

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, November 27, 2006



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

Life is filled with endings and beginnings. We finish up the liturgical year this week and begin a new one this coming Sunday. We begin our worship year celebrating birth and new life. I think it fitting that we are reminded through this celebration of life that God is not finished with us yet.

God has a reputation for bringing life where people thought none existed. Think of Sara or Hannah or from the Christmas story - Elisabeth and even Mary herself.

God made the impossible a reality. God has also (with a knowing smile) chosen the weak to shame the strong. Remember little David who slayed the giant Goliath? Remember the little boy who shared his meal of 5 loaves and 2 fish and fed a multitude? God has the power to bestow life and hope and renewal.

Now is a time to celebrate that power and the generous love out of which it is born. Out of God's love and God's power, we too can be re-born, renewed and filled with hope and energy and promise.

May your Advent be filled with glimpses of angels' wings and choruses of halleluiahs and hope, peace, joy and love.

Blessings, Pastor Laura

BRING-A-FRIEND DAY AND ADVENT FESTIVAL!

Sunday, December 10 is a big day in our church's Advent celebrations. We will have a hot dogs and chili dump lunch after worship that morning. Hot dogs are provided and you are asked to bring some of your personal recipe for chili. We will "dump" or mix our recipes together for a culinary adventure. For the faint of heart, we will allow non-mixed consumption of the chili as well.

THEN - we want you and your family and guests to come back in the evening for our Nativity service and Advent festival. The children's Nativity service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Advent festival will follow in the Family Life Center. There will be drinks and cookies provided by the Christian Women's Fellowship and each family is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre or favorite holiday treat to share. There will be crafts and games and a visit from jolly old Santa Claus for the kids. Make plans to join in the fun and celebration of the

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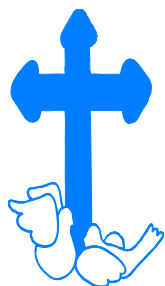
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Gen. Fund 1,134.15
Build. Fund 387.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 19, 2006 - Early	12
Traditional	92
November 26, 2006 - Early	9
Traditional	80

**Visitors and Guests**

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

Hilda Rushing; Charlene Teague;
Lauren Traylor; Imogene Cottman;
Grace Davis; Karen & Victor Vaughn;
Dave, Kim, & Shea Pulliam; Chris, Mary, & Cierra
Hamilton; Laurie, Magunn, & Sarah Carroll; Troy
Craddock; Greta Eller; Juan & Juelisse Morales; &
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, NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2006**HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (S) &
Hot Dog & Chili Dump Lunch (FLC)

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006

3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop # 3401 (E)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

7:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (E)

8:00 PM Ministry Team Meetings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006

Bring A Friend Sunday

8:15 AM Early Service (C)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)

12:00 PM Hot Dog & Chili Luncheon (FLC)

6:30 PM Children's Christmas Pageant &
Advent Festival

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education

(C) Chapel

(S) Sanctuary

(FLC) Family Life Center

John and Elvira Serrano

And

Steven and Diana McGee

Invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children

Patricia Serrano and Steven McGee

This celebration of love will be on

Saturday, the thirtieth of December

Two Thousand and Six

At one o'clock in the afternoon

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

673 Old Hueco Tanks Road

El Paso, Texas

Dinner Reception at 6 P.M.

Dancing to follow at 9 P.M.

Jack Bell Hall

850 Hawkins Boulevard

For directions see bulletin board in Education Wing.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

12:00 NOON

Followed by a hot dog & chili
dump luncheon in the Family
Life Center.

Peggy Johnson will be receiving offerings
for the staff love offering through
this Sunday, December 5th.



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Earl Roe starts radiation for a brain tumor.

Adeline Denson is not doing well.

Keith Gilbert has a more hopeful outlook/prognosis.

Clara Hay, Jerry Hay's mother, is not doing well.

Jean Rubis is recovering from surgery.

Mickey Buchanan has a heart blockage and had a stint/by-pass.

Dave Szatkowski needs prayer.

Flora Roe had outpatient surgery on Tuesday.

Wendy Isom Perdue and her husband have a new baby girl, Kira Lynn Perdue. She is still in the hospital with a fever.

Jerry Yowell is in Medical Plaza Hospital.

JOYS:

Doyle DePratter transferred his membership to our church on Sunday, November 19th from First Baptist Burleson. Doyle has been a long time visitor and active participant, along with his wife, Bonnie. Welcome Doyle!!

Continued Prayers for

Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Ruth Linzy, Steve McGee, Erma Uptgraft, Donna Jenkins, Earl Roe, Sharon Lewis, Nelda Bruce, 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

Our own Reservists:

Tina Gregory, Jason Ross

MEDITATION & PRAYER TIME

All members are encouraged to participate in a time of meditation and prayer the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm-7:00 pm, in the sanctuary for scripture, prayer, and meditation. The next date is Wednesday, December 13th.

THANK YOU!

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the calls, cards,
& prayers at the recent loss of my
sister.*

Joe McDowell

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the "use" of
your property! We certainly appreciate it!

Trinity Mission of Burleson

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend this year's Christmas Party on December 14 at 6:30 pm at Onita Holton's home at 224 Flagstone, Burleson.

Bring a pot luck dish, a \$5 Christmas ornament for our exchange game and your offering.

The slate of officers for 2007 was presented during our November meeting and will be elected at the party. The slate consists of President: Sandra Hay, Vice President: Diane Chilton, Secretary: Onita Holton, Treasurer: Lolly Ellis, Study and Worship: Bonnie DePratter, Hospitality: Juanice Wichterich, and Parliamentarian: Ann Gartman.

We will not have a nursery for this meeting. For directions, call Onita at (817) 447-8664.

DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT

I came home from retreat refreshed and energized. I have all kinds of ideas floating around in my mind. I was inspired by the program which was "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". And by the love and laughter and tears of our women. We were glad of the opportunity to get to know Kara Meller, my daughter-Patti Barnaby, and I loved getting to be with Michelle McCrory. The trees were in fall colors, the air crisp and cool. In the morning there was fog over the lake and it was so beautiful. The retreat was wonderful. I had so much fun. Kaye Gregory lead the retreat with help from Onita Holton, Marion Higginbotham, Faye McLaren, and me-Sandra Hay. Dianne Taliaferro came and gave us the great news that she and Ken are going to be Grandparents. There was thunderous applause over the news. Ann Gartman has already gotten our retreat scheduled for next year at the same time. Put it on your calendar and join us next year for the fun and spiritual renewal.

Sandra Hay

DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT 2006 ATHENS, TX

I must admit that the idea of going to a campsite for a retreat was not appealing to me in the beginning. I am not a "roughing it" kind of gal and was not looking forward to sleeping in rustic cabins with who knows what kind of bugs and visiting the local outhouse. In fact, my idea of camping is Motel 6. I was pleasantly surprised to find the accommodations very superior to that of my favorite motel. The beds were comfortable, despite the loud snoring coming from the next room, and the toilets were indoors, although turning the heat on next year would help a bit. It even came with a swimming pool, although no one wanted to go swimming for some strange reason. Next year we should mention that we are not leaving civilization and maybe more women will sign up - I know I will be first in line! But seriously, it was a wonderful time to really get to know the women of our church on a personal level and discover what they are passionate about in life: Mindy Preston-scrapbooking, Diane Chilton-spending time with her twin granddaughters, Faye McLaren-gardening, but vegetables not flowers, Barbara Bond-horses, Ann Gartman-visiting Atlanta and reading, Lolly Ellis-gourmet cooking, Bonnie DePratter-painting her house, Brenda Land-upcoming retirement, Darlene Pettis-engineering, Dianne Taliaferro-her dog, Jake, Juanice Wichterich-being the younger sister and reading, Betty Wheeler-time for herself and vacations, Beverly Sholders-bowling, Dorothy Nash-music, Mary Bryan-her husband, Onita Holton-decorating, Vicki Rubis-going out to eat, Marion Higginbotham-reading historical books, Cyndy Garrett-shopping with her mother, Wilma Taylor-weekend getaways, Kaye Gregory-sitting on the back porch, Michelle McCrory-gardening, but flowers not vegetables, Carol Findley-traveling, Sandra Hay-having her daughter, Patti, with her at retreat, Kara Meller-people!

We also learned about "not sweating the small stuff" and that "it's all small stuff". We played train and talked all night. I highly encourage all women to come next year - the food was awesome but the fellowship was even better. Thanks to everyone who put this trip together, it will always be a special memory to me!

Lots of Love, Kara Meller

P.S. Ann, I know you told me to make it short, but you should have learned at retreat that I'm really long-winded!



The nominating committee of First Christian Church composed of the following people: Steve Rubis, Barbara Bond, Angela Kaker, & Bill Gunn present the following list of names for your consideration:

New Board Members to begin serving in 2007:

Cyndy Garrett - (3 Year Term)
Paul Holton - (3 Year Term)
Dorothy Nash - (3 Year Term)
Michelle McCrory - (3 Year Term)
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer - (1 Year Term)
Jody Land - Youth Representative (1 Year Term)

New Deacons to begin serving in 2007:

Bill Gunn - (2 Year Term)
Carol Gunn - (2 Year Term)
Joe McDowell - (2 Year Term)
Linda McDowell - (2 Year Term)
Jason Meller - (2 Year Term)
Kara Meller - (2 Year Term)
Doyle DePratter - (2 Year Term)
Paul Holton - (1 Year Term)
Onita Holton - (1 Year Term)
Steve Rubis - (1 Year Term)
Vicki Rubis - (1 Year Term)
John Higginbotham - (1 Year Term)
Marion Higginbotham - (1 Year Term)
Rae McGowan - (1 Year Term)
Jerry Hay - (1 Year Term)
Sandra Hay - (1 Year Term)
Jody Land - Youth Deacon (1 Year Term)
Stephanie McGee - Youth Deacon (1 Year Term)
Lacy McGee - Youth Deacon (1 Year Term)
Tommy Kaker - Alternate Deacon (1 Year Term)
Angela Kaker - Alternate Deacon (1 Year Term)
Karen Moore - Alternate Deacon (1 Year Term)
Deana McCoy - Alternate Deacon (1 Year Term)

Please join us for our annual Congregational Meeting:
December 3, 2004 following 10:45 AM Worship
A hot dog & chili dump lunch will be served in the
Family Life Center following our meeting.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BURLESON, TEXAS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/3	Patty Parker
12/4	Ruth Linzy
12/5	Beverly Sholders
12/9	Wes Williams
12/9	Stephanie McGee
12/10	Allene Haldy
12/10	Austin Bryan
12/11	Christal McGee
12/16	Delores Barr
12/21	Kristi Weil
12/22	Michelle McCrory
12/22	Shannon Fambrough
12/25	Ralph Marr
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/27	Heinz Wichterich
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Steven McGee
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/30	Wilma Taylor
12/30	Collin Gregory

DECEMBER HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Larry Womack

Greeters: John Higginbotham, Ann Gartman

Acolyte Attendant: Faye McLaren

Communion Preparation: Juanice Wichterich

Pass Out Attendance Books: Kathy Welch

Pick Up Attendance Books & Sanctuary:

Lacy McGee

Children's Sermon: Mary Bryan

Scripture Reading:

03 Carol Gunn

10 Misty King

17 Barbara Bond

24 Richard Bryan

31 Kaye Gregory

Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis,
John & Marion Higginbotham

Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash,
Bill Sholders

Select Songs For Worship: Carol Findley/
Dorothy Nash

Choir Director: Dorothy Nash

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DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 Noon - Congregational Meeting & Luncheon (S & FLC)	4	5 3:30 PM - Girl Scout Troop #3401 (E)	6	7 7:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (E) 8:00 PM - Ministry Team Meetings	8	9 Christmas Pageant Practice
10 Bring A Friend Sunday 6:30 PM - Children's Christmas Pageant & Advent Festival	11 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	12 6:00 PM - Disciples Men Caroling	13 6:30 PM - Prayer Meditation (S)	14 6:30 PM - Disciples Women Christmas Party - Onita Holton's Home	15	16 Youth Progressive Dinner & White Elephant Exchange
17 12:00 PM - YAC Meeting No Youth Fellowship	18	19	20 1:00 PM - FCC Friends - Deana McCoy's Home	21 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	22	23
24 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service (S)	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	26	27	28	29	30
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