

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 23, 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

We are just 6 days away from launching our new Contemporary Worship Service! By the time you read this, it will be even closer. I am so excited for this new ministry opportunity for our church. We've talked about it, hoped and prayed and now it is here. I like using the word launch because ministry is like a boat on the water. Sometimes the boat goes exactly where you steer it. Sometimes you have to let go of the wheel and let the water take you where you need to go. There are always surprises and adjustments and something unseen just over the horizon. May the winds of the Holy Spirit blow! May that spirit guide us, challenge us, surprise us and use us to be a blessing to others, for the glory of God!

Amen!

Pastor Laura

NEW CREATION -

Our Contemporary Worship Service begins this Sunday, November 29th at 9:00 AM. Keep all who lead it and serve in prayer for peace and grace. Pray that God will use this service to change lives and to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Tell your family, your friends and strangers! You never know who really needs that invitation until you give it.



PRAY PRAY PRAY

PRAYER...the original
wireless connection!



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2009
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE MORNING WORSHIP
SERVICE**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 15, 2009 - Early	5
Traditional	91
November 22, 2009 - Early	5
Traditional	71

Offering 11/15/09

Gen. Fund	1,863.50
Build. Fund	737.00

Offering 11/22/09

Gen. Fund	1,237.00
Build. Fund	285.00
Thanksgiving	140.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Marjorie Armstrong; Elsee Reeves; Melissa Pugh;
Mark & Melissa Pate; Larry & Alice Hartman; Jim &
Georgia Sanders; Alex, Kristy & Madison Philips;
Margaret, Nate & Aleaha Woodall; Melissa Graham;
Laura Cate & Sophie Graham-Newton; & and 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 YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thursday, December 31st
7:30 pm

Come and bring snacks to share and enjoy
with everyone. There will be games & mov-
ies for the kids and we will have a brief ser-
vice at midnight! Please come join in the fun
as we ring in the new year!

COME DECORATE WITH US!

We will have an Advent decorating party on Sun-
day November 29th at 5:00 pm. Everyone come
and bring a snack, chips and dips, goodies, etc. to
share. We need lots and lots of help putting up
the tree and decorating the Sanctuary and also
the Family Life Center for Advent.

Bring your muscles and munchies!

On Monday, November 30th, at 9:00
am we will put the finishing touches on
the decorations and everyone is welcome to come
then too!



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

No Ladies Bible Study or Choir Practice today

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Happy Thanksgiving!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

8:15 AM	Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM	Prayer Group (E)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (S)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship (S)
4:00 PM	Youth Fellowship
5:00 PM	Advent Decorating

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

6:00 PM	Band Practice (S)
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

9:00 AM	Prayer Group (E)
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM	Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM	Elders' Meeting (E)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (S)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship (S)
4:00 PM	Cookie Kit Assembly Party (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

6:00 PM	Band Practice (S)
6:30 PM	Disciples Women Meeting-Mary Bryan's Home
7:00 PM	Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

Harvest House Holiday Friends

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

8:15 AM	Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM	Prayer Group (E)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (S)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship (S)
12:00 PM	Board Meeting (FLC)
6:00 PM	Children's Pageant & Advent Festival

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

9:00 AM	Newsletter Published
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(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Due to the Christmas holidays we
will only publish the
December 14th newsletter.
Please have any articles to Terri
by 9:00 AM on December 14th.





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Royce Lalonde, a co-worker of Diana McGee at Kerr Middle School, has a daughter, Erin who is a special needs child. She has been hospitalized with pneumonia and now has swine flu. Royce also has swine flu. Charlotte, Chris Cooper's co-worker's daughter, passed away.

Bonnie DePratter is recovering from back surgery. She is still in the hospital due to some problems with the after effects of the anesthesia.

Imogene Cottman had a mild stroke and had carotid artery surgery on her neck. She came through surgery ok and is now recovering.

M'Lee Turner had heart tests on Friday due to side effects of some of her medicines.

Onita Holton is experiencing a great deal of pain from ongoing back problems.

Dick Nash has had a setback and has minimal use of his legs and speech is difficult. He had an MRI on Monday.

JOYS:

Bill Gunn had good news from MD Anderson!

We had 21 women at the annual Women's Retreat and the weather was beautiful!

Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, M'Lee Turner, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee



Please remember if you have a Prayer Concern during the week when the church office is open, call the church office. If you have a Prayer Concern on the weekend or when the church office is closed, please call either Ann Gartman (817) 426-3364 or Faye McLaren (817) 295-1308.

YOUTH CORNER

Friends,

I hope that you have noticed that there is something exciting happening in this congregation. There is a new energy when we come to church, or at least I feel it. This new service that we are about to start will open our doors to a wider range of people. Soon we will be able to feel and see the ripple effects of this new ministry within our church.

The youth have been enjoying themselves this month. To celebrate Halloween, we created a life-size version of Candyland in the FLC, where at each station they got candy, as well as learned a Bible story or fact. The board itself created a biblical timeline so that as they progressed through the game, they also progressed through the Bible. It provided for a fun learning environment and, of course, a sugar rush.

Again, I am excited for what is happening here at this church and I am proud to be a part of it!

In Christ Alone,
Steven Burr

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ November 29 - Youth Fellowship
- ⇒ December 6 - Cookie Kit Assembly Party
- ⇒ December 13 - Children's Pageant & Advent Festival
- ⇒ December 20 - Youth Christmas Party - 6:00-10:00 pm

POINSETTIAS

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

_____ @ \$10.00 each = _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Please turn in this order form along with payment to Terri Lester in the church office by Sunday, November 29th.



NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

R. Crumb is a comic-book cartoonist probably best known as the creator of Felix The Cat. But he has now turned his talents to a drawing filled version of The Book Of Genesis. The book is climbing the best selling lists. It, of course, features Adam and Eve both clothed and naked and follows the scripture in depicting the failure of humans to resist their baser instincts. The drawings of God are said to look somewhat like Charlton Heston.

The publishers recommend adult supervision of minors in reading the book. One reviewer says that is sure to make it a must read for teenaged boys!

DECEMBER HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Acolyte Attendant: Leslie Lalonde

Communion Preparation: Angela Kaker

Attendance Books: Christal McGee

Children's Sermon:

06 Chris Cooper

13 Dorothy Nash

20 Pastor Laura

27 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Scripture Reading:

06 Clint Bourland

13 Diana McGee

20 Diane Chilton

27 Judy Isom

Deacon Team: Bill & Carol Gunn,

Laurie Carroll, Rosalyn Wilcox

Serving at the Table: Marion Higginbotham,

Richard Bryan

3-5 Year Class: Mary Bryan

Elementary Class: Jane Ann McGowen

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

06 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

13 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &

Barbara Bond

20 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

27 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/5	Beverly Sholders
12/9	Wes Williams
12/9	Stephanie McGee
12/10	Austin Bryan
12/11	Christal McGee
12/16	Dolores Barr
12/22	Michelle McCrory
12/25	Ralph Marr
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/27	Heinz Wichterich
12/29	Steven McGee
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/30	Wilma Taylor
12/30	Collin Gregory

Disciples Women CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday • December 10 • 6:30 pm

**Mary Bryan's Home:
216 SW Taylor, Burleson, 817.295.3390**

WHAT TO BRING

**Potluck Dish, \$5 Christmas Ornament for Game,
Offering, Deodorant for Harvest House**



WHO TO INVITE

**Moms, Daughters, Sisters,
Girlfriends, etc.**

Since we're not meeting at the church,
there will be no nursery available.

2010 SLATE OF OFFICERS

**President - Open Nomination
Vice President - LaVerne McGowen
Secretary - Marion Higginbotham
Treasurer - Ann Gartman
Study/Worship - Barbara Bond
Hospitality - Sandra Hay
Parliamentarian - Kathy Welch**



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM!				9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)
6 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Mtg. (E) 4:00 PM - Cookie Kit Assembly Party (FLC)	7 	8	9	10 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S) 6:30 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (Mary Bryan's Home) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	11	12 Harvest House Holiday Friends
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20 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 6:00 PM - Youth Christmas Party	21	22	23 Church Office Closed 12/23-12/25	24 6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26
27 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)	28	29	30  Church Office Closed 12/30-1/1	31 7:30 PM - New Year's Eve Party (FLC)	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship 9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship	