in the community all at once. I think we had somewhere around 500 people working together at that mission event.

We will be going to Indianapolis: to represent you, to connect with our brothers and sisters in the wider church, to serve God, and to be a living example of the love of God to the people of Indianapolis.

This can be an amazing, even life transforming experience for people. I ask your prayers for those of us that go on this trip. I ask that you begin to pray now for our safety and that God will use us as an effective witness and as ambassadors of reconciliation. Pray that God will bless us and use us to bless the people of Indianapolis. The youth have almost raised enough to cover their expenses for this trip, but if you would like to make a private donation to support such an amazing ministry opportunity, you can check with me to learn of what kinds of support (along with your prayers) we need.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura



PRAY PRAY PRAY

Be a living example, PRAY!

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 12th

12:00 PM

Bring your favorite potluck dish and
join us for good food, fun and
fellowship!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	64
July 5, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	65

Offering **6/21/09**

Gen. Fund	2,520.00
Build. Fund	302.00
May Recycle	23.60

Offering **6/28/09**

Gen. Fund	1,407.15
Build. Fund	682.00

Offering **7/5/09**

Gen. Fund	4,621.25
Build. Fund	697.00
Youth	120.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Shaughn Laye; Todd Hestand; Cobette & Cassidy Riza; Robert Moses; Iris Wilson; Drew Powers; Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Nola & Jacob West; & 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.



CALENDAR CHANGE

The property workday that was scheduled for Saturday, July 25th, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Please watch the newsletter for more information.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS YOU!

Christian Education needs a volunteer to teach the Bible Force class (1st-5th Grades) in August. We already have curriculum that you can use. Please call Cyndy Garrett (817) 295-1936 if you can help. Your service will be greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009

7:00 PM Disciples Women & Men Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Youth to Hurricane Harbor

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Pot Luck Luncheon (FLC)

12:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC) - immediately following luncheon

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

7:00 PM Summer Jam (S)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

6:30 PM JYF Dinner & Game Night (FLC)

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

7:00 PM Summer Jam (S)

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

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

The next Disciples Women meeting will be Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Our hostesses will be Mary Bryan, Linda Cronenberg and Marion Higginbotham.

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments and then stay to hear our guest speaker, Dr. Wayne English.

In addition to his many years of service to our church, Wayne has been leading a Wellness Ministry for our members and guests. This innovative class discusses, teaches and demonstrates techniques to help us maintain a balance of body, mind and spirit.

For this month's service project, bring deodorant for Harvest House. Also bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (cut out with 1/4 inch envelope remaining around the stamp) and your offering.

If you need a nursery for this meeting, contact Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before Wednesday, July 8, so arrangements may be made.

Remember, everyone is invited!



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Richard Edmonds is recovering at home after knee replacement surgery.

Janie Dann had surgery to replace the pain blocking unit that had been placed a few years back.

Onita Holton had surgery on her finger which was broken in 2 places.

Troy Enochs, Penny Enoch's son, has Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

LaVerne McGowen will have a bone marrow biopsy. Continue prayers for health issues.

Mary Rimeriz, Carol Findley's friend, is battling cancer.

People in Honduras because of the political unrest and violence.

The family of Dan Hester who passed away. Dan was Carol Findley's cousin.

Bernice Williams' daughter-in-law's nephew has a rare aggressive form of cancer.

Philip, Betty Wheeler's neighbor has an eye injury.

M'Lee Turner - continuing prayers for healing.

Brian McCrory has diverticulitis.

Sheila Smith, Peggy Johnson's co-worker's wife, had a kidney transplant.

Peggy Johnson's boss is going to Ethiopia to adopt 3 children.

Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes, former youth minister, will have surgery for a recurring growth of a rare skull base tumor located on the jugular vein inside the skull. Carolyn is currently the associate minister at Eureka Christian Church in Eureka, Illinois.

JOYS:

Valerie Stuart has no need for a biopsy at this time.

Chi-Rho camp at Athens.

Blessing of freedom and the privilege of living in this country.

The Gunn's family from Alabama is visiting.

The Ellis' are home following a trip to Colorado and being stuck in Raton, NM with van trouble.

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

YOUTH CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ July 12th-18th Eighter's Camp - Athens, TX
- ⇒ July 12th Hurricane Harbor
- ⇒ July 16th JYF Dinner & Game Night-6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend!
- ⇒ July 25-30 Mission Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana

HURRICANE HARBOR, HERE WE COME!

Hey, youth, don't forget this Sunday, July 12th, is our trip to Hurricane Harbor. We'll meet at the church at 9:45 and leave for the park at 10:00 am. Here's a list of things you'll need to bring: Money for admission \$20 plus a coke can, sunscreen, a brown bag lunch and a drink, a towel, money if you want to share a locker with someone and if you want to buy a snack in the park. We will bring our sack lunches in a cooler that will stay in the van. We will eat at the picnic area just outside the park's entry. We will return to the church at 4:00 pm. You can also bring friends. Please don't bring a cell phone or any other article of value that you wouldn't want to lose. Let's go have a wet and wild time!

