

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 9, 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

I have always loved the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. Although written several hundred years ago, it is timeless. It is just as relevant for Christians today as it was when it was written. St. Francis prays that God will use him to bring light, hope, peace and forgiveness into the lives of others. The second half of the prayer goes something like this, "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be forgiven as to forgive....for it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

It is so easy to get wrapped up in our small corner of the world, our schedules, our needs, our wants, etc. When we do, we wear blinders that prevent us from seeing the places and opportunities all around us where God is calling us to serve. I know there are times when I am asked to help with a project or task and I feel some reluctance, inconvenience, and even sometimes a little resentment comes creeping in. Yet when I set my face towards honoring God, and I go and do what I am called to do, I discover once again the truth in St. Francis' prayer.

Never have I felt more grace, mercy and even relief than when I could truly forgive another person and let go of the burden of anger and bitterness that I had been carrying around. Never have I felt more love than when I was giving it away. Never have I felt more blessed than when I knew I was doing something to bless the life of another human being. We experience the greatest joy, reward and fulfillment when we give ourselves away, out of love of Jesus and for the glory of God.

Keep your eyes open and your ears tuned to discover the places where God might be blessing you with the chance to serve.

In Jesus' Name,
Pastor Laura



PRAY PRAY PRAY

Prayer is love on its knees!

WELCOME

We welcome Steven Burr who was called to become our new Minister of Youth & Children on Sunday, March 8th. We look forward to working with Steven and seeing how God will use him to work in our fellowship.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 1, 2009	- Early	6
	Traditional	81
March 8, 2009	- Early	5
	Traditional	83

Offering **3/1/09**

Gen. Fund	5,457.45
Build. Fund	1,102.00
CLOTH Fund	60.00

Offering **3/8/09**

Gen. Fund	1,843.64
Build. Fund	312.00

Visitors and Guests



Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Gary & Stacey Hay; Alesha Aulds; Brenda Robertson; Nicholas Williamson; Gabie Simpson; Michael Drybola; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Imogene Cottman; Steven Burr; Ariel Jorgensen; Rachel Terrill; Jim & Peggy Burr; & 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.

MARCH HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



\$159.00

46 Pounds

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

9:00 AM Church Wide Property Work Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

7:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

PLEASE NOTE

**SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS FOR
SPRING BREAK
MARCH 16-20**

Pastor Laura will be working from home during the break and will be available and accessible for pastoral needs (817-295-5538). Terri will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday and will have normal office hours. The church office will be closed on Wednesday-Friday.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY!



Be sure to make room in your schedule for the All Church Workday on Saturday morning, March 14th. We will meet in the Foyer at 9:00 am and be finished by 12:00 noon.

**THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND
EVERYONE IS NEEDED!!!**





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Joyce Logan, Iris Wilson's cousin, passed away. She was from Anderson, Texas.

Larry Jordan, Tina Gregory's grandfather, passed away in Orange County, California.

John Higginbotham is recovering at home after being hospitalized for a lung infection.

Jim Kincade, Linda Swan's friend, passed away.

Continue prayers for Doyle DePratter.

Dale Walker, a friend of Ronnie Johnson's, is recovering from surgery.

Jim Odiorne, Ryan Odiorne's father, had pacemaker surgery on Tuesday and is now recovering.

Mary Tableman, Chris Cooper's mom, has cellulitis and congestive heart failure. Prayers also for Chris' father who is exhausted.

Valerie Stuart has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Juanita, Bonnie DePratter's sister's sister-in-law has stage 4 cancer.

Jane Ann McGowen's niece lost her 20 year old husband unexpectedly. He leaves 2 small children.

Fred Rauschuber, former BISD Superintendent, will have heart surgery.

Deana's stepfather has prostate cancer. Deana is a friend of Chris Cooper.

Michelle Sholders, the Sholders' daughter-in-law, had a stress test.

M'Lee Turner needs to build up blood before she can begin chemo.

JOYS:

M'Lee Turner's cancer has not spread to her lymph nodes.

Dick Nash is better. Thanks to the whole church family who visited with Dick this last month.

Everett Preston turned 7 years old on March 1st!

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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED....

If you would like to learn how to operate our computer and projection program for worship and serve on rotation for the audio visual team, please let Pastor Laura know and she will arrange training for you. You will also have a chance to shadow or partner with an experienced team member prior to your scheduled Sunday to serve.



A HELPFUL REMINDER

Whenever you have questions, concerns or praise to pass on to the daycare, Paul Holton is serving as our liaison. Share them with Paul and he will address them with the daycare leadership in a timely fashion.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

The next Disciples Women meeting will be this Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Barbara Bond, Mary DeSessa & Ann Gartman will be our hostesses for the evening. They send a special invitation to Disciples Men to join us. The study and worship will be lead by Mary DeSessa. Remember to bring lotion for Harvest House.

If you need a nursery for the evening, please call Diane Chilton at (817) 426-6194 by Wednesday so arrangements can be made.

Order Your Easter Lilies Today



Use this form to order your Easter Lilies today from Needra Womack or turn in to the church office. Lilies are \$10.00. Orders must be turned in by March 22nd.

ORDER FORM FOR EASTER LILIES

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

_____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____



Order form with check must be turned in to Needra Womack or the church office by March 22nd.

THANK YOU!

Since I volunteer at Cook Children's Hospital, I received a request for donations of "Wubbanubs" pacifiers for the NICU. A Wubbanub is a pacifier permanently attached to a little animal (duck, pony, puppy) that keeps the pacifier right at the infants mouth. They are very helpful in the NICU because they don't fall out of the infant's mouth and out of their reach. Newborns naturally clutch their hands to their chest, keeping the Wubbanub in place. Thanks to the generosity of the Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Wednesday Morning Bible Class and Onita Holton, we were able to purchase 65. They have been received at Cook Children's Hospital. The nurses in NICU send their thanks!



Larry Womack



NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

David Plotz, a mostly non-observant Jew, is publishing a book next week that has already attracted both praise and criticism. Plotz realized he knew very little about the Jewish Bible, so he started reading it, usually a couple of verses a day, from beginning to end. The book is his take on the various stories in his Bible. For example, the story of Samson and Delilah: 1. Women are deceptive and heartless, and 2. Men are too stupid and sex crazed to realize this.

Plotz, to his credit, does not claim any credentials and readily confesses his ignorance.

Religion Writer Lisa Miller says the Bible of late "has been so mired in who's got it right and who's got it wrong that regular people who don't have a stake in the culture wars have forgotten what a revelation it is to read. It's fun. It's inexplicable. It's dramatic. It's bloody and violent."

Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, says this: "There is humor in the Bible. It's part of life. That's why there is sex in the Bible. There wouldn't be life without it. There's bad parenting in it, dirty politics and faith." Eisen says that Christian or Jew, the worst thing you can do is leave the Bible on the shelf, thinking that someone else may have a better or smarter idea about it. The best thing to do is read it. After reading, ask questions, argue and talk.