

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, June 14, 2010

HAPPY FATHERS



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	8:00 AM
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Youth Fellowship	4:00 PM

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

Friends,

Some of you are aware that the newest members of the PPRC (Flora Roe and Jerry Hay) recently spent some time with the committee's leader, Wayne English, reviewing the tools and resources that are available to them so that they may carry out their ministry in an effective manner and serve to support both pastor and congregation in maintaining a healthy ministry relationship. Healthy communication is a cornerstone to that health. In light of that, I want to share with you a thought provoking newspaper article. It originated in the Honolulu Advertiser but some additional commentary is written by two regional ministers in our church, Rev. Blaisdell of the Northern California/Nevada Region and Rev. Dr. Guentert of the Upper Midwest. I'm giving "my space" in the newsletter for this article. It is good food for thought and wisdom that is applicable in many different places and organizations in our lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Laura

NO NAME, NO BLAME, NO SHAME

By Lee Cataluna, Columnist
for THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER

The pen [and the tongue] is mightier than the sword. There is much good that can be accomplished by a thoughtfully composed letter [and a timely word of critique or counsel]. It can be the beginning of positive social change, the wake-up call somebody needed, the whistle calling a foul.

But there is an important caveat: You have to sign your name [or acknowledge your own comment]. If not, the honor of the action is lost.

There's a reason why the written word is compared to a sword, the weapon of gallantry, the weapon of skill and precision, the choice of a brave warrior. When you fight with a sword, you must look your opponent in the eye. You must let yourself be revealed, vulnerabilities and all. You must be willing to subject yourself to counter-attack by your foe. It is a noble way of doing battle.

Writing [and speaking] that is anonymous is more like a sniper hiding in the bushes, more like a bomb hidden under a parked car, more like terrorism. It is cowardly, no matter the original intent, no matter the validity of the letter's content.

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Offering 5/23/10

Gen. Fund	2,476.00
Build. Fund	372.00
Pentecost	60.00

Offering 5/30/10

Gen. Fund	2,436.00
Build. Fund	875.00

Offering 6/06/10

Gen. Fund	3,219.00
Build. Fund	434.00
CLOTH	10.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 30, 2010 -

Early	2
Contemporary & Traditional	49

June 6, 2010 -

Early	2
Contemporary & Traditional	73

June 13, 2010 -

Early	3
Contemporary & Traditional	68

**Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Diane Moore & Harper McGowen in the Contemporary Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Harper McGowen; Mickey RedShirt; Dale Scogins; Alice Bleeker; Diane Moore; Robin Strodtz; Chrystina Senkel; Nate & Aleaha Woodall; Elsie Reeves; Juan & Ivelisse Morales & family & and 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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010**

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:00 PM	Board Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

6:00 PM	Band Practice (S)
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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010

5:00 PM	Crafter's Fellowship (FLC)
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SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

8:00 AM	Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM	Prayer Group (E)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (S)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship (S)
	No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 21-26, 2010

Chi-Rho II Camp - Athens, TX

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
7:00 PM	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010

6:00 PM	Band Practice (S)
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

8:00 AM	Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM	Prayer Group (E)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (S)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship (S)
4:00 PM	Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010

9:00 AM	Newsletter Published
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(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center

**JUNE HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE**

57 Pounds of Food
\$247.00

Harvest House is still in need of toiletry items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, soaps, etc.

**PRAY PRAY PRAY****GOD LISTENS TO
KNEE MAIL!**

The Power of Prayer



CONCERNS:

Jennifer Spradlin, the Gregory's niece - her cancer seems to be growing. She will have another surgery on June 15th.

Ryan Odiorne's co-worker is doing well with a new kidney. Prayers for the 21 year old donor and his family. Continue prayers for Dalton Grisham and his battle with bone cancer. Strength for Vicki Rubis and her family during this time.

The Barton's have been ill.

Prayers for those traveling.

Prayers for the Gunn's son's family.

Angela Kaker's friend, Luanne, has many medical issues.

Betty Jenkins' husband passed away on June 5, 2010.

Sue Newcomb is continuing therapy for back pain.

Roy Cronenberg is recovering at home after being hospitalized for breathing problems.

Robert Smith, Bill Sholders' friend - continue prayers as he battles throat cancer.

David Jackson was burned and is in critical condition at Parkland Hospital.

John, a friend of Melissa Graham's had gallbladder surgery.

Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes is in Houston at MD Anderson Hospital receiving treatment for a benign, but aggressive brain tumor. She has a web page on caringbridge.org where you can send her messages and keep up with how she is doing. Please keep her, her husband and son in your prayers.

Mike Taylor, Bill & Wilma Taylor's son, has been taken off the ventilator and they will remove his feeding tube soon. He is doing better. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ryan Sholders, Bill & Beverly Sholders son, will have knee surgery.

Mindy Preston's fiancée is considering a job in Atlanta, GA.

Prayers that we will all continue to be faithful stewards of our time, talents & offering during the summer months.

Stephen Burr witnessed a car accident on I-35 on the way to church on June 13th. He and several others pulled the injured man from the wreckage.

Collin Gregory had 2 root canals.

Robby Owen's co-worker, Debbie Forester. She & her family were rescued from a flooded river in central Texas.

Those in Arkansas who lost their loved ones due to flooding.

JOYS:

Rhonda (Johnson) Janusch is her school's coach of the year.

Congratulations to Rodger & Judy Isom who celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to the Men and Women who tied in the Youth Fundraiser.

Congratulations to Roy & Carrie Gartman who were married on June 6, 2010.

Positive changes for the Gunn family.

Pat & Carol Findley are leaving for Honduras for the summer.

Bill & Beverly Sholders granddaughter was baptized.

Diane Chilton is rejoicing in victory over illness.

Bill & Wilma Taylor have been married for 59 years.

James Odiorne is now a teenager!

Tessa Cooper & James Odiorne have 2 camps coming up.

Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, M'Lee Turner, Dalton Grisham, Jennifer Spradlin, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee, Pvt. Logan Wheeler

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People who send unsigned complaint letters, hate mail, critiques or exposés often include a line that says, "I don't want to sign my name for fear of retribution." They're willing to lob a grenade into someone else's life, be it righteous or malicious or vengeful, but they want to drive off into the night unseen and unaffected. [And if this is true of things **written** in secret, is equally true of things **said** in secret.]

If you aren't willing to stand by your accusations, come what may, then don't make them.

While Rev. Dr. Chuck Blaisdell, Regional Minister of the *California North and Nevada* Region was vacationing in Hawaii, he noted in the local newspaper, *THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER* a column about a local scandal regarding the fire department, and how the use of anonymous letters, in the author's view, was dishonorable. She said it so well that he recommends the first half of the article be utilized in orientations with *Pastoral Relations Committees* to talk about the insidiousness of the church permitting "anonymous complaints." It is reprinted for your edification above.

The bracketed phrases are the additions of Dr. Richard Guentert, Regional Minister of the *Upper Midwest* Region, to broaden the scope of the piece to address the dysfunctionality of verbal statements also camouflaged in sick secrecy.

SCRAPBOOKING FELLOWSHIP CHANGES!

We will still meet at the same date and time (third Saturdays starting at 5:00 pm - June 19th is the next one) ***BUT*** instead of being just for scrap bookers, we want to widen the invitation to include all crafty people. If you scrap, stamp, make cards or jewelry, do knitting or needlepoint or even quilting, and you'd like a group of people to come and fellowship with while working on your favorite hobby (or if you want to come and maybe find a new one), you are invited! We always welcome guests too, so you are encouraged to bring a friend with you. We also ask that you bring a snack to share and drinks are provided. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact Pastor Laura at church or home and she will fill you in on the details.

THANK YOU!

Thank you First Christian Church for the heart felt necklace. I have been looking forward to receiving one for years and am glad it has finally happened. I've been wearing it everyday since I was presented with it.

With Many Thanks,
Gabby Quarzenski

Dear Friends,
What a great weekend! The small kids this past weekend got to come to the church on Saturday and Sunday to participate in Vacation Bible Camp! They learned what heroes do, because this years theme was Hero Headquarters. We taught them to find the hero in themselves and in the Bible! It was a great time and thank you to all who participated!

Steven Burr

UNSUNG SERVANTS

Our church family is blessed with a lot of unsung servants, usually working behind the scenes with little or no recognition or thanks. This series of articles will pay tribute to all the folks who have wrapped a towel around their loins and are washing feet for the rest of us.

Cleaning Crews

During the school year, BISD cleans the part of our facilities that they use and do an excellent job. We hire a cleaning crew that also does a great job cleaning the rest of the church Saturday evenings. We really appreciate these people. There are always extra cleaning jobs that just seem to get done, like cleaning and defrosting the refrigerator in the communion kitchen and washing the communion trays, keeping the choir music in order and the hall by the choir robe closet straight, keeping the bird feathers and nest parts swept from the foyer entrances, bringing a steam cleaner from home and cleaning the foyer carpet, and decorating the restrooms. We have so many thoughtful, caring people who see a need and just take care of it.

Three Cheers! Hip Hip Hurrah! Way to Go! We love and appreciate you!

Darwin and Janell Ford
are pleased to announce
the marriage of their daughter

Lauren Danielle

to

Michael Wayne McGee

Son of
Steve and Diana McGee
on Saturday, the tenth of July
two-thousand and ten
at ten o'clock in the morning

At Our Lady of LaSalette
Catholic Church
1901 South Margaret Avenue
Kirbyville, Texas 75956

Reception to follow



Michael & Lauren

