

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 24, 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

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!!

What a blessing it was to share the Lenten season and Holy week with you. I am honored to be your pastor and to rejoice in the resurrection together. Greatest of all our celebrations was our Sunday morning Easter worship. We had wonderful music and you could feel the energy and joy of the risen Christ present among us.

There were other occasions for celebration as well. On Wednesday, we hosted a community meal and Thursday night, the Choir sang some beautiful music and led the Maundy Thursday service. On Saturday, we held our 2nd annual Easter Eggstravaganza and a good time was had by all who came.

I lift up each of these events for affirmation because they were outstanding models of ministry of the whole body of Christ. People pitched in and worked together, took roles of leadership and responsibility and worked in cooperation in a way that all church ministry should and could be. I would love to affirm each person by name, but there were too many for me to keep track of! As your pastor, it was gratifying for me to see you living out your ministries and to see that there are so many willing and able servants in this church. My main role in these events was of encouragement and a couple of phone calls here and there. You did most of the work - and it was work worth doing, for you were doing it for the pleasure of others and for the glory of the Lord. I am confident that God was indeed glorified!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

Recently you were asked, as individuals, to come up with ideas for ministries that would help us as a congregation live into our discernment goals that were identified last year. You have contributed many good ideas and they are being given careful attention and consideration.

The membership ministry team met recently to consider ideas that had been suggested for their ministry efforts. What follows are areas of ministry that will begin or expand as a result of your suggestions:

1. Membership will work with an existing calling tree that Disciples Women have and expand it so that it may be used to call congregation members for all-church activities like fellowship dinners and other gatherings.
2. A small-group prayers ministry is being formed to pray for the church and God's call in our community. See Ann Gartman for more details.
3. Membership will host a ministry fair in the early Fall in conjunction with one of our fellowship luncheons so church members and regular visitors can become better acquainted with the different areas of ministry within the church and where each one might be called to participate. This will be done prior to the stewardship campaign so that the gifts of time and talent can be offered up at that time as well.
4. Pastor Laura will research materials available and find a tool for a congregation-wide spiritual gifts inventory that we plan to have in January of '09. This will help church members discover areas of God-given ability that can be offered up in the church's ministry and mission.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 16, 2008 - Early	8
Traditional	96
March 23, 2008 - Early	8
Traditional	147

Offering 3/16/08

Gen. Fund	1,754.55
Build. Fund	737.00
Easter Offering	118.00

Offering 3/23/08

Gen. Fund	3,051.00
Build. Fund	712.00
Easter Offering	56.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee; & Austin & Gina Kirscht in the early service.

Harue Yokeley; Greta Eller; Imogene Cottman; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Robert, Cobette, Bobby & Cassidy Riza; Patricia Ferguson; Roy Gartman; Eric, Deborah, Jake & Lauren Wichterich; Iris Wilson; Sandy Kemp; Michael, Ashley & Zack Ellis; Hilda Rushing; Kristi Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Tim, Elizabeth, Ellie & Emily Kirkpatrick; Vernal & Margaret Tolle; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Audrey Gunn; Nicholas & Nevil Williamson; Dea & Lexis Cook; Makenzie Williamson; Phillip, Nicole & Aiden Altimus; & 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, MARCH 26, 2008

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon Men's Chili Pancake Luncheon (FLC)
1:00 PM PPRC Meeting (FLC) (immediately following luncheon)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon Quarterly Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!



Our church will be having Camp Sunday on April 6th.

This is the deadline for turning in forms and money for summer camps this summer. The forms will be in the rack by the youth bulletin board this Sunday. A list of all the camps will be on the bulletin board.

Grand Camp and Discovery Camp have two forms - one for the youth and one for the adult attending with the youth.

I will be available for questions this Sunday!

Brenda Land



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our Easter Eggstravaganza. It was a great success - with fun for all.

Thank you to Richard Bryan for keeping our sign current with all of the events of this past week.

Ann Gartman





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Diane Janusch's mom, Stella, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Diane is a friend of Kim Pulliam.

Prayers for Stella and her family.

Beth Bishop, friend of Carol Gunn, continues cancer treatment at MD Anderson.

Adder Air Force Base was attacked - several were killed and injured. This is Andrew McGee's base, but he was not there at the time.

Prayers of comfort and grace for Diane Chilton, her daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and James, and all the family in the death of Diane's father, Harry Sunderman. Memorial services will be in Ohio. We also pray for safe travel for the family.

Cody Gregory is having intense back pain.

Vicki Rubis' father - surgery

Sharon Lewis - test results indicate kidney cancer. Doctors are still determining the best course of treatment.

Darlene Pettis - continues chemotherapy

George Lackey, a friend of Ron Johnson, was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Gracie Kelly, young daughter of a co-worker of Kaye Gregory, doctors found a large tumor on the back of her head. She will remain in a chemically induced coma until doctors determine the best course of treatment.

Mary Bryan has been sick with the flu.

JOYS:

Christ is risen and lives within us!!

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Donna Jenkins, Sharon Lewis, Nelda Bruce, Mary Louise Pace, 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

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

A federal judge in Fort Worth has ruled in favor of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in a suit brought by a fired woman professor.

Judge John McBryde has dismissed a suit brought by Theology Professor Sheri Klouda who said the seminary wrongfully fired her because it wanted only male professors teaching its students. The seminary said its move was in accordance with Biblical and denominational guidelines permitting only men to be senior pastors. The seminary says it interprets the guidelines to mean that women should not teach in the seminary's School of Theology.

The judge says he cannot interfere in an aspect of faith.

Ms Klouda says she may appeal the ruling.

The Reverend Wade Burleson of Oklahoma, an outspoken blogger and pastor, told readers that the treatment of the professor was unethical and he urged readers to contribute to a fund for the professor's family. He says Klouda's husband is in failing health.

The Roman Catholic Church has asked the Supreme Court of Brazil to overturn a bill which would allow embryonic stem cell research. The church is the largest religious organization in the country.

Yet another religious study shows that 27 percent of "born again" Christians have been divorced, compared with only 25 percent of non-born again Christians. The same study shows that 14 percent of clergy have been divorced and most have re-married. The study says this indicates a softening of attitudes toward divorce.

PPRC MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEN'S CHILI PANCAKE LUNCHEON)

APRIL HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Marion Higginbotham
Greeters: Bob & Faye McLaren
Acolyte Attendant: Carol Gunn
Communion Preparation: Beth Hindman
Attendance Books: Beth Hindman
Children's Sermon:
 06 Rodger Isom
 13 Onita Holton
 20 Kaye Gregory
 27 Angela Kaker
Scripture Reading:
 06 Steve McGee.
 13 Christal McGee
 20 Bethany Bonds
 27 Juanice Wichterich
Deacon Team: Kim Bonds, Lolly Ellis,
 Judy Isom, Ryan Odiorne
Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.
 Clint Bourland
Children's Church:
 06 Ann Gartman
 13 Bobby & Suzanne Barton
 20 Kim Bonds
 27 LaVerne/Jane Ann McGowen

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/5	Betty Wheeler
4/5	Richard Land
4/8	Jane Ann McGowen
4/10	Lori King
4/11	Kaye Gregory
4/12	Karen Moore
4/12	Jennifer Ross
4/12	Logan Wheeler
4/13	Cory Land
4/14	Wayne English
4/16	Jerry Yowell
4/18	Angela Kaker
4/20	Faye McLaren
4/22	Dorothy Nash
4/24	Kim Pulliam
4/27	Lori Kiper
4/28	Joshua Odiorne
4/29	Andrew McGee

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday, April 26, 2008
 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Richfield Christian Church
 4201 Cobbs Drive
 Waco, TX 76710

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Bill Bass from
 Church Extension, Indianapolis

Registration Fee:
 \$12.00 per person
 \$20.00 per couple
 \$8.00 TBA Youth

Registration Deadline is April 10, 2008. The fee after
 April 10, 2008, is \$15.00.

Workshops include: The Courage to Have No Com-
 mittees!; Your Congregation Considers New Begin-
 nings; Unbinding Your Church & Crisis and
 Confusion.

You can pick up a registration form in the
 church office.

In 2007 FCC Burleson gave \$2,846.22 to Disci-
 ples Mission Fund. The Region received
 \$957.10, General Ministries received \$957.10,
 and Colleges, Universities and Seminaries re-
 ceived \$271.08.

For more details on the Disciples Mission Fund
 and where the money goes, please see the bulletin
 board in the Education Wing

DISCIPLES MEN GETAWAY

April 17-20, 2008
 Lake Murray, Oklahoma

Call Richard Land for more details
 (817) 447-0154.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4/6 - HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY		1	2	3	4	5 Garage Sale Fundraiser for Relay for Life - Pending Board approval
6 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 Noon - Men's Chili Pancake Luncheon (FLC) 1:00 PM - PPRC Meeting (FLC) 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry Meeting	7	8	9	10 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	11	12
13 12:00 PM - Quarterly Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)	17	18 Men's Retreat, Lake Murray, OK 3/18-3/20	19
20 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC) Men's Retreat, Lake Murray, OK 3/18-3/20	21	22	23	24 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	25 Relay for Life - April 25-26	26 Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly - Richfield Christian Church-Waco, TX
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