

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 21, 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

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm

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NOTES FROM PASTOR LAURA

You've been hearing more and more lately about the General Assembly which is in Fort Worth this summer. This is a gathering of our church that happens every two years. It occurs in various parts of the country and it is a time when the church gathers together to consider matters of faith and living (that's the business part). It is a time when we gather to learn from each other and grow in our walk of faith (through workshops and other learning opportunities). It is a time when the family comes together to worship God with one united voice raised towards the heavens. This is the part that lifts me up the most. There is an indescribable power that comes from gathering with 7 or 8 or 10 thousand people, all from your church - and singing together, praying together, and gathering around the Lord's Table together. It's kind of like a family reunion, only better. I encourage you to go to the denomination's website www.disciples.org/ga and click on the links for the Assembly. The theme is "Share the Feast". There you will find information about all that I've mentioned above. If you can come, do it. It will be an experience of a lifetime. If you can only come for a day, there are ways to do that also. That too will be a blessing. There are also ways that you can volunteer in different areas of the Assembly and links on the website for how to do that too.

My first Assembly was in Tulsa, OK in 1991. It was considered a time of controversy and I did experience some of that, but I will tell you my most powerful memories were those of worship, of experiencing in a very tangible way my place in the larger body of Christ and of the church. There's nothing quite like singing the Hallelujah Chorus with five thousand other people! It is something that I look forward to this year. I'll be volunteering to help with communications. It is my hope that you will come and "Share the Feast" with your brothers and sisters, that you will pray for them as they prepare for this family reunion and that you will celebrate your place in the larger body of Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Laura



2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
JULY 21-25, 2007

Early Registration ends June 1st

You can register on line and get more information at
www.disciples.org/ga

Offering **5/13/07**

Gen. Fund 2,308.25

Build. Fund 572.00

Offering **5/20/07**

Gen. Fund 1,543.00

Build. Fund 332.00

April Recycle 72.93

Easter Offering Total \$202.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 13, 2007 - Early 7

Traditional 112

May 20, 2007 - Early 9

Traditional 70

**Visitors and Guests**Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee; & Austin
& Gina Kirscht in the early service.Kelly McCroy; Lauren Traylor; Brenda
Kirschbaum; Imogene Cottman; Nevil
Williamson; Stacey Ewing; Carl & Betty Ludtke;
Laurie & Magunn Carroll; Andy & Kristin Prather;
Gina & Robyn Lively; Stacey & Gary Hay; Frank
& Patti Pace; Perry & Marilyn Stout; Grady,
Shannah, & Zander Pace; Dave, Kim, & Shea
Pulliam; Kurt Sandra, Jacob, & Leah Voss; Iris
Wilson; Greta Eller; Harue Yokeley; & 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.***NEW ADDRESS FOR:**

Effective June 1, 2007

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CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

12:00 Noon FCC Friends (E)

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2007

Grand Camp - Brownwood, TX

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007

9:00 AM VBS Set-Up

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007**HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY**

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon &
Youth Fellowship (FLC)

6:15 PM Vacation Bible School

MONDAY-TUESDAY, JUNE 4-JUNE 5 2007

6:15 PM Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

6:15 PM Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

6:15 PM Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

(C) Chapel

(S) Sanctuary

(FLC) Family Life Center

HARVEST HOUSE UPDATEApril Harvest House Offering: \$159.00 and
67 poundsMay Harvest House Offering: \$107.00 and
27 pounds



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Our sympathy to Rae McGowan in the loss of her Aunt, Erma Uptgraft who passed away on May 9th.

Betty Naler, Carol Gunn's sister, has multiple health issues.

Bob Collins, Wilma Taylor's brother, passed away on Friday, May 11th. Wilma will be flying to Georgia on Monday for his service.

NaVae Ledbetter has complications after surgery.

Ricky Brown, Jr.'s dad passed away suddenly.

Tommy Ameson, a student at Joshua Sr. High, was hit by a car.

The Hunter family - 36 year old brother of Paul Holton's co-worker died of a heart attack. He leaves behind a wife and their first child is on the way.

Lavell Bailey, Jean Rubis' brother, will have surgery this week.

James Rubis, Mike Rubis' brother has multiple health issues.

JOYS:

Congratulations to Collin Gregory who received his Associate of Arts from Hill College on Thursday. He graduated Cum Laude.

Tuesday, May 22nd, is John & Marion Higginbotham's 36th wedding anniversary and it has been 24 years since his emergency by-pass surgery. They are on vacation.

Chance Kaker's baseball team won the Little Heroes Tournament in Dallas last weekend.

Congratulations to Chris, Mary Ann, & Cierra Hamilton in the birth of their son and brother. Tyler Hamilton was born on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 12:04 pm. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 11 oz.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Lee Carter, Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Erma Uptgraft, Donna Jenkins, 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, Pfc. William Gunn

Synopsis of May 17 Board Meeting

Misty King will be using the Family Life Center on June 3rd, following our Fellowship Lunch for a presentation to the congregation on the Invisible Children of Uganda.

The Discernment Team is meeting Tuesday, May 22, to discuss their community interviews, go over results of past work and congregational meetings and start formulating some goals.

The proposed By-Laws were approved and will be sent to the Region Lawyer to check before they go to our congregation for final approval.

Steve Rubis will be contacting BISD about negotiating the contract for use of our facilities for their daycare.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary

Dear FCC,

Thank you to my Christian Church family for the cards, letters, and visits. Special thank you to Onita Holton, Juanice Wichterich, Ann Gartman, & Faye McLaren for all the wonderful food. I hope to see you soon and God bless you!

Bonnie DePratter

THANK YOU!

Just saying "Thank You" seems hardly adequate in expressing my appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and loving words of comfort from everyone on the death of my husband, Earl. You made a difficult and stressful time easier to get through. My family and I were especially appreciative for the Bereavement meal as it allowed out-of-town family and friends a time and place to gather after the Memorial. I'm truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.

Flora Roe



AVALANCHE RANCH NEWS!!

JUNE 3-7 - 6:16 PM - 8:45 PM

If you are working VBS, we need your background check form as soon as possible.

Avalanche Ranch is a western theme. If you have wagon wheels, pails, rope, cardboard boxes, Christmas trees, old wooden fence panels, old lumber, wooden barrels, etc. that we could use for decorating, please contact Onita Holton (817) 447-8664.

Decorating will begin Sunday and continue through the week. If you would like to help, please contact Onita Holton at the above number.

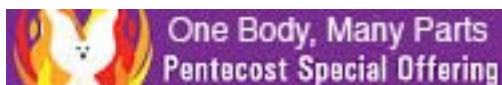
VBS music CDs are available for \$7.00. They will be available at the VBS registration table Sunday.

We need a BUNCH of PAPER grocery bags. If you shop at a grocery store that offers paper bags, (or FasTaco) please save them for VBS. Thanks!

If you are not able to assist with VBS, you can still help! 1. We covet your prayers! 2. There will be sign-up sheets for items needed for VBS. Even if you are helping with VBS, you are still allowed to sign up to bring items!

Invite your friends, friend's kids, neighbors, neighbor's kids, your kids, grandkids, co-workers kids, etc. We want the chance to minister to **LOTS OF KIDS!!**

Feel free to stop by and see the excitement even if you are not able to work VBS.



PENTECOST – for new church development, divided equally between the region in which the offering is received and general new church ministry.

Gifts made through the Pentecost Offering directly support new Disciples faith communities, providing for assessments, training, coaching, project funding, congregational materials and extensive assistance that help new congregations at the beginning of their life cycle.

The Pentecost Offering directly supports the development of new churches all across North America and in every region. Half of the offering remains in the region from which it originates, usually going directly to new church plants. The remaining half supports the work of this movement across the life of the church, with training, coaching and other church-wide efforts to empower new churches. Like the early church, God calls us to respond faithfully to those who seek God. Today's Disciples are called to support the new church movement with new levels of commitment and enthusiasm!Truly we are not given a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Rather we bear witness that we are children of God.

HARVEST HOUSE SUPPORT

In the first quarter of 2007, Harvest House has given food, clothes, and financial assistance 765 times to 436 families. It is because of the generous contributions from FCC and other churches in the area that allows them to provide services to people in need.

Their board of directors has recently designed levels of giving for the churches who support them. We are currently at the Bronze level which means that we have made over \$500 in contributions to Harvest House. We are only \$136.51 from moving up to the Silver level, which is \$1,500 and up in contributions. The next level is the Gold level, which is \$2,500 and up in contributions.

Thank you First Christian Church for your generous support of Harvest House. It is this continued support that makes it possible for Harvest House to accomplish their goals and provide assistance to those who most need it.

JUNE HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Burt Bond

Greeters: Richard Edmonds, Angela Kaker

Acolyte Attendant: Kim Bonds

Communion Preparation: Vicki Rubis

Attendance Books: Clint Bourland

Children's Sermon: Richard Land

Scripture Reading:

03 Marion Higginbotham

10 Cyndy Garrett

17 Michelle McCrory

24 Bill Sholders

Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,
Joe & Linda McDowell

Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash,
Marion Higginbotham

Choir Director: Bill Sholders

Children's Church:

03 Kim/Bethany Bonds

10 Mary Bryan/Christal McGee

17 Vicki/Natalie Rubis

24 Kara Meller/Stephanie McGee

Nursery Assistant:

03 Kathy Welch

10 Jody Land

17 Carol Gunn

24 Wilma Taylor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Jason Meller

6/1 Meghan Wells

6/1 Paul Holton

6/2 Pat Findley

6/5 Landon Wheeler

6/12 Anne English

6/13 James Odiorne

6/19 James Wheeler

6/20 Doyle DePratter

6/22 Roland Salzman

6/23 Judy Janzen

6/25 John Van Cleef

6/26 Janie Dann

6/26 Wesley Kaker

6/28 Don Welch



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice			1	2
3 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 Noon - Fellow- ship Luncheon & Invisible Children Presentation (FLC)	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School - June 3-7 6:15 pm - 8:45 pm					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published			7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)		
	Trinity-Brazos Area CYF Conference - June 11-16					
17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! 	18	19	20	21	22	23
			12:00 PM - FCC Friends (E)	7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)		
	Trinity-Brazos Area Niner's Conference - June 18-23					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12:00 PM - Youth Fellowship with Pastor Laura	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published					
	North Texas Area JYF I Camp - June 25-29					
	Trinity-Brazos Area Chi-Rho III Camp - June 25-30					