

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, March 26, 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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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

People in Disciples churches often get the willies when the word "evangelism" is mentioned. They often have negative associations with a very confrontational style they've seen either in person or on television. Yet the root meaning of the word is "good news". Evangelism is sharing the good news. It's everyone's call and it's easier than you think. You don't have to have all the answers. You don't have to be able to offer an oral theological treatise or explain all the nuances of Christology, heck, you don't even have to be able to spell the word.

Evangelism, simply lived, is sharing your faith story. While I was away on vacation during Spring Break, Bill Gunn shared a part of his faith story. He shared of a time in his life when God blessed him through what at first looked like a tragedy, but later through what at first looked like a tragedy, but later became something entirely different. That was his story. It is what he knows about his experience of God in his life.

Mary Louise Pace had been asked to share her story but wasn't sure she was ready. Moved by the Spirit, she shared after all. Both stories blessed that worship experience. Those who shared their faith were blessed in the sharing and those who heard their stories were encouraged and inspired.

Now translate that simple act into other arenas of your life - work, memberships, hobby groups, etc. When you have a chance to share with someone how God has moved in your life and affected you - you are an evangelist. And you never know how much you might help another person struggling to learn their own story.

Christ calls us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. That sounds like a pretty big job. But if you start with the people around we'll find that God is in the sharing and even the biggest jobs don't seem so impossible anymore.

Blessings,  
Pastor Laura

## 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.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

We will be joining Hillside-Memorial Christian Church, 6410 South Freeway (I-35W) Ft. Worth, for the Maundy Thursday service. The service starts at 6:30 pm on April 5th, and we will then share a light supper with them after the service.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Good Friday service is on Friday, April 6th at 6:30 pm. Hillside-Memorial Christian Church will be joining us for the service and for a light supper after the service. We will meet in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm to practice for this service.

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Offering</b>         | <b>3/18/07</b> |
| Gen. Fund               | 1,893.25       |
| Build. Fund             | 580.00         |
| Kids Week Of Compassion | 48.35          |
| "0" Birthday-VBS        | 115.00         |

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| <b>Offering</b>    | <b>3/25/07</b> |
| Gen. Fund          | 1,283.00       |
| Build. Fund        | 344.00         |
| Week Of Compassion | 5.34           |

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 18, 2007 - Early 8  
Traditional 78

March 25, 2007 - Early 8  
Traditional 82

### **Visitors and Guests**



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

Greta Eller; Debbie Quesenberry; Grace  
Davis; Jessica Eggleston; Jane Ann  
McGowen; Leonard & LaVerne McGowen; Carl &  
Betty Ludtke; Laurie & Magunn Carroll; Imogene  
Cottman; Harue Yokeley; Lauren T aylor; Rick,  
Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Elizabeth, Katie, &  
Ellie Kirkpatrick; & 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.*

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

HELP!!! We need volunteers  
to help out in our nursery. If  
you would be willing to help  
Lori care for our little ones,  
please call Wilma Taylor (817)  
295-1936 or the church office



to get on the  
schedule. Thank you for your  
willingness to help out in this  
important area of our church.



## **CALENDAR**

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

7:00 PM Discernment Home Meeting -  
Ann Gartman's Home

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2007

Youth Camp Out

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007

9:00 AM Building & Grounds Workday

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

PALM SUNDAY

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 Potluck Luncheon & Historical  
Reflection (FLC)

12:00 Noon Youth Fellowship

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service -  
Hillside Memorial Christian Church

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2007

6:30 PM Good Friday Service (S)  
6:30 PM Youth Lock-In  
8:30 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (C)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2007

10:00 AM Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007

EASTER SUNDAY

CAMP REGISTRATION SUNDAY

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

No Youth Fellowship

### MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education  
(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel  
(FLC) Family Life Center





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Diana McGee has had pneumonia.

Cindy Perkins, Bonnie DePratter's niece, has extremely high blood pressure and her leg is swollen.

Earl Roe

Family of Dennis Key, former Voice of the Elks, who passed away.

Major Steve Storch will be deploying to Afghanistan from June 07 through the first part of January 08. Please keep Steve and his family in your prayers during his deployment.

## JOYS:

Major Steve Storch has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) in the US Air Force. Steve will "pin on" his new rank in approximately 9-12 months.

Steve & Michelle Storch (currently assigned to Hill AFB in Utah) are expecting their fourth baby in November.

## 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

## DON'T FORGET! MARCH 31ST



Don't forget the March 31st church workday. We will begin at 9:00 am and be finished by 12:30 pm and will have a break too! WOW, what a deal!! Come share your skills and energy to prepare our church for Easter.



## BABY SHOWER

Chris and Mary Ann Hamilton's family will grow with the birth of a new son in May. Join us at a baby shower for Tyler Dean Hamilton on Sunday, April 15, at 4:00 pm at Kaye Gregory's home: 525 Berkshire Court, Burleson, 817-295-0009.



Tyler's room theme is Classic Pooh. His room's color scheme is mint green and pale yellow. Tyler is registered at Target and Target.com.

## 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.

**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.

**DISCIPLES WOMEN  
MEETING**

All women of the church  
and their friends are invited to  
attend the next Disciples  
Women meeting on Thursday,  
April 12 at 7:00 pm.



Disciples Men are invited to join us for  
snacks. Our hostesses for April are Bonnie  
DePratter and Lolly Ellis.

Marion Higginbotham will present the study  
and worship and president, Sandra Hay, will  
preside over the business meeting that follows.

Remember to bring toothbrushes for Har-  
vest House, cancelled stamps for St. Francis  
Village and your offering. If you have an April  
birthday, bring a penny for each year of your  
birth and yes, we take dollar bills and no, we  
don't give change.

Need a nursery for the evening? Call  
Sandra (817-297-9905) before that night so  
arrangements can be made.



**SYNOPSIS OF MARCH 15, 2007**  
**BOARD MEETING**

The Board will meet April 10 at 7:00 pm to go over the revised By-Laws with the By-Laws Revision Committee to answer any questions. After the By-Laws are approved by the Board, they will be presented to the congregation for a vote.

**Old Business:**

Nursery needs will be filled with volunteers at present. Plans to redo the nursery are being worked on. Richard Edmonds is getting a bid to have a screen and projector put in the sanctuary. Steve Rubis is filling vacancies on the PPRC Committee.

**New Business:**

Two requests for members to use the Family Life Center were approved. Paul Holton made a motion to keep our outreach giving at 10%, but to change the amounts to 1% to TBA, 1% to Church Finance, 4% to BMAA (Harvest House) and 4% to Disciples Crossing. Cyndy Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Bond, Secretary

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Starting Sunday, April 15, Pastor Laura will lead a six week class on a comparison of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This class is designed to be a new class for adults not already involved in a Sunday School class. There will be a sign up sheet on Sunday, April 1, and Sunday April 8. We will need a minimum of 6 people for the class to meet. After the study of the Gospels, the class will choose another subject of interest for study and discussion. If you are interested in being part of a new class, this is your opportunity to share in the learning and faith development process with others in your church family.

Please sign up or call the church office if you are interested.

**DISCIPLES WOMEN DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 15, 4:00 pm** - Baby Shower for Tyler Hamilton at Kaye Gregory's home

**May 5, Noon** - Zero Birthday Party for Kathy Welch at Bonnie DePratter's home

**May 10, 7:00 pm** - Next Disciples Women meeting at FCC.



### Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 7 • 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Ages: Infant - 5th Grade

Bring your basket and join us for cookies, punch, stories, games, crafts, and Easter egg hunting!

### CAMP SIGN UP SUNDAY IS APRIL 8TH - THAT'S RIGHT - EASTER SUNDAY!!

#### TRI-AREA 2007 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

- **Grand Camp (Brownwood) - May 31-June 2 (TBA)**
- Discovery 1 Camp - May 26-28 (NTA/NEA)
- Young Adult Retreat - June 1-3 (NTA)
- CYF Conference - June 4-9 (NEA)
- Chi Rho 1 - June 11-16 (NTA)
- **CYF Conference - June 11-16 (TBA)**
- **Niner's Youth Conference - June 18-23 (TBA)**
- Chi-Rho II - June 18-23 (NEA)
- **Chi-Rho III - June 25-30 (TBA)**
- CYLS (Brownwood) - June 25-30 (CCSW)
- JYF I - June 25-29 (NTA)
- **Discovery II Camp - June 29-July 1 (TBA)**
- **Eighter's Camp - July 1-7 (TBA)**
- CYF Conference - July 9-14 (NTA)
- Wilderness Camp - July 13-15 (Tri-Area)
- **JYF II - July 16-20 (TBA/NEA)**
- Eighter's Camp II - July 29-Aug. 4 (NEA/NTA)
- Water Sports Camp (Brownwood) - July 26-28 (TBA)

#### HARVEST HOUSE GIVING

| <u>2006</u> | <u>Dollars</u> | <u>Pounds</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jan. 9      | \$60.00        | 43            |
| Feb. 10     | 133.00         | 27            |
| March 9     | 75.00          | 178           |
| April 4     | 99.81          | 51            |
| May 26      | 199.00         | 20            |
| June 5      | 82.00          | 34            |
| July 15     | 127.00         | 40            |
| Aug. 9      | 157.00         | 22            |
| Sept. 14    | 119.00         | 45            |
| Oct. 6      | 91.75          | 54            |
| Nov. 10     | 147.56         | 51            |
| Dec. 7      | 327.11         | 32            |
| <u>2007</u> |                |               |
| Jan. 8      | 110.00         | 32            |
| Feb. 6      | 75.00          | 40            |
| March 12    | 93.00          | 38            |

### Youth Lock-In First Christian Church, Burleson April 6 - 7, 2007



**Who:** Chi-Rho and CYF

**When:** Fri. April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. -  
Sat., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** First Christian, Burleson -  
Family Life Center

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Includes:** Dinner Friday night &  
breakfast Saturday morning

#### Activities:

- Good Friday service
- Marshmallow dodge ball
- Movie
- Midnight meal
- Sign painting
- Sardines
- Easter "Egg"-stravaganza
- Fellowship, fun, games!!!



**Stuff to bring:** Sleeping bag, pillow, a friend  
(or 2, or 3!!)

**Deadline:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

### HISTORICAL REFLECTION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST**

**Following our Fellowship Luncheon  
in the Family Life Center**

We are going to have a time of historical reflection (a timeline of events in the life of First Christian from the beginning to the present time) for our congregation following our fellowship luncheon this Sunday. Please plan on staying and bring your memories to contribute to our walk down memory lane!

This is the next step in our Discernment process.

## THAILAND MISSIONARY GROUP

Monday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in the  
Family Life Center

We have invited Mark & Christa Crawford who have served as missionaries to Thailand to come speak to us and the community in our Family Life Center.

Since 2001, Mark and Christa have served as missionaries to Thailand, first with the International Justice Mission (IJM), and more recently pioneering their own outreach Just Food, Inc. (representing "Justice and Food") and the Garden of Hope, a combined counseling and vocational training center.

When the Crawford's began advocating through IJM for underage girls in forced prostitution, they noticed women over 18 who were caught in the same trap, many times because they lacked other viable options for supporting themselves and providing assistance to their parents.

Living in Chiang Mai, a thriving center of tourism with 3 million plus tourists each year, Mark and Christa assist young women to become skilled in the culinary arts (food preparation, cooking, and baking) for which there is great demand, all the while offering counseling to combat those forces that would lure them back into their former "trade".

With the Crawford's on this trip to the U.S. is Moon, a young woman in her early 20's, who four years ago was rescued from a life of prostitution forced on her at age 13. She has since married, has two children, and with her husband is living a more stable life. In fact she herself recently helped to rescue a 16 year old girl. So has her identity been changed from rescued to rescuer, from victim to counselor. She is along to tell her story to all who will listen.

Please come and bring your friends and family and help us welcome the Crawford's and Moon to our church for this special event.



## APRIL HONORED TO SERVE

**Worship Leader:** Bill Gunn

**Greeters:** Tommy & Angela Kaker

**Acolyte Attendant:** Kathy Welch

**Communion Preparation:** Cyndy Garrett

**Attendance Books:** Lori King

**Children's Sermons:** Mary Bryan

**Scripture Reading:** 01-29 Responses

**Deacon Team:** Paul & Onita Holton,  
Steve & Vicki Rubis

**Serving at the Table:** Jack Gregory, Jr.,  
Clint Bourland

**Choir Director:** Bill Sholders

**Children's Church:**

04 Kim/Bethany Bonds

11 Mary Bryan/Christal McGee,

18 Vicki/Natalie Rubis,

25 Kara Meller/Stephanie McGee

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Jessica Sisco
- 4/5 Betty Wheeler
- 4/5 Richard Land
- 4/7 Gabby Quarzenski
- 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 Robby Spears
- 4/27 Lori Kiper
- 4/28 Joshua Odiorne
- 4/29 Andrew McGee

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## April 2007

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                  | Thu                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                                        | Sat                                            |
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| <b>1 PALM SUNDAY</b><br><b>HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY</b><br><br>9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E)<br><br>12:00 Noon - Potluck Lunch & New Member Recognition/Historical Reflection                         | 2                                                   | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4                                                    | 5<br><br>6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday - Hillside Memorial Christian                       | 6<br>6:30 PM - Good Friday Service (S)<br><br><div>8:30 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil</div> <div>6:30 PM - Youth Lock-In</div> | 7<br>10:00 AM - Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt |
| <b>8 EASTER SUNDAY</b><br><br>11:00 AM - Camp Registration<br><br>No Youth Fellowship                                                                                                             | 9<br><br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published             | 10<br><br>3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)<br><br>7:00 PM - Board/By-Laws Comm. Meeting                                                                                                                                              | 11                                                   | 12<br>7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E)<br><br>7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C) | 13                                                                                                                         | 14                                             |
| 15 12:00 Noon-Discernment Team Meeting with Hillside-Memorial (FLC)<br>4:00 PM - Baby Shower for Mary Ann Hamilton-Kaye Gregory's Home<br>4:00 PM-YAC Meeting<br>5:00 PM-Youth Sunday Preparation | 16<br><br>7:00 PM - Thailand Missionary Group (FLC) | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 18<br><br>1:00 PM - FCC Friends - Deana McCoy's Home | 19<br><br>7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)                                                  | 20                                                                                                                         | 21                                             |
| 22<br><br>5:00 PM - Youth Sunday Preparation                                                                                                                                                      | 23<br><br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published            | 24<br><br>3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 25                                                   | 26                                                                                     | 27                                                                                                                         | 28                                             |
| 29<br><br><b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b><br><br>4:00 PM - Youth to The Gathering                                                                                                                             | 30                                                  | <div>Regular Sunday Activities:<br/>8:15 AM - Early Worship<br/>10:00 AM - Sunday School<br/>11:00 AM - Traditional Worship</div> <div>Regular Wednesday Activities:<br/>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM - Choir Practice</div> |                                                      |                                                                                        |                                       |                                                |