

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 12, 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

I was excited in yesterday's worship service by the willingness to respond and have an "interactive" message time. Your responses carried with them strong hope for the future and the belief that God can work through this congregation for God's great glory.

Conversations are engaging and energizing. Now it's time for us to take this energy and put it to work. Keep your church family in prayer. Over the next few weeks we will be considering taking some next steps and new directions for the church's ministries. Pray that we will make decisions based on faithfulness to God's will and to that vision that we shared during our Pentecost service.

With anything new, there will be times when we wish to look backward and cling to that which is familiar. But I've heard it said that, "The only way forward is forward." Wise words.

Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Laura



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING Sunday, May 4-May 18, 2008

The Pentecost Offering is split between the national New Church ministry and the Regions, supporting new church planting and development.

Churches spread God's good news to a hurting world. Gifts to support new church development are key to our worldwide mission.



First Christian Church's 2008 Graduate
Reception will be held on May 18, following
Morning Worship, in our Family Life Center.

Join us as we celebrate Lacy McGee's
High School Graduation.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

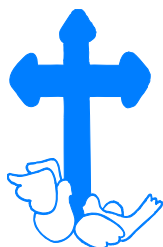
May 4, 2008 -	Early	9
	Traditional	74
May 11, 2008 -	Early	8
	Traditional	81

Offering **4/27/08**

Gen. Fund	2,403.25
Build. Fund	624.00
Bldg Memorial-Mary Louise Pace	90.00
Bldg. Memorial-Sharon Lewis	125.00
Kroger Share Card	32.12

Offering **5/4/08**

Gen. Fund	4,209.00
Build. Fund	1,300.00
Bldg. Memorial-Sharon Lewis	275.00
"0" Birthday-Faye McLaren	20.00
Pentecost	30.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Harue Yokeley; Greta Eller; Sandy Kemp; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Imogene Cottman; Stacey Hay; Nancy Hollinger; Kristi Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Perry & Marilyn Stout; Sandra, Kurt, Jacob & Leah Voss; Jason, Kim, Ryan, Andrew & Joel Lenz; & 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, MAY 14, 2008

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon Graduate Recognition (FLC)
3:30 PM Youth Fellowship - Standing In The Gap
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
12:00 Noon FCC Friends (Foyer)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Officials of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa say enrollment is down since a scandal resulted in the resignation of President Richard Roberts. And officials say several students have transferred to other colleges. The former president and his wife were accused of using university funds to maintain a lavish life style, including giving scholarships to the children of friends, financing a political campaign, shopping sprees, and the purchase of a stable of horses for their daughter - all the while the university was 20 million dollars in debt.

It appears that a battle is shaping up between groups who want churches actively involved in politics and others who want churches to steer clear of politics. The conservative Alliance Defense Fund wants churches nationwide to defy IRS rules about involvement in politics. The fund says it has recruited about 100 pastors who promise to defy the rules so that the fund can bring suit against the IRS.

The IRS says churches can distribute voter guides, run registration drives, hold forums on public policy and invite politicians to speak. But it says churches may not endorse candidates or conduct activity designed to be for or against a candidate. Violation risks fines and loss of tax-exempt status.

The Americans United for Separation of Church and State opposes the move and says it will notify the IRS of any pastor who violates the rules. The Alliance fund says the pastors all should violate the rules on a single date, September 28th.

The U.S. Statistical Abstract says there are about 350,000 churches in the United States, each enjoying not paying



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Anne English - melanoma of the eye.

Paul Holton is recovering from outpatient surgery and returned to work Monday.

Mike & Jean Rubis traveled to PA to see Mike's mom, Goldie.

Joe McDowell

Bob McLaren begins radiation May 13th.

Cyclone victims in Burma. Pray that relief will reach those who need it.

Richard Ogden received a clean bill of health from MD Anderson.

Barry Ballard is in rehab.

Gayle McCool, Bill Gunn's sister, is doing very well following her emergency appendectomy.

Marcus Smith, a student at Crossroads, is out of his coma.

Rodger Isom will have a heart cath on May 14th.

Navae Ledbetter passed away. She has been on our prayer list.

Kerry Moore was in Huguley Hospital with numbness and pain in his chest, arms and neck. He will have a stress test this week to rule out heart problems. He is home now.

Judy Isom is having back problems.

Storm Victims

JOYS:

Andrew McGee is home!!!!

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Donna Jenkins, Nelda Bruce, 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

MORE NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

In 2000, school officials in Plano told an eight-year old boy he couldn't hand out pens to fellow students describing the Christian origin of candy canes. His parents sued and a judge ruled that the district could not prohibit the boy from passing out the pens.

In 2007, the Texas legislature passed a law saying students can convey their religious beliefs on campus and at school events.

Now several Jewish students and parents are saying they have been harassed because they refused to take New Testaments from a display set up by Gideon's International, a non-denominational group that has visited several Plano schools in recent months. Jewish parents say confrontations over the New Testaments has created an uncomfortable situation for their children. The school administrators say they can't keep out the display because of the court order in 2000.

United Methodists have ended their international meeting in Fort Worth with a vote against same-sex unions and the ordination of gay and lesbian clergy. The meeting apparently has failed to settle lingering divisions. At its end, two Methodist women from Chicago staged a "union ceremony" attended by several clergy and delegates. Earlier, the conference permitted a demonstration by 300 gay men, lesbians and their supporters on the floor of the conference. Nearly a thousand Methodists from around the world attended the 10-day meeting.