

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, July 9, 2007



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

Yesterday I went with Brenda Land and our youth on the Recycle Round-up. That's always a fun afternoon because the kids love to talk and get silly while they are out on their "Round-Up" and then we gather together at Dairy Twin for dinner afterwards. What added to the evening for me happened when we arrived in the church parking lot following dinner. The McGee's pulled up in their van and Steve hopped out with this big smile on his face and wanted to show me something. They had been to Wal-Mart while we were out and had a van full of school supplies. We laughed and talked about what a wonderful and generous response had occurred Sunday morning, about the ice cream party that I would supply, and about my hair. I haven't yet settled on a shade of pink but it will come later this summer, perhaps unveiled on August 12, when we have our potluck and ice cream and assemble the school kits for shipping.

I was delighted by your response, your playfulness and your generosity, so much so that I had to call and share the story with my mom. We laughed and went on to chat about other things. It's great for families to laugh together and play together, whether they are families of origin or church families. Even more than I enjoy your playful spirit, I am proud to know that because of your generous hearts, 100 children will go to school and be educated. This is a significant gift, and along with our laughter and fun, God is glorified.

Have a blessed week,
Pastor Laura

Last count there are over 1300 Disciples from the Southwest Region registered to attend General Assembly in July at the Fort Worth Convention Center.



2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
JULY 21-25, 2007

Having Assembly in our own backyard will not happen again anytime soon. We have a rare opportunity to attend Assembly as commuters even if we can't attend for the entire time. AND we have a great chance to offer our famous Southwest Hospitality as the HOSTS for our Disciples family from all over the world. Even if we can't attend, we can still register as Prayer Partners as a way to support this church we love.

A new one-day registration is available at the General Assembly. The cost is \$40 and you can register on-site.

You can register on line and get more information at www.disciples.org/ga

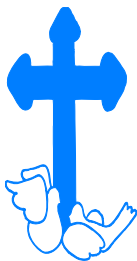
Offering	7/1/07
Gen. Fund	5,546.00
Build. Fund	927.00

Offering	7/8/07
Gen. Fund	2,291.00
Build. Fund	402.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 1, 2007 - Early	8
Traditional	96
July 8, 2007 - Early	5
Traditional	89

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger; & Bob Lee in the early service.

Harue Yokely; Karla Paul; Rosalyn Wilcox; Brett Wibbing; Korbin Carbaugh; Tyler & Austin Mikeska; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Laurie & Magunn Carroll; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Kevin, Kim, Kayden & Kendall Cassidy; Theresa, Elise & Anna Grace Bosma; Charlene Teague; Imogene Cottman; & 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.

Pastor Laura will be attending the Assembly on July 21-25 and will be out of the office. If you have a pastoral need or question, please call the church office and Pastor Laura will respond as soon as possible.

CALENDAR CHANGE

The Fellowship Lunch in August will be on August 12th (2nd Sunday). Since we have had such a wonderful response to the school kit drive for Church World Service, we will assemble the school kits for shipping at that lunch and Pastor Laura will provide the ice cream.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (E)

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 16-20, 2007

Trinity-Brazos Area JYF II Camp

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

12:00 Noon FCC Friends (E)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 21-25, 2007

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FT. WORTH

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship-
Linda McCrae Guest Speaker (S)

12:00 Noon Pot Luck Luncheon (FLC)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

NEW ADDRESSES FOR:

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Bedford, TX 76021
(817) 877-6878 - Cell

Rosalyn Wilcox
1429 Strickland Dr.
Crowley, TX 76036
(817) 297-3593

Steve Storch (Do not use rank)
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The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Continued prayers for Lori Kiper's recovery following surgery.

James Allen, a friend of the DePratter's, is in critical condition following head trauma.

Len Gerstner has been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis.

David Whitworth, Marion Higginbotham's step-brother, is in ICU at Huguley. He is in critical condition.

Sharon Lewis has an upcoming surgery to remove her remaining toes.

Leonard Scheer's grandmother has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Karen Moore's neighbor, Amanda, whose boyfriend was killed in a car accident.

The family of Mike Doocy, a friend of the Pettis family, who passed away suddenly last week.

Donnie Sherrill, Betty Wheeler's nephew, has multiple myelomas.

Midge Heins, Jim Wheeler's sister, is facing loss of a kidney.

Andrew McGee is traveling for leave with family prior to deployment to Iraq.

Allene Haldy moved to a nursing home in Bedford.

Lt. Col. Steve Storch left for a nearly seven month deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan on June 27. Please pray for Michelle and the kids as he serves our country. Michelle is pregnant and will deliver their fourth child while Steve is deployed.

Prayers for the families of our military service men and women who gave their lives in service of their country.

JOYS:

We welcome Rosalyn Wilcox who joins our congregation by transfer of membership from Bible Christian Church in Garden City, Kansas.

Bethany "the fish" Bonds qualified for state in multiple events on her swim team.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Lee Carter, 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:

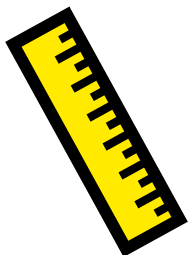
Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, PFC Andrew McGee, SR James McGee, PFC William Gunn

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FALL ROUND-UP!

A GREAT RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PASTOR WITH PINK HAIR?

Pastor Laura issued a challenge to our congregation "to collect enough items for 50 school kits for Church World Service." Well...Sharon Matzner is making 50 school bags, Faye McLaren and Ann Gartman are making 50 school bags, Kathy Welch is providing bins to store the kit parts until our assembling day (Sunday, August 12), individuals are shopping and loading the bins, and the McGee family collected congregational donations and will purchase enough items to meet the "100" kit challenge.

Thanks for the challenge, Laura! I wonder...what would Pastor Laura do if we collected 150 kits? 200 kits? 250 kits? What pictures my mind is drawing???? Congregation...Keep up the GREAT response!!



A MISSION PROJECT DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISCIPLES CAN

Pastor Laura has graciously agreed to see that any canned goods we donate to the General Assembly by Sunday, July 22 get to the Fort Worth Convention Center for General Assembly. These canned goods and other non-perishable food items will be collected in collection bins around the Exhibit Hall. The collection bins will be identified with the Disciples Can, Disciples Share logo. Food will be collected periodically so that there will always be room for more donations. The food will be distributed to food banks in various Metroplex food banks. While you are shopping for your school supplies, you might pick up a canned good or other non-perishable food items. Ask for "paper" and label your paper sack "General Assembly - Share The Feast".

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

All the women of the church and their friends are invited to attend the next Disciples Women meeting on Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 pm in the Education Wing.



Our hostesses for July are Mary Bryan, Beverly Royer, and Beverly Sholders. Juanice Wichterich will present the study and worship.

Remember to bring bar soap for Harvest House, blessing box money (an over and above offering given out of gratitude for blessings during the year), cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village and your offering. If you have a July birthday, be sure and bring a penny for each year since your birth.

If you need nursery for the meeting, please call Sandra Hay at 817-297-9905 before that night so arrangements can be made.

OTHER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday & Wednesday, Aug. 7-8 & Aug. 14-15: Volunteer to work at Harvest House loading backpacks for Burleson's students.

Sunday, August 12:

Assemble school kits for World Church Service (We'll be professional backpack/school kit assemblers by this time).

Sunday, September 30 & October 7:

Reconciliation Offering - Reconciliation is a special ministry of the general church which fights the primary causes of racism in North America. It works with regions and congregations to understand what racism is, and to find ways to identify and eliminate it.)

WINGS (WALKING IN GOD'S SPIRIT)

During the month of July, the WINGS Sunday School class will be meeting with the World Religions class in the Family Life Center.

We will begin our class again on Sunday, August 5.

Thanks!
Jack & Kaye Gregory

THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much for the prayers of my First Christian family and the cards you sent me when I had surgery.

A special thanks to Pastor Laura for visiting us while I was in the hospital.

It was all very much appreciated.

Lori Kiper



POT LUCK DINNER JUST A REMINDER!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR POT LUCK LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, JULY 22ND. LINDA McCRAE WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

DURING WORSHIP AND WILL ALSO BE JOINING US. SO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND COME EAT LUNCH WITH US! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL VICKI RUBIS (817) 295-8263.