

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 23, 2009



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	8:15 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Youth Fellowship	5:00 PM

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

This past week, I spent a lot of my time and energy caring for and worrying over a sick child. He is okay now and back in school. Thanks be to God. It may seem strange to say (or it may be perfectly obvious to you), but I was somewhat surprised by how drained and exhausted I was after all that stress and worrying.

It's normal to be concerned over a loved one and I wouldn't begin to suggest any of us should or should not worry when the people we care about are hurting, sad or sick. Yet there are many places in our lives and in the world around us where we have little or no control and yet we still stress and worry.

When I reflect on Jesus' instruction not to worry (remember when He talks about the lilies of the field?), I realize that while the obvious theological premise of his instruction is to trust in God, there is another reason not to spend time worrying and stressing over the things we cannot change. Jesus asks the question, "Can worrying add even an hour to your life?" Truth be told, it diminishes our lives. It prevents us from experiencing joy and gratitude. It tires us so that we cannot fully live in the now. Remember the lyrics, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." That is living fully in the now - the gift that God has given us.

For those of us who are struggling with managing stress, let me suggest prayer. Well, duh, I'm the preacher. That's what I'm supposed to say, right? In the act of prayer, we are expressing a belief that God hears, God cares, and God answers us when we pray. Remembering that can bring a bit of solace in troubled times. Along with it, one might add some deep breathing, quiet music and repeat some very wonderful words of wisdom that have helped many throughout the years, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. AMEN."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER!!!!



Actually, his title is Minister to Youth and Children and his name is Steven Burr. Steven is a lifelong member of the Christian Church and grew up around the greater Kansas City area. Steven is a 21 year old junior at TCU and has plans of going to Brite Divinity School following graduation. He has a variety of talents and interests including (but not limited to) music and martial arts. We will have a youth fellowship this coming Sunday, March 29, from 4:00-6:00 pm, where we will have snacks, games, etc. and an opportunity to meet and start getting to know Steven. Welcome to the family!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 15, 2009 - Early	5
Traditional	78
March 22, 2009 - Early	8
Traditional	77

Offering **3/15/09**

Gen. Fund	1,666.00
Build. Fund	842.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger & Tim Romo in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Elvira Serrano; Bill & Vickie Johnson; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Cobette Riza; Greta Eller; Diana-Marie Swinney; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; & 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.

"0" Birthday for Bonnie DePratter

Saturday, March 28, 2009
10:00 AM

Onita Holton's Home
224 Flagstone
Burleson, TX
817-447-8664

Bring a brunch dish, card, money and your self!!

PRAY PRAY PRAY



See God in **Prayer** every day; if we do not, that is the day we go hungry.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

- 10:00 AM "0" Birthday for Bonnie DePratter - Onita Holton's Home

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

- 8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 9:00 AM Relay For Life Garage Sale
- 5:00 PM Youth Camp-Out

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

- 8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Palm Parade (S)
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 11:30 AM Youth back from Camp-Out

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (S)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009

- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (S)
- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009

- 10:00 AM Easter Eggstravaganza (FLC)
- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still having trouble with lights left on in the building, especially in the bathrooms. Please remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room. We also have a couple of jackets in the lost and found. Please call the church office if you are missing one.





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Valerie Stuart was hospitalized for tests.

Laurie Carroll fell on Sunday, March 13th, she is bruised but is recovering.

Fred Rauschuber - please continue prayers.

Kirsten Ruby, a second grader at Wesley Kaker's school, has had 2 types of flu and was hospitalized for a week. She is slowly recovering.

Bonnie DePratter is having pains in her hands and feet.

Doyle DePratter is receiving test results.

Hunter Mitchell, Jack Gregory, Sr.'s great grandson, has been hospitalized with a staph infection on his lip. He is 2 years old.

Billy Gunn & family are traveling to a skiing vacation. Prayers for a safe trip.

Tony White injured his back in a skiing accident. He is recovering at home.

Laurie Dailey, Betty Wheeler's son's fiancé, has MRSA and has a new spot on her leg. Prayers for her healing.

JOYS:

Congratulations to Mary & Tessa Cooper. Both of them placed 5th with their rabbits and they placed 1st with their Shorthorn beef heifers. Mary won Grand Champion Shorthorn beef heifer.

Congratulations to Christal McGee who is a new freshman cheerleader at BHS for next year.

Sixteen people were at the All Church Workday!!

Cobette Riza is visiting from Arizona.

Diana-Marie Swinney came forward on March 22nd to join our church family. She transfers her membership from First Baptist Church in Everman. She has been visiting for several months with the Gunn family.

Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee

GIVE OF YOUR BEST...

At the most recent Board meeting, the Treasurer's report indicated that a few of us may be a little behind on our financial commitments for the year. Summer isn't all that far away and with all the travelling and vacations, giving often drops a bit during that time of year. Let's all make a goal that if we're behind in our giving, we'll do our best to get caught up before Memorial Day Weekend. That way we can all have a strong start to our summer!

YOUTH CORNER

This Sunday, March 29th, we will meet in the Family Life Center from 4:00-5:30 pm for snacks, games, etc. This will be Steven's first activity and it would be great if everyone made an effort to come and get to know him. Also on the horizon, a CAMP-OUT! Yes, tents, wilderness, the whole bit. We'll be camping Saturday, April 4th (beginning about 5:00 pm) through Sunday, April 5th (finishing up around 11:30 am and returning to church to meet up with parents).

There will be much more to come in the near future as Steven begins to get his bearings and activities are planned. Stay tuned for more to come.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of First Christian Church for the generous donation of Wubbanubs. They are much needed and an appreciated item for our babies!



Thank you again for thinking of us!

Barbara Greer,
Director, NICU
Cook Children's Medical Center



John and I would like to thank everyone for all of the recent prayers. We don't know what we would do without our church family. All of the calls, visits and food were greatly appreciated. John is now able to take a deep breath without coughing which is a great improvement! The doctor says the broken bone in my hand is healing just the way that it should. We feel really blessed. Again, thank you all so much.

John & Marion Higginbotham



Many thanks to all those that shared part of their Saturday morning doing repair and maintenance work for our church. You are greatly appreciated. Richard Bryan, Diane Chilton, Roy Cronenberg, Ann Gartman, Jack Gregory, Bill Gunn, Bobby Lewis, Christal McGee, Steve McGee, Bob McLaren, Faye McLaren, Robert Popiel, Flora Roe, Larry Womack & Needra Womack.



Burt Bond
Property Ministry



Dear Laura and Congregation,

Grace and peace to you in this season of Lent and Easter! I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$78.76 given in support of the ministries of the Trinity-Brazos Area. We are grateful for your partnership and continued support of the work we are called to do on behalf of the whole church. We pray that you will find encouragement in Christ during this time and anxiety in our nation and world. God's presence is with us and God will lead us through our difficulties. Please accept our thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely,
Kenneth E. Hall
Trinity-Brazos Area Minister

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

A study of almost 55,000 people by Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut says the number of Americans not belonging to any religious denomination is on the rise. Nationally, the Roman Catholic Church has the most members in the U.S., but that membership which used to be concentrated in New England is now shifting to the Southwest because of the influx of Latino people. In Texas, people who said they were non-Catholic Christians dropped from 68 percent to 48 percent. Nationally, those who say they have no particular religious affiliation rose from 8.2 percent to 15 percent; in Texas from 5 to 12 percent. In summary, churches are losing membership.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/5 Valerie Stuart
4/5 Betty Wheeler
4/5 Richard Land
4/8 Jane Ann McGowen
4/10 Lori King
4/11 Kaye Gregory
4/12 Sue Newcomb
4/12 Karen Moore
4/12 Logan Wheeler
4/13 Cory Land
4/14 Wayne English
4/18 Angela Kaker
4/20 Faye McLaren
4/22 Dorothy Nash
4/27 Lori Kiper
4/27 Kay Cooper
4/28 Joshua Odiorne
4/29 Andrew McGee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Larry Womack

Greeters: Bill & Carol Gunn

Acolyte Attendant: Chris Cooper

Communion Preparation:

Juanice Wichterich

Attendance Books: Beth Hindman

Children's Sermon:

05 Larry Womack

12 Kaye Gregory

19 Onita Holton

26 Vicki Rubis

Scripture Reading:

05 Jack Gregory, Jr.

12 Leslie LaLonde

19 Linda Cronenberg

26 Magunn Carroll

Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,

Laurie Carroll, Rosalyn Wilcox

Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.,

Marion Higginbotham

3-5 Year Class: Leslie LaLonde

Elementary Class: Mary Bryan

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

05 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

12 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &

Barbara Bond

19 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

26 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice		1	2	3	4 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 9:00 AM - Relay For Life Garage Sale 5:00 PM - Youth Camp-Out
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12 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14	15	16 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (FLC) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	17 RELAY FOR LIFE	18
19 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC) 6:30 PM - Wellness Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 AM - Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly-Central Christian Church-Ft. Worth
26 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30		