

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 11, 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

A few days ago I was e-mailing with our Church Treasurer, Peggy Johnson. She expressed some concern about a dip in giving that occurred during April. It's not uncommon for us to experience a dip in giving during the Summer vacation season, but this was earlier than usual and gave her cause to worry.

I am taking my article in this newsletter edition to encourage us toward faithful and consistent giving. If you filled out an estimate of giving card during the stewardship campaign, do your best to stick to it. If you didn't fill one out, but usually give - keep up a consistent pattern of giving, as best as you are able.

I know the news that we watch on television or read in the papers or on the internet can cause a certain amount of stress and anxiety. We might be tempted to hold on to our money in case of emergencies. Yet at the height of the Great Depression back in the 1930's both attendance and financial giving went up in churches across the country. There are indicators that the rise in attendance is beginning to happen again. It is my hope that the increase in giving will occur as well. I hope that, not because I want our church coffers to be brimming and running over. I hope that, not because I know it will ease the concerns of our Treasurer and Stewardship Committee. I hope that increase happens here because it will be an outward display of an ongoing and inward trust in the Lord to be present with us in all things, at all times, and that with the grace of God we can be stronger than any storm we face in life.

So, show your commitment to the church's ministries. Show your trust in God. Keep up your giving. When you are getting ready to go out of town for vacation or you know you won't be in church on a certain Sunday, send a check in the mail or drop it by during the week. You can even arrange an automatic draft from your account with your local bank.

I'll be gone this coming Sunday, May 17 and I wrote my family's offering check and put it in the treasurer's box before I even wrote this article. If you've gotten behind in your giving, try to catch up - even if it's in \$5 or \$10 increments over your regular giving until you make it up. It makes a great difference in empowering our church's ministries and you will feel better also. If you've gotten so far behind that you don't think you could ever catch up, don't let that stop you from giving altogether. Wipe your slate clean and start fresh. Don't worry about the past - just go forward.

There is a certain practical reality that our giving of our financial means pays utility bills, staff salaries, supplies for worship, education and the like. Yet the appropriate focal point for us is to recognize our giving as a response to what God has already done for us through his Son. It is a response of gratitude for God's grace and faithfulness and an expression of trust that even when the future is unclear, you know God will be with you, with us, all the way.

The peace of God be with us all,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 3, 2009 -	Early	8
	Traditional	59
May 10, 2009 -	Early	11
	Traditional	90

Offering **5/03/09**

Gen. Fund	2,915.00
Build. Fund	940.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Ariel Jorgensen, Nancy Hollinger; Stephanie Skiles; Donovan & Caleb Estes; Jim & Dodie Odiorne; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Mikaela Sholders; Hyla Finlayson; Derek, Wendy, Jackson & Kira Perdue; Imogene Cottman; Perry & Marilyn Stout; Derrick Sansom; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Ken & Kevin McGowan; & 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.

WELLNESS MINISTRY



We are reassessing our Wellness Ministry Program and will welcome any comments or suggestions. Please come to the next meeting on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

You can also call Wayne English (817) 295-3045 if you have questions or need further information.

MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



50 Pounds
\$103.00



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Graduate Tea & Recognition (FLC)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

7:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009

MEMORIAL DAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS



This month's meeting has been moved to our old meeting time of the third Thursday night of the month, May 21st, at 7:00 pm. In June we will resume our new meeting schedule, which is the second Sunday of the month after morning worship.

DIRECTORY CHANGE



Lt Col Steve & Michelle Storch & family will be moving to Fort Bragg, NC as of June 1st. Their new address will be:

Lt Col Steve & Michelle Storch
7671 Firethorn Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28311



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Chelsea Wheeler, Betty Wheeler's granddaughter, is having tests.
Chance Kaker continue prayers. He will be in a wheelchair for a while.
Mary Bryan had surgery for a detached retina.
Laurie Carroll has an ear infection.
Peggy Johnson has had respiratory problems.
Nelda Boots had a colonoscopy.
Lacy McGee totaled her car, but she is ok.
Caleb Estes' friend's father has pain in his back.
Triston Spradlin, the Gregory's great nephew, tested positive for flu.
Jennifer Ross has left for a 4 month deployment to Iraq.
Tommy Kaker's mom had a heart attack.
Steven Burr has the stomach flu.
Bill Taylor's aunt passed away and his uncle recently had a heart attack.
Larry & Needra Womack as they move to Florida.
Safe travel for the Storch family as they leave Hill AFB in Utah for their new assignment at Fort Bragg, NC in June.
Wanda Fletcher's daughter passed away. Wanda is a friend of Leslie Lalonde.
Brianna, Leah Voss' friend, cracked her shin.
Jim Williams, Sandra Hay's uncle, had a lesion removed from his lung. Pray for God's healing and a good report from the pathologist.

JOYS:

Kurt Wheeler, Betty Wheeler's son, was married.
Larry & Needra Womack are traveling to Pensacola, Florida for Larry's new job. Prayers for a safe trip.

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for the cards, e-mails, phone calls, flowers and especially for your prayers while I've been home recovering from surgery. It's wonderful to have so many thoughtful, caring friends and I treasure each of you.

Flora Roe



Dearest Church Family,

Words are so inadequate. Thank you so much for all you have done for my family and me. Jim's service was a blessing beyond description to everyone who was there and more. The food was outstanding, as always. So many of Jim's family and friends came to me with very good things to say about the service and dinner. But best of all were the hugs. I look forward to many more of those. God bless each and every one of you.

Betty Wheeler

Friends,

As most of you know, this is my first letter to all of you. I would like to first thank you for everyone being so gracious towards me being here. It means so much to know that I am being accepted in this new environment. There are exciting things coming in the youth department!

First, I would like to tell you all a bit about myself. I am a student at Texas Christian University (GO FROGS!!), and I intend to continue on to Brite Divinity after I graduate. In my free time, I enjoy playing the guitar and rocking out on my drum set. I have also been known for pulling the occasional practical joke. Also, I enjoy taking my girlfriend, Ariel (who many of you have already met), out to movies and dinner when I can afford it.

Saturday, May 30th, we will have a lock in!! We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm. If anyone would like to be a chaperone, shoot me an e-mail, and I'll be happy to plug you in!

Grace and Peace,
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HELP!

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YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF OUR BUILDINGS AND THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS USING THE CHURCH FACILITIES. IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE BUILDING, LOCK THE DOOR AS YOU LEAVE. DON'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT LOCKING SOMEONE IN THE BUILDING. ANYONE LOCKED IN CAN USE THE FIRE EXITS TO GET OUT. DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL LOCK THE DOOR, THAT DOESN'T WORK....IF YOU HAVE A KEY....LOCK THE DOOR....IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A KEY, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE THAT DOES AND ASK THEM TO LOCK THE DOOR. IF YOU DON'T WANT A KEY, PLEASE TURN IT IN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED HELP IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM.

**BURT BOND
PROPERTY CHAIR**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP - WOO HOO!!!

It's that time of year again, almost. Our Vacation Bible Camp, "God's Brave People" is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th and Sunday afternoon, June 14th with a closing program and picnic like last year. We will be holding our first planning meeting for VBC on Sunday, May 31st after morning worship. So, if you signed up to help with Vacation Bible Camp at the Ministry Fair back in January, or if you didn't sign up, but are willing to help, then come to the meeting on the 31st in the Family Life Center. If you can't make that meeting, but would still be willing to help, e-mail the church office so we can plan to include you in this very special ministry opportunity!



GRADUATE TEA AND RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 17th

Immediately following morning worship

**Come join us as we honor our graduates,
Mary Cooper and Stephanie McGee.
We will have a money basket for donations
and cards.**



DISCIPLES WOMEN

The next Disciples Women meeting will be this Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Cyndy Garrett and Wilma Taylor 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 Ann Gartman. Remember to bring body powder for Harvest House. Don't forget that Blessing Box money is also due.

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

