

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 7, 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

Dr. Laura Odiorne, Interim Pastor

E-Mail: pastor@fccburleson.org

Telephone:

817-295-4123

Fax:

817-295-0750

Terri Lester, Secretary

E-Mail Address: terri@fccburleson.org

NOTES FROM PASTOR LAURA

Some of you have met my mom. She lives in Waco and recently worshipped here during a visit. She is my champion, my cheerleader, my mentor, my mommy, and my friend. When I have been at my lowest, she loves me with all her heart and reassures me that I am someone created in God's image and worthy of love. When I have made some pretty big mistakes in my life, she has been there to support and love me, not to fix them for me, but to encourage me to learn and grow as a person through them. No matter where I've gone or what I've done, she's never turned her back on me. I've always felt loved, worthy and wanted in her eyes. I haven't had many people in my life to love me that unconditionally, but I am so blessed to have her. In some ways, I'm taking advantage of this article to express my love and appreciation for my own mother, as Mother's Day approaches, but I also want you to think of the person in your life who loves you completely. Perhaps it's your mother, a mother figure, or someone completely different. Whoever it is, they are a gift, given to you out of the heart and love of God. And in many ways, that person is the love of God itself, manifest in a way you can see, feel and touch. I plan to say thank you, to God for giving me a mother and good friend. And I plan to say thank you to my mom, for her love and faithfulness. I know I don't do it nearly often enough.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

NORM IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Thank you to all who attended our norm identification workshop Sunday. Your comments, concerns and ideas are valuable input to our process. The outcome of our session is that our top priorities of concern are with conflict resolution, stewardship, and how we relate with newcomers.

The Discernment Team will meet Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 pm in the Education Building. Please come ready to report on your community interviews, and begin setting some goals for the direction we feel God is leading our church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

**Immediately following the 11:00 am
worship service.**

**Please plan to stay a few minutes after
worship to discuss the BISD use of our
building for childcare.**

Offering 4/29/07

Gen. Fund	3,387.41
Build. Fund	587.00
Youth March Recycle	65.22

Offering 5/06/07

Gen. Fund	3,886.00
Build. Fund	702.00
Easter	202.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 29, 2007 - Early	10
Traditional	92
May 6, 2007 - Early	8
Traditional	84

**Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Lauren Traylor; Margie Lile; Imogene Cottman; Laurie & Magunn Carroll;

Ann Witte; Nancy Hollinger; Jim & Dodie Odiorne; Dave, Kim, & Shea Pulliam; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Charlene Teague; Harue Yokeley; Donald Whitworth; Kim 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.



Thanks to everyone for all your recycling.

Remember it helps the youth with funds to attend camp, retreats, and other youth activities.

We appreciate your stuff!!

RECYCLE ROUND-UP DATES:

July 8
August 12

CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

7:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (E)

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2007

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

12:00 Noon FCC Friends (E)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007

9:00 AM VBS Training (E)

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM VBS Registration

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

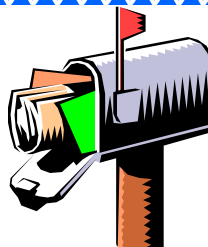
(S) Sanctuary

(C) Chapel

(FLC) Family Life Center



The Youth Department has a collection of cell phone accessories. If you purchase a new cell phone and need a charger, case, etc., please check with us. If we have what you need, we would be glad to provide it for you as a way to thank you for your support of the youth program.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR:**

CODY GREGORY
1773 Popps Ferry Road
Apartment B22
Biloxi, MS 39532



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Mac Gillen, teenage son of Kaye Gregory's co-worker, has cystic fibrosis and pneumonia.

McNeil family at Hillside-Memorial Christian Church.

Len Gerstner - has tumors - still in diagnostic process.

Andrew McGee - pre-deployment desert training.

Rodger Isom - angiogram and stint.

Bonnie DePratter's recovery from foot surgery.

People of Greensburg, Kansas - the town devastated by a tornado.

Flora Roe - Earl's Memorial Service Sunday, May 6th.

Leon & Dee Chesser of Hillside-Memorial Christian Church, their daughter Kristy passed away from cancer.

Laurie Carroll, Gunn's daughter, had storm damage.

JOYS:

Rodger Isom's cardiac catheterization went well.

Grace Elise Gibson was born May 1st at 8:56 pm. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz and was 19" long. Parents are Kristie & Brian Gibson. Grandparents are Ken & Dianne Taliaferro.

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

Our own Reservists:

Tina Gregory, Jason Ross

BOARD NEWS

Synopsis of May 3 Called Board Meeting

The Board voted to take a proposal to the congregation on May 13 for BISD to possibly use our buildings for an additional daycare site for approximately 3 years. If the congregation approves, contract negotiations will begin soon, as BISD will need to make some modifications and be able to start the daycare by the middle of August.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary

There will be a CYF Mission Trip (high school age) coordinated by Trinity-Brazos Area July 9-14, 2007. The cost will be \$125 (housing and meals) plus the cost of transportation. The trip will be to Gulfport, Mississippi to work on hurricane relief. If we have adults interested, please contact Brenda Land (817) 447-0154. If we do not have any interested adults, we will not be able to open this up to the youth members because we have to have adult sponsors to participate.

Share
the
feast

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

20 Reasons for a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Assembly

1. **RENEWAL** - There is re-creative, restorative, regenerative, renovative, and reformatory "happening" that occurs at assemblies of the Church.
2. **PERSPECTIVE** - Assemblies help us experience the Church as being larger than just local expressions. They encourage belonging to something bigger than one congregation.
3. **ENCOURAGEMENT** - There is a new courage to work and witness that is evoked in the human spirit when Christians come together and get excited about their mutual mission and ministry.
4. **UNITY** - Assemblies provide an opportunity to experience unity: 1) unity of focus - which energizes and 2) unity of the Body of Christ - which enriches.
5. **THEME** - Lectures and Bible studies on the "theme" of each Assembly allow for the discipline of journey and discovery that are important to the lives of both individual Christians and the corporate church.
6. **WHOLE CHURCH** - This is one of the few times that most folks get to encounter the congregation/area/region/general expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) all at one time and in one place.
7. **INTERDEPENDENCE** - Assemblies are occasions for discovering all the ways in which each expression of the Church is dependent upon the other for support in truly being "dynamic faith communities".
8. **FELLOWSHIP** - As with family reunions, Disciples love the opportunity to see and talk with other members of the "family" whom they only get to see on rare occasions. Kissing, hugging, and reminiscing are integral ingredients in an Assembly.
9. **EXPOSURE** - It is natural at home to consider issues from one congregation's viewpoint. Assemblies help us encounter a broader perspective and to weigh issues prayerfully.
10. **NETWORKING** - People who have distinctive interests and causes they want to lift up in the life of the Church highlight these through special meal functions and after-sessions during the Assembly.
11. **BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH** - Resolutions, Reports, Study Documents - all provide an avenue whereby the different expressions of the Church may speak with each other, but not for each other. Out of covenant love and respect, the business of the church stretches our consideration of how the Christian faith engages individuals, the church, and the world.
12. **LEADERS** - Perhaps you are interested in a given area of the Church's life...you can meet face-to-face with informed persons who can assist you with the data you need. Perhaps you want to express an opinion...you can meet face-to-face with leaders who are eager to hear our concerns.
13. **DIVERSITY** - Disciples celebrate unity in the midst of diversity. Assemblies are a setting where we are exposed to the variety that exists across our communion. There is a great depth in these differences. It is part of the richness of our heritage.
14. **MISSION WORKERS** - The work of mission is carried out through many organs and instruments of the Body. At Assemblies, we meet these arms of mission, find out what they do, see how they work, and discover how our mission dollars assist these ministries.
15. **WORSHIP & WORKSHOPS** - In meaningful worship services and stimulating workshops, church members can be exposed to new and innovative ideas that they can use back home.
16. **ACCOUNTABILITY** - Through report to the Assembly, the various expressions of the Church are good stewards in accounting for the resources and responsibilities with which they are charged.
17. **GREAT PREACHING!** - People primarily hear the preaching of one minister week after week. At these gatherings, there are opportunities to hear new voices and different presentations of the faith. It affords some variety in your diet!
18. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS EXPLORED** - Workshops, Discussion Groups, Forums - all of these provide study and discussion of topics that are vital to the Christian person and to the Church.
19. **UPDATE** - Assemblies provide a format for resourcing and enriching local congregation's involvement in mission activities all across the globe, as well as understanding more about how Disciples Mission Fund Dollars are spent on your behalf!
20. **FUN!** - The Church can be fun! Assemblies provide moments to laugh together, to rejoice in the Church that God has given us, and to celebrate the many different gifts we have to share together! Assemblies are just plain fun!

*This list was developed by the Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ) many years ago. It has been updated and modified by the Local Arrangements Committee in the Southwest Region.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

The next meeting for the Disciples Women will be Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm in the Education wing of the church. The Disciples Men are invited to share snacks with us before the meeting. Our hostesses are Lolly Ellis, Ann Gartman, and Kara Meller.

Study and worship will be given by Barbara Bond, and a brief business meeting will follow. Remember to bring shampoo for Harvest House, cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village and your monthly offering. If you have a may birthday, be ready to give a penny for each year of your birth.

If you need a nursery for that evening, please call Sandra Hay (817-297-9905) before that day. As always, all women of the church and their friends are invited to attend.



Dear First Christian,

I want to say thank you so much for the generous love offering you gave me for Secretary's Day. I've said many times how much I love working here, but it's so true. You are a special group of people to me.

Thank you for making this the kind of place that I can look forward to coming to everyday.

Terri Lester

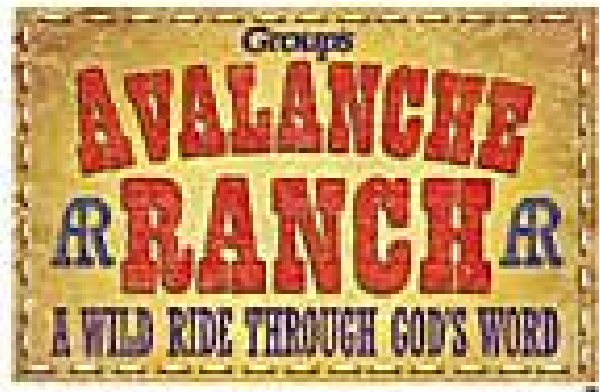
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 19th
9:00 am
VBS Training

Sunday, May 20th
10:00 am
VBS Registration

Saturday, June 2
9:00 am
VBS Set-Up

Sunday, June 3rd-7th
6:15pm - 8:45 pm
Vacation Bible School



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

