

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, June 9, 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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

What's up with that? Here are some details...We will be doing things a little bit different this year. We will be having our Vacation Bible Camp on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday afternoon, August 10. We will be using a curriculum that chronicles some of the events in the life of Jesus. It is called Along the Road with Jesus. The specific story events and daily schedules have not yet been formulated, but some things will remain the same. We will still need small group leaders, people to lead the opening and closing with music, people to lead craft time, game time, and a storyteller or storytellers. Materials will be provided for all positions to assist them in their areas of ministry. We will likely have kids bring a sack lunch for Saturday, and we'll have a late lunch/picnic of some kind on Sunday and will need leaders for that.

Vacation Bible Camp is a very special summer event however and whenever it occurs. For many of our young children who attend, it is often one of the few chances they have to interact with our church family and to learn and experience the love of God. It is a ministry that takes many people willing to share their time and their love with our young ones but does not require expertise in any particular field. Everyone has an opportunity to serve, and it is my hope that as we draw closer to that time and begin asking for volunteers that you will have already decided to help and will ask how and where you are needed most. When that happens, Vacation Bible Camp will be a success in every way, whether we have 20 children or 200. And wouldn't a big crowd be a wonderful need to meet! Other than this event, our summers are typically very quiet in church life and programming. So let's put our energy, our time, and our hearts into this ministry that can have a positive impact on the youngest among us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

Not long ago, one of the adult Sunday School classes spent a session engaging in theological reflection regarding the issue of immigration. It was lively, faith-based and thought-provoking. The most recent edition of HOME MISSION ADVOCATE (the newsletter from Disciples Home Missions) had a full page spread on the issue of immigration from a theological perspective. To read more about this and other issues you can visit their website at www.homemissionadvocate.com or www.discipleshomemissions.org.

If you have need of an unspoken prayer, or any kind of prayer, please leave a note in the Prayer Basket for the Prayer Group, and we will pray for you in strict confidence.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 1, 2008 -	Early	9
	Traditional	82
June 8, 2008 -	Early	12
	Traditional	77

Offering **6/01/08**

Gen. Fund	2,796.75
Build. Fund	1,170.00
Memorial - Bldg Fund for Sharon Lewis & Mary Louise Pace	100.00

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee & Austin & Gina Kirscht; Debbie Hiller; Robert Hiller; & Lucas Wallace in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Marjorie Armstrong; Lindsay Tucker; Gary & Stacey Hay; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Taylor & Lorraine Steinberg & Aria; Derek, Wendy, Jackson & Kira Perdue; Ed & Karen Willette; Kathy Babitzke; & 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 11, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

No Youth Fellowship-Spend the day with Dad!!

MONDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 16-21, 2008

TBA CYF Camp & Chi-Rho II Camp

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
12:00 Noon FCC Friends (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published



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

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Author Christine Wicker says evangelical churches have been fooling us. She says the evangelical movement is losing members fast.

She writes that the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest protestant church in America, is in decline. She says that if the loss continues, half the SBC churches will be closed by the year 2030.

The second largest evangelical group, the National Association of Evangelicals, claims a membership of 30 million when the figure actually is closer to seven and a half million. Wicker says the conservative/fundamentalist takeover of 30 years ago was supposed to turn the decline around, but it didn't.

She says evangelical churches, like many others, are losing members.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

The Wellness Ministry will meet this Sunday, June 15, 2008, at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center instead of Sunday, June 22, 2008.



PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY

Prayer does not change God. It changes him who prays.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Jim Swan, Marion Higginbotham's brother, is undergoing tests.

Marion Higginbotham received an injection in her shoulder for pain management.

Wilma Taylor is recovering from foot surgery.

Bernie & Mary DeSessa are recovering from injuries and surgery.

Bonnie DePratter's sister and husband rolled a truck while pulling an RV on a trip because of high winds. They are bruised and sore, but ok.

Onita Holton reported that about 400 attended a prom for the disabled on June 6th at the Cleburne Civic Center.

JOYS:

Rodger & Judy Isom celebrated their 39th anniversary.

There were 37 graduates from Crossroads school!!

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, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee

RESOURCES

To find out more of what goes on in the larger church, go to these websites:

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

www.disciples.org

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest

www.ccsww.org

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Trinity-Brazos Area of the Christian Church in the Southwest

www.trinitybrazosarea.org

Week of Compassion

www.weekofcompassion.org

Church World Service

www.churchworldservice.org

Home Mission Advocate

www.homemissionadvocate.com

Disciples Mission Fund

www.disciplesmissionfund.org

Disciples Home Missions

www.discipleshomemissions.org

Global Ministries

www.globalministries.org

Disciples World Magazine

www.disciplesworld.com

The Christian Century Magazine

www.christiancentury.org