

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, June 28, 2010



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

Recently I heard through the grapevine of some rumors and speculation that was being passed around among church members as to why someone was or wasn't attending worship regularly. It's unfortunate and unhealthy when that happens. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches", but I don't think he meant for us to be branches for speculation or a grapevine for gossip. In fact, those are the kind of branches that need to be pruned from our vine because they make the vine weak and susceptible to attack from without and within. I know that some of you who read this will know exactly what I'm talking about and others of you will be scratching your heads and feeling a bit puzzled.

A truth we can all understand is that gossip, speculation, and jumping to conclusions are not the prettier parts of what it is to be a human community. Yet we are human, and we're not the only ones to make these kinds of mistakes. However, as people of God, we are called to be striving for the kingdom and that includes self-correction whenever we are doing something that doesn't glorify God or strengthen the body of Christ.

Not long ago, there was some miscommunication and misunderstanding among a small group of folks in the church. Under the wise and capable leadership of our elders, the misunderstandings were brought out in the light and things were cleared up. Those who had been hurt or insulted, no longer felt that way and everyone who had been involved in the miscommunication talked with each other until they reached understanding and peace. Unfortunately, some have chosen to talk about people instead of to them. Others have chosen to assume there is trouble or conflict where it doesn't really exist and use that as an excuse not to come to church (that is, if the rumors I heard are true).

Folks, we are grownups. Most of us are not new to the faith and we wouldn't behave this way in our families at home. So why do we think it's ok to do it here? Open, honest communication is crucial to a healthy faith community. We recognized this 3 years ago when we went through our discernment process. We saw the need and set the goal to move toward healthier patterns of communication in our church family. Sometimes it seems like the old dance where we take one step forward and then two steps back.

Let us, as Christians, challenge ourselves and each other to a higher level of integrity, wisdom and compassion. Jesus said, "by this they will know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another." We have to love each other before we can make an effective witness in the world. Loving each other includes being truthful, honest and forthright. It means we talk with each other instead of about each other. Loving each other means that if you hear of a conflict between two persons in the faith family, you seek to find out how you can be a peace maker, or as Paul put it, an "ambassador of reconciliation". If there is conflict or misunderstanding, it never gets solved by avoiding it. At the very least lift them up in prayer, but don't withdraw and run away. We are called to be a community of grace, with **more** mercy, **more** forgiveness, and **more** compassion than you can get anywhere else in the world. I pray that we will renew our hearts toward that end and toward God's will and God's glory.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor Laura

Offering 6/13/10

Gen. Fund	2,184.00
Build. Fund	917.00

Offering 6/20/10

Gen. Fund	1,999.96
Build. Fund	392.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 20, 2010 -

Early	6
Contemporary & Traditional	78

June 27, 2010 -

Early	3
Contemporary & Traditional	78

**Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger; Helen Ruffin & Austin & Gina Kirscht in the early service.

Caleb Estes; Harper McGowen; Ariel Jorgensen; Ben & Melissa Fambrough & Mike Drybola & family in the Contemporary Service.

Imogene Cottman; Greta Eller; Chrystyna Senkel; Iris Wilson; Dale Scogins; Mickey RedShirt; Caleb Estes; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Marjorie Armstrong; Margaret, Nate & Aleaha Woodall; Mike, Jennifer, Emily, Timothy, Tiffany, Erin & Alexis Drybola; Dwayne & Mayre Lee Norwood & 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.

UNSUNG SERVANTS - CHILDREN'S MENTORS

Children are our future and need to be shown as well as told about Jesus and His Good News! We have an excellent paid devoted nursery lady for our littlest children and babies. Our church also has an abundance of Grandmas and Grandpas available to all the children who attend our church. We have a dedicated group who volunteer to teach Sunday School and some do such a good job that they continued for 10 years! There are some who plan and conduct children's church on a regular basis, and those who help with special events like the Children's Christmas Pageant and Eggstravaganza. Then we have fearless folks that do the Children's Moment during worship (even when they spell Father backwards). Three Cheers! Hip, Hip Hurray! Way to Go! We appreciate all you do for the children and for us!

CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2010**

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

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2010

FOURTH OF JULY!

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

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 Elders' Meeting Today
No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2010

Church Office Closed

MONDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 5-10, 2010

Niner's Camp - Athens, TX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)
7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 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)
12:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (FLC)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

PRAY PRAY PRAY

Prayer is... a condition of mind, an attitude of heart, which God recognizes as prayer.

The Power of Prayer



CONCERNS:

Laurie Carroll's mother-in-law is receiving treatment at MD Anderson.

Marcea Gunn, the Gunn's daughter-in-law, prayers for safety on her trip.

Iris Wilson's daughters are traveling.

Safe travel for all members and friends who are traveling or will be traveling this summer.

Robert Smith, Bill Sholders' friend, lost his battle with cancer. Prayers for his wife and friends.

Wes Williams is recovering at Richardson Tower, Room 304 for rehab following a mild stroke.

JT & Judy, Kathy Welch's cousins in South Dakota, lost everything in a tornado that struck their home. They made it to the basement before the tornado struck, but lost everything else. The brunt of the storm hit JT & Judy's home.

Jennifer Spradlin, the Gregory's niece, further biopsy tests showed new cancer growth. She begins intensive chemo (that will last a year) on June 24th.

A plane accident claimed the life of Tessa Cooper's teacher, Coach Richey and his wife. Prayers for his 2 sons who survived, Kris & Alex Richey, as they recover from their injuries and are with their aunt in Houston.

Collin Gregory asks prayers for guidance for himself and a co-worker.

Lacy McGee asked for prayers for a friend undergoing chemo.

Mike Drybola asked for prayers.

Shirley Pella, a neighbor of the Bourland's, passed away. Prayers for the family.

Chloe, a friend of Deondra's, whose cousin drowned.

James McGee is deployed on a nuclear sub for 6 months. Prayers for him, his wife and child.

Andrew McGee is having difficult times.

Jack & Kaye Gregory are traveling to Missouri and Virginia.

Sue Newcomb continues treatment for back pain.

The Kakers - safe travel on their return trip.

JOYS:

Tessa Cooper and James Odiorne are back after a great time at Chi-Rho II Camp in Athens.

Collin Gregory is going to be the new youth minister at Tiffanies' parents church (North Elevation Church) in Mansfield.

Collin Gregory has a new job with the City of Mansfield, and they will be moving to Mansfield.

Anne English's back procedure was a success and she is free of pain.

Mike Taylor is recovering at home.

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

YOUTH CORNER

Dear Friends,

We've been having a lot of fun at youth, even though with the holidays we have not been able to meet as regularly as we would have hoped. This past week, youth team members Collin and Tiffanie Gregory announced that they will be leaving us to pursue God's call into ministry. We will be sad to see them go, but are excited for the opportunities that Christ is presenting them with.

Coming up soon, we will be going to Hurricane Harbor for a day trip of Friday, July 23, and also a lock-in on Saturday, July 24th. Information on both events to follow.

In Christ,
Steven

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM...

Please join us in the 11:00 am worship service this Sunday, July 4th, as we will celebrate the baptism of Matthew Hindman. Matthew came forward several weeks ago and made his confession of faith. He has attended pastor's class and is ready to make that wonderful step into a life of following Jesus. Matthew is the son of Steve and Beth Hindman and the grandson of John and Marion Higginbotham, and nephew to Brian and Michelle McCrory.



DISCIPLES WOMEN SUMMER MEETINGS

All women of the church and their guests are invited to the next Disciples Women meeting on July 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Our hostesses are Juanice Wichterich and Bonnie DePratter. Juanice Wichterich will present the study and worship. Bring personal items for women for the service project for Harvest House, cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village, Blessing Box money and your offering.

Looking Ahead to the August Meeting:

The Disciples Women annual swim party will be August 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Kathy Welch's home, 213 Hillside Drive West, Burleson. For directions, call Kathy at 817-447-6349. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Come prepared to eat, swim, fellowship and enjoy. Bring your own towels and lawn chairs and **INVITE A FRIEND!**



THERMOSTATS FOR DUMMIES....



O.K., now that I have your attention – over the past 3-4 weeks I have noticed multiple occasions in which thermostats were turned off or set incorrectly. So, I want to clear up some misconceptions about how they work. First of all, on any thermostat (manual or programmable), **NEVER** put the fan switch to on. This will make the fan run without stopping 24 hours a day until someone comes along and discovers the mistake and sets it back to auto. Auto is the proper setting as it will only come on when the heating or cooling unit comes on, and that way you don't burn out fan belts too early, and you don't waste electricity moving hot air around in the Summer and cold air around in the winter. Next, with respect to the programmable thermostats in the sanctuary – **NEVER TURN THEM OFF**. If you override the system with the up or down arrows to adjust the comfort level in the room and then press the hold button, it will stay at whatever temperature you tell it until you tell it something else. When you are ready to leave the sanctuary, simply hit the button run program on the one in the choir loft and it will return to its scheduled program. With the new thermostat behind the organ and keyboard, if you want to override, you push the temp hold button and adjust the temperature with the up and down arrows on the left. When you are finished and ready to leave, hit the temp hold button again and this will return it to its scheduled program. The thermostat is programmed to cool on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday evenings. If it's not a comfortable temperature, it would be better if you tell either Pastor Laura or the property chair, Roy Cronenberg, and we can adjust the settings. Whatever you do, **PLEASE do not turn the mode button to off**. The program cannot turn itself on once you've turned the unit off. If you turn it off, it stays off and the next time a group comes in to use the sanctuary expecting a reasonable level of comfort, they will experience a sauna this time of year. I hope this gives everyone a better understanding of the operation of our thermostats and how to use them without leaving them running or completely shutting them off. This way we maintain a balance between comfort when we need it and good stewardship of our resources by lowering wasted energy usage when we don't need it.



Notes from the Board
BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2010

Below are excerpts from the Board Meeting held on June 16. The full minutes will be posted after the July meeting. A special thanks to Juanice Wichterich for the great job of recording the minutes.

Ministers' Reports: Neither Pastor Laura nor Steven Burr, Youth Minister, were present so LaVerne read their reports. Steven's report mentioned the winter 2010 ski/tubing plans, redecorating of the Youth Meeting Rm., a report on the recent VBS Camp, and a request for the Church paying for Steven's recertification in CPR and first aid classes in the near future. The Board members raised several questions in regard to the ski trip plans and the Youth Room redecoration plans. LaVerne will talk with Steven and request that he attend the July Board Meeting to discuss his report.

Policy Review: Bobby Lewis will notify his committee via e-mail about the meeting, and announce it in the newsletter, so that anyone interested in giving input can attend.

Unfinished & Deferred Reports:

A. Parking Lot Repairs: There was ongoing discussion of what method of repair and how it will be paid with no decision being reached at this time.

B. Membership: Discussion was held with regard to our dwindling membership and attendance, one issue seems to be the mixing of contemporary worship and traditional worship. It was agreed several months ago the two types of worship would be kept separate. It was decided that we should call a special meeting in the next weeks to discuss further.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to talk to a Board member... we want to hear from you. You can reach me at lvmcgowen@netzero.net.

PPRC INFORMATION

It has come to my attention that the majority of our congregation is not aware that our Church has an active Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (PPRC). As chairman of this committee, I realize that most are not familiar with its function or its purpose. Therefore, I felt it important to give a brief description of what your PPRC is all about.

The committee is a small group of six persons who meet every two to three months (or more frequently if necessary) to provide support for our pastor and provide a regular channel of communication for cultivating an open and creative relationship between our pastor and our congregation. It is vital and very important that the committee act as a nurturing, understanding and supportive group to our pastor so that she can feel the trust of the congregation and know that they will be understanding and accepting of her activities which are all intended to help our church.

The committee functions on the basic principles of acceptance, love, trust and confidentiality. By providing a regular means of feedback and sharing, the PPRC should be able to help prevent the development of major crises. But, even though the committee can help serve as an early intervention system, it is not a crises management or decision making body. The committee members are as follows: Jerry Hay, John Higginbotham, Peggy Johnson, Mindy Preston, Flora Roe & Wayne English, Chairman.

We would hope that you feel free to bring your concerns to any one or all members of the committee and your information will remain confidential with the committee. But please remember, to avoid misunderstanding and creating unnecessary rumors, it is important that you sign your written concern and acknowledge or identify yourself if you have a verbal complaint.

Please let me repeat, privacy and confidentiality will be maintained within the committee so that you don't have to fear adverse criticism from members of our congregation.

Yours in Christ,
Wayne R. English, Jr., DO

P.S. We gladly take praises and affirmation to Pastor Laura on your behalf as well!

JULY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Melissa Graham
Greeters: Jerry & Sandra Hay
Acolyte Attendant: Judy Isom
Communion Preparation:
 Marion Higginbotham
Attendance Books: Christal McGee
Children's Sermon:
 04 Wayne English
 11 Melissa Graham
 18 Richard Bryan
 25 Judy Isom
Scripture Reading:
 04 Richard Bryan
 11 Mary Bryan
 18 Deondra Owen
 25 Judy Isom
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
 Lolly Ellis; Deana McCoy
Serving at the Table: Marion
 Higginbotham;
 Steve Rubis
3 to 5 Year Class: Cyndy Garrett
Elementary Class: Angela Kaker
Children's Church:
 04 Mary Bryan; 11 Ryan Odiorne;
 18 Deondra & Robby Owen;
 25 Steven Burr

God Bless America



Land That I Love

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Ky Gregory, Jr.
 7/4 Mindy Luck
 7/7 Dottie Huddleston
 7/9 Natalie Rubis
 7/9 Steven Burr
 7/17 Jack Ellis
 7/17 Sharon Matzner
 7/17 Olivia Luck
 7/18 Richard Edmonds
 7/19 Bernice Williams
 7/19 Tiffanie Gregory
 7/21 Jean Rubis
 7/21 Darlene Pettis
 7/24 Stacey Hay
 7/25 Leann Maxwell
 7/26 Barbara Bond
 7/26 Sophie Graham-Newton
 7/27 Gary Hay
 7/29 Tommy Kaker
 7/30 Caden Vastine



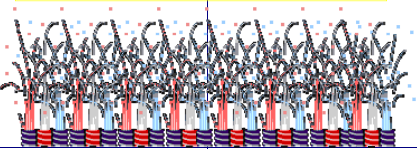


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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July 2010



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		Pastor Laura & family on vacation 7/16-7/26				
25 Pastor Laura & family on vacation 7/16-7/26	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27 Pastor Laura returns to the office	28	29 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S)	30	31