

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 26, 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

There is much to consider this coming Sunday. We will meet as a congregation and choose whether or not to disperse funds to purchase a new copier for our church office. This will provide reliable, basic technology for our administrative needs.

Also on the agenda is a proposal to amend the church budget to fund a part-time position for a Youth and Children's Minister. It may seem that we don't have many youth on a particular Sunday, but at the lock-in on Friday, we had 10 youth who gathered for fellowship and fun. That could be regular gathering and even larger with a minister focusing on working with our youth and expanding our children's ministries.

When it comes to spending the church's money, I am more conservative than some might think. At the same time, I am firmly convinced that if all we do is take every extra penny we have and put it into savings, we'll wind up with an empty sanctuary and a full savings account. I am not a proponent of big, expensive building projects done under the theory "If you build it, they will come". Yet I do know that in the absence of a person whose focus is on building ministry and relationships with our children and youth, those ministries will not grow.

I do not advocate for a youth minister from a survival perspective. My concern is not getting new people in with kids so that they can help meet a budget or replace the ones who come to an age where they can no longer serve in the church's ministry. First of all, as long as you're breathing, you can serve. Secondly, ministry is about faithfulness, sharing the gospel story and transforming the world, one life at a time. My life was transformed by youth ministry, my home church youth group, youth pastor and church camping experiences. It is through those that I first felt a strong sense of belonging in the body of Christ. It is through those that I learned how to serve and lead in ministry, and it is through those ministries that I first discerned my own call to ordained ministry.

Not everyone who comes to youth group will become a minister or church leader, but their lives will be touched and forever changed because they came. Please keep Sunday's meeting and its potential effects in your prayers this week.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION

MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2008

7:30 PM

BURLESON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 18, 2008 - Early	7
Traditional	68
May 25, 2008 - Early	8
Traditional	92

Offering **5/11/08**

Gen. Fund	1,844.00
Build. Fund	514.00
Pentecost	155.00

Offering **5/18/08**

Gen. Fund	1,931.00
Build. Fund	867.00
Pentecost	4.00
Bldg. Memorial	40.00
Sharon Lewis & Mary Louise Pace	
April Recycle	80.12

Offering **5/25/08**

Gen. Fund	2,086.00
Build. Fund	592.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Sandy Kemp; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Juan & Ivelisse Morales & family; Evelyn Carrasquillo; Robyn Lively; Kristen Prather; Iris Wilson; Mark & Emma Albertson; Alicia & Kim Albertson; Gene & Eileen Albertson; Ruth Ann Easter; Jack Mills; & 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.

If anyone needs a walker or a bedside toilet, or knows of someone who does need these items, please call Bobby Lewis (817) 295-4170.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2008

Will Graham Celebration - BHS

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting (S)
1:00 PM PPRC Meeting - immediately following
Congregational Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008

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 Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Did you know that our denomination creates a monthly magazine filled with church news and information, thought-provoking articles and other resources? Well, they do, and it's called *Disciples World*. For the next couple of Sundays, we'll have a copy of *Disciples World* on display in the gathering area outside the sanctuary along with brochures about how to become a subscriber. And if you don't want to wait until then, simply go to www.disciplesworld.com to find out more.



PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY

Ask God to show us how our church can serve Him. Let us be a part of what He wants to do next!



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Larry & Needra Womack in the sudden death of Needra's brother, T.E. Norton, this past weekend.

Rex Schardein, a co-worker of Mary Ann Hamilton, growths have been found on his liver, pancreas and brain.

Prayers for healing and strength.

Nola West, daughter of Bill & Carol Gunn, is having a rough recovery following surgery last week.

Laurie Carroll is needing follow-up testing following a recent mammogram.

Gayle McCool, Bill Gunn's sister, there was cancer on the appendix that was removed. Family and doctors are deciding the best course of treatment.

Jerry Hay has been having chest pains and awaits results of recent stress test.

Nelda Boots needs continued prayers for her rehabilitation following hip surgery.

Prayers for Kenneth Coby and family, a co-worker of Ryan Odiorne, Kenneth's brother was recently murdered.

Prayers for friends Becky and Jerry, both of whom had husbands pass away recently.

Geoff & Cindy Harman, friends of Iris Wilson, are in Atlanta for treatment of Geoff's prostate cancer.

JOYS:

Congratulations to James Odiorne for making a perfect score on both his Reading and Math TAKS this year.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, 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

Recently I made a playful remark regarding someone's health during our prayer time in morning worship. As a person of faith, I believe neither life nor death should be feared as both are in the hands of God. After that particular service, however, I began to reflect and realize that perhaps that time of sharing of concerns, joys and needs needed to remain reverent for some. I want to assure you that I take my intercessory prayer responsibility very seriously and did not intend to come across as flippant or uncaring. If anyone was offended, I ask your forgiveness. I do, on occasion, insert my size 9 foot into my size 8 mouth.

Thanking you for your grace and love,
Pastor Laura

*You are invited to the
graduation of*



Lacy McGee

from Burleson High School on

June 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM at

*Daniel Meyer Coliseum
Texas Christian University in
Fort Worth, Texas*

Many of our church family will be fortunate to be a part of the upcoming gas lease agreement. Some of you already have. I would encourage you to consider tithing from that as a gift to the church, just as you might if you got a refund on your income tax from the IRS. Anytime we have a financial blessing, sharing a portion of it is a great way to give thanks to the giver of all our blessings.

Pastor Laura

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Jason Meller
 6/1 Paul Holton
 6/2 Pat Findley
 6/5 Landon Wheeler
 6/12 Anne English
 6/13 Cyndy Garrett
 6/13 James Odiorne
 6/16 Cierra Hamilton
 6/19 James Wheeler
 6/19 LaVerne McGowen
 6/20 Doyle DePratter
 6/25 Mary Ann Hamilton
 6/26 Janie Dann
 6/26 Wesley Kaker
 6/28 Don Welch



JUNE HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Burt Bond
Greeters: Tommy & Kim Bonds
Acolyte Attendant: Diane Chilton
Communion Preparation: Beverly Sholders
Attendance Books: Carol Gunn
Children's Sermon:
 01 Angela Kaker
 08 Ryan Odiorne
 15 Richard Bryan
 22
 29 Faye McLaren
Scripture Reading:
 01 Suzanne Barton
 08 Vicki Rubis
 15 Chris Cooper
 22 Brenda Land
 29 Jody Land
Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis,
 Doyle DePratter, Rosalyn Wilcox
Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash, Steve Rubis
Children's Church:
 01 Ann Gartman
 08 Bobby & Suzanne Barton
 15 Kim Bonds
 22 LaVerne/Jane Ann McGowen
 29 Diana McGee

DON'T FORGET OUR CHURCH CAMPERS!



Chi Rho II - June 16-21
 Christal McGee

CYF Conference - June 16-21
 Mary Cooper
 Jody Land
 Lacy McGee
 Stephanie McGee

Chi Rho III - June 23-28
 Bethany Bonds
 Richard Pettis

JYF III - July 21-25
 Tessa Cooper
 James Odiorne



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

All the women of the church and their guests are invited to attend the next Disciples Women meeting on June 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. This month's hostesses are Betty Wheeler, Juanice Wichterich, and Bernice Williams.

The study and worship will be presented by Barbara Bond and Cyndy Garrett.

The business meeting will follow. Remember to bring toothbrushes for Harvest House, cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (cut out with only 1/4" envelope around the stamp), blessing box money and your offering. If you have a June birthday, bring a penny for each year.

If you need a nursery, call Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before that night so arrangements can be made.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 30-June 1	Will Graham Celebration (BHS Stadium)
June 8	Sandwich Luncheon following 11:00 am worship (Noon)
June 8	Wellness Ministry (6:30 FLC)
June 15	Father's Day
July 10	Next Disciples Women Meeting
September 14	Dessert Auction (Noon)
October 31-November 2	Our Retreat in Athens

Dear Minister & Board Chair,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We want to share with you the challenge that lies ahead for the Trinity-Brazos Area churches. We would like to encourage you to support the Area with a prayer chain or prayer group through the summer to help the T-BA discern how God will lead us into the future.

There is not income to support the T-BA operating costs, and the reserve funds will be exhausted by the end of June. We challenge you in your prayers to lift up the financial needs and ministries of the Area church:

- Communication with the church at large
- Search & Call for ministers, Camping programming & planning
- Leadership Training events
- Pastoral care for your church's ministers
- Crises & Conflict intervention for churches
- Support for Disciples Crossing (our campground in Athens)
- Disciples Ministry Center (Riverside building) and its future ministries.

Jerry Jett, Elder
First Christian Church, Temple
Representative to T-BA Board

Celinda Hallbauer
First Christian Church, Temple
Moderator, T-BA

Let us be in prayer as to how we can support our Area Ministry as they support us.



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June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 Noon - Congregational Meeting (S) 1:00 PM - PPRC Meeting (FLC)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 12:00 Noon - Sandwich Luncheon (FLC) 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11	12 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (FLC) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	13	14
15  No Youth Fellowship	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	20	21
	Trinity-Brazos Area CYF Camp & Chi-Rho II Camp - June 16-21, 2008					
22 No Youth Fellowship	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26	27	28
	Trinity-Brazos Area Chi-Rho III Camp - June 23-28, 2008					
29	30	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 6:45 PM - Choir Practice				