

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 12, 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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Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

I was sitting on my back porch enjoying a little of the warmth and sunshine and I noticed a large pot that still had the sticks from last summer's plants in it that I had never cleaned out. Then I noticed some green stuff. My plants from last year were supposed to have died, but they came back. They were alive and ready for a new season of blossoms and beautiful colors.

What at first looked like death, turned out to be the beginning of new life. Does that remind you of something familiar?

I am so looking forward to sharing Easter with you this year. The day of Christ's resurrection is truly one of the most joyous and hope-filled days of all the year. And I think it has special meaning in this time and place. Over the past year you have experienced loss. You have mourned. Some of your pain may have even felt like death and you wondered what would happen to this church that you love so dearly.

I think it is very clear that God has plans for you and is ready to bless you. I think this Easter is extra special as you will be making your way towards newness of life and renewal of faithful ministries in this place. We still have a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal before us, but hang on. Easter is just around the corner!

Blessings,
Pastor Laura

DISCERNMENT HOME MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 18th - 5:30 PM at the home of Ann Gartman

TUESDAY, March 20th - 7:00 PM at the homes of Paul & Onita Holton, Steve & Vicki Rubis, & Don & Kathy Welch (childcare provided at church nursery beginning at 6:30 pm for all meetings on March 20 & 27).

TUESDAY, March 27th - 7:00 PM at the home of Paul & Onita Holton

THURSDAY, March 29th - 7:00 PM at the home of Ann Gartman

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will begin Friday, April 6th, at 8:30 pm in the Chapel. Please indicate your choice for a time to participate on the poster in the foyer.



Offering	2/25/07
Gen. Fund	1,392.23
Build. Fund	562.00
Week Of Compassion	138.00

Offering	3/4/07
Gen. Fund	7,166.00
Build. Fund	777.00
Week Of Compassion	304.00
Memory of Lorene Gibbs	50.00

Offering	3/11/07
Gen. Fund	1,176.65
Build. Fund	357.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 4, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	105
March 11, 2007 -	Early	8
	Traditional	72



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; & Bob Lee in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Harue Yokeley; Zach Ellis; Lauren Traylor; Iris Wilson; Kylie Ehlers; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Mark & Stephanie Preston; Jane Ann McGowen; Leonard & LaVerne McGowen; Kevin Woods; Allen & Maryjane Brady; Dave, Kim, & Shea Pulliam; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Wade Box; Pam Capps; & 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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR LARRY & NEEDRA WOMACK



The Lakes at Cinco Ranch
2855 Commercial Center Blvd., Apt. 824
Katy, TX 77494

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

- 7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007

- 8:15 AM Early Service (C)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
- 5:30 PM Discernment Home Meeting - Ann Gartman's Home

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007

- 3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)
- 7:00 PM Discernment Home Meetings - Holton, Rubis, & Welch Homes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 1:00 PM FCC Friends - Deana McCoy's Home
- 5:30 PM Lenten Supper & Devotion (FLC) (S)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007

- 8:15 AM Early Service (C)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
- 12:00 Noon Youth Fellowship with Pastor Laura

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education
(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel
(FLC) Family Life Center

**BABY SHOWER FOR
Kristie Taliaferro-Gibson
2:00 PM
Saturday, March 24, 2007**

**South Hills Christian Church
3200 Bilglade
Ft. Worth**

Baby Girl: Grace Elise

**Kristie & Grace are registered at Babies R Us
and Target.**



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Bill Sholders has been ill.

A co-worker of Mary Hamilton's is having medical tests.

Chloe McRay, Iris Wilson's 8 year old grandchild, is having brain surgery.

The Ratliff family, friends of the Kaker's, are going through a difficult time and would like prayers for the family.

JOYS:

The Discernment Team/Board meeting was very fulfilling.

James Odiorne's basketball team won the championship.

John Higginbotham got a wonderful doctor's report. It was even better than they initially anticipated following his treatment. He's grateful for prayers and that treatment is done and things are good.

Mary Louise Pace had 2 recent doctor's reports that things are good. The oncologist saw no signs of cancer and the neurologist said there was no need for surgery at this time.

Continued Prayers for

Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Erma Uptgraft, Donna Jenkins, Earl Roe, Sharon Lewis, Nelda Bruce, Mary Louise Pace, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Major Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Pvt. Andrew McGee

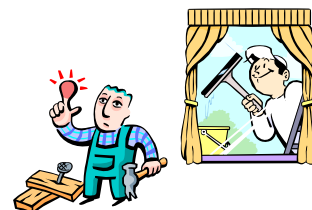
Our own Reservists:

Tina Gregory, Jason Ross

MARCH 31ST - MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Mark your calendar so you won't miss the all church work day on Saturday, March 31st. We will begin at 9:00 am in the Family Life Center. Come share your skills and energy to prepare our church for Easter.



"O" BIRTHDAY PARTY

WHO: Virginia Reinier

WHEN: Saturday, March 17th at 11:30 am

WHERE: Ann Gartman's home
720 Lisa Street
Burleson, TX 76028

Bring a dish for lunch, a funny card, and your donation.

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 5, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trinity Christian Church
6020 Meadowbrook Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Registration Fee: \$15.00/person, \$25.00/couple,
\$8.00/TBA Youth

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or in the church office.

Registration deadline: April 25, 2007
Please add a late fee of \$3.00 after April 25, 2007.



DISCERNMENT TEAM & BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2007

Pastor Laura opened the meeting with a brief purpose statement and prayer. Each participant had an opportunity to voice why they are excited and/or concerned about the discernment process. Completed surveys were collected. The group participated in 4 polarity exercises.

Pastor Laura led the discussion about the small home meetings involving the entire congregation. The following people agreed to host meetings in their homes: the Welch's, the Holton's, the Rubis', Ann Gartman, and the Gregory's. Each meeting will be led by a member of the discernment team. Pastor Laura and Faye McLaren offered to provide child care at the church for the March 20th & 27th meetings. These meetings will be completed before our April 1st fellowship dinner and the Congregational Historical Reflection.

Ann Gartman and Barbara Bond agreed to be co-facilitators for the discernment process, following Larry Womack's resignation. Pastor Laura closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary

CHRISTIAN MUSIC TALENT SHOW

The Kiwanis Club of Burleson is sponsoring the Second Annual Christian Music Talent Show at 7:00 PM on March 24, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Burleson.

The show and talent including vocal and instrumental contestants from 6th grade to 12th grade was very successful last year and this year's should be even better.

Our church has the opportunity to gain community visibility with a full page ad in the talent show program. Kaye Gregory has already designed the ad and the fee is \$150.00 which goes to Burleson High School Scholarship fund. Contributions to defray the cost of the ad would be appreciated. Tickets will cost \$5.00 at the door, but tickets will be free in exchange for a \$5.00 donation.

Please see Wayne or Anne English (817-295-3045) for tickets and contributions.

Wayne English

ANNUAL DISCIPLES MEN RETREAT (SABBATICAL/GET BACK TO YOUR ROOTS WITH GOD)

Begins the week of April 9th and ends on April 15th (dates are loosely defined because some men need more "healing" than others!)

Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Please come for fun and fellowship, worship, golf, fishing, or bike activities, sight-seeing, stories, dominoes, & more "healing" activities!

For more information, please contact Richard Land
817-447-0154 or Richard Bryan
817-295-3390.

TBA DISCIPLES WOMEN SPRING RETREAT

MARCH 23-25, 2007
Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or in the church office.

Registration fee for the full weekend-\$75.00, 1 night only-\$55.00, Saturday only (3 meals included)-\$35.00,
Bedding Fee-\$5.00

For registrations sent after March 12th please add a \$10.00 late fee.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case!