

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, October 12, 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

Yesterday I noticed a church member's posting on facebook. This person commented on how surprised their food server at a buffet style restaurant was when they gave him a tip (a generous one). We talked later that morning about the reality that there are a lot of people out there having some tough times. The economy has had a damaging impact on a lot of folks out there. Even more, when you're worried about whether you'll be able to make the mortgage payment and still buy groceries - the stress and heartbreak are felt even more strongly when a parent in a situation like that can't allow their child to participate in a church outing or an extracurricular activity because they can't afford the registration fees and other related expenses.

I bring this up not to depress anyone or guilt anyone. No one should feel guilty because they are not suffering right now. But what each of us can and should do is give thanks. I give thanks to God for the blessings in my life - each and every one. I give thanks that I'm not worried about keeping my kids warm and well fed. We can remember we're blessed and be grateful. And for those of us who are able, we can step up and kick in a little more.

When we had our congregational meeting a few weeks back to review our finances, the tone of the conversation was so healthy and positive. People present talked with each other about setting goals to increase their giving and get caught up where possible. It was a truly grace-filled experience. Things for us as a congregation have improved financially and appear to be stabilizing. This doesn't mean we can relax and slip back into old patterns of forgetting to give back to God a portion of what God gave us in the first place. But in addition to that, I think we are in a time when those of us who can, should look for ways to give more to organizations, ministries and missions that are seeking to meet the most basic of human needs for food, shelter, safety.

In years past, I have included in my disciplines for the season of Lent spending an extra 10% on groceries each week and giving those extra groceries to a food pantry. Maybe it's time to do that now, for no particular season or reason other than the fact that I can, and God has blessed me and I am grateful.

I am THRILLED that my son Joshua is starting to really get the hang of potty training. My weekly grocery budget has gone down by the cost of a bag of diapers (\$10-\$12). Maybe I'll keep buying them for a while and give them to Harvest House. Imagine what burden of stress and worry might be relieved in the heart of a struggling mom to know that she doesn't have to figure out how she's going to pay for diapers this week. It's small. It's not earth shaking or world changing, but it means something to the person that receives the help. Whatever I decide to do, I'm not likely to ever meet the person that I've helped or be thanked for the help they've received - and that's just fine with me. I can find strength and joy in knowing I am helping someone and sharing the love of God through a simple act of sharing and compassion. What about you? What could you do?

In Christ,  
Pastor Laura

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                    |             |    |
|--------------------|-------------|----|
| October 4, 2009 -  | Early       | 4  |
|                    | Traditional | 53 |
| October 11, 2009 - | Early       | 7  |
|                    | Traditional | 66 |

### Offering **9/27/09**

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|-------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund   | 2,614.00 |
| Build. Fund | 1,252.00 |

### Offering **10/4/09**

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|-------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund   | 3,025.00 |
| Build. Fund | 177.00   |

### Visitors and Guests



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

Marjorie Armstrong; Shaughn Laye; Ariel Jorgensen; Imogene Cottman; Gary Hay; Wiley & Sandy Horton; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss in the Traditional Service.

*We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.*

### CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

8:00 AM All Church Work Day

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

### HEY EVERYONE!!!

Mark your calendar and come join us for our church work day on Saturday, October 24th. We will start at 8:00 am and finish no later than 12:00 noon. We will have coffee and goodies around 8:30 am and give out assignments for the things that need to be done. No special training needed and we would love to have you join us.

Thanks and I'll see you there.

Burt Bond,  
Property Chairman



## WELCOME TO FCC



Robby Owen and his daughter, Deondra, joined our church family September 6, 2009, by transfer of membership from St. Matthew Presbyterian Church. Robby is employed as a

Computer Systems Technician with Fort Worth Freightliner and says his interests include all things airplane, including being a licensed pilot. Deondra is a sophomore at Joshua High School and plays the clarinet in the marching band. Both are already serving within our congregation, and we look forward to our continuing journey with them. Robby and Deondra live at 2942 Golfing Green Court, Burleson, TX 76028. Phone: 817-484-2642.





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Penny Enochs had eye surgery on October 6th.

Alisha Hamilton, Penny Enochs' daughter, has been having strange symptoms and tests are being run.

Patrick McGowen, LaVerne & Jane Ann McGowen's nephew, was in a serious auto accident. He is in ICU at Harris Hospital Downtown. He is on a ventilator, has multiple broken bones, has developed pneumonia and a staff infection. Please pray for him, his doctors and his family.

Wilma Taylor begins radiation and chemo on October 12th.

Cyndy Garrett will have surgery on October 14th for bone spurs in her neck.

Kenneth Coates, Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law, passed away on October 4th from injuries following a fall from his attic.

Charlotte, Chris Cooper's co-worker's daughter, has many medical problems.

Earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia.

Magunn Carroll's arm is not healing as well as they would like it to be.

Robert Smith, Bill Sholders' friend, will have radical surgery.

## JOYS:

Joshua High School Spirit of Joshua Band earned first place in competition on October 3rd during a downpour. Deondra Owen plays clarinet. They also earned a 1 and 3rd place in the band competition held October 10.

Eunice Roe of Corning, NY, Flora Roe's mother-in-law, celebrated her 92nd birthday on Wednesday, October 7th!!

## 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



# PRAY PRAY PRAY

Life is fragile; handle with **PRAYER**.

# YOUTH CORNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ October 18 - Youth Fellowship

⇒ October 25 - Youth Fellowship

## IT'S ALMOST COOKIE TIME!!!!

The holidays are just around the corner and as a congregation we have committed again this year to provide the cookie kits for the children who participate in Harvest House's event known as Holiday Friends. This means baking approximately 1600 cookies, not to mention putting the frosting into little containers and assembling the 800 kits/bags. So, very soon there will be a sign up sheet asking each volunteer to help towards our need of 134 dozen cookies. I know that sounds like a lot but you did it last year and did a great job! If you remember, each volunteer is asked to commit to baking 10 dozen. That means we need 14 volunteers. You'll pick up your cookie dough in early November, bake a few dozen at a time and freeze them. Then we all bring our cookies together on the set day for assembling the kits. Last year we had over 25 people helping on that day and got those kits together in less than 2 hours. It was amazing! Think about it and be ready to put your name on the list and bake cookies for some sweet little ones in our community who will receive not just cookies in that kit, but also God's love and joy.



## GOD'S HANDS—OUR HANDS

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

Week of the Ministry - October 18-25, 2009

Those who are called to ministry truly are God's hands. They are our spiritual hands. They are the vessel-the transporter of the Word-a very present help in times of trouble-a kindred spirit - mentor and spiritual guide.

Since 1932 the Pension Fund of the Christina Church has celebrated the Week of the Ministry. Our congregation is invited to lift up and celebrate the ministry taking place in our church and an opportunity to say "Thank You" for this important call. As you celebrate the Week of the Ministry, won't you pray for our own Pastor Laura, Steven-Minister to Youth and Children, and all the ministries of our Church?



## HELP NEEDED

Lori Kiper cared for our youngest church family members for several years by working in our church nursery. For the love and care she gave, we are so grateful. Lori has now retired from that position and so we need to find a special new person to serve in our nursery and care for our littlest ones. This is part-time and is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Laura at the office through e-mail: [pastor@fccburrleson.org](mailto:pastor@fccburrleson.org) or by phone (817) 295-4123. If you are not interested, but you know someone who might be, pass the word along and have them make contact with our pastor. Any person that may be offered the position will be required to pass a criminal background check, but the expense of that will be paid by the church.



## DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING - OCTOBER 8 - 7:00 PM - FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. Our hostesses are Diane Chilton, Bonnie DePratter, and Juanice Wichterich. Study and worship will be lead by Onita Holton and Vicki Rubis. Bring body lotion for Harvest House, cancelled stamps (cut off envelope with 1/4" remaining) for St. Francis Village and your offering. If you need a nursery, call Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 by Wednesday, October 7. All women and their guests are invited to attend.

**AND...DON'T FORGET RETREAT:**

## **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES WOMEN FALL RETREAT**

**NOVEMBER 13-14-15**  
**DISCIPLES CROSSING IN ATHENS**

*Our imperfections equal*  
**PERFECTION**



Begins Friday at 9:00 pm in the Lakeside Dorm  
and ends Sunday after breakfast.

*Come for the whole weekend or just on Saturday.*

Cost per person: 2 nights, 4 meals - \$85, Saturday only, 3 meals - \$70  
Turn in registration and money to Mary Bryan, Ann Gartman,  
Kaye Gregory or Marion Higginbotham by Sunday, October 25.

**ITEMS TO BRING:** Comfortable clothes and shoes, bedding for twin bed,  
bath toiletries and towel, flashlight and Bible.

**ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING:** Change for vending machines, snacks to  
share (must be in reclosable containers), bottled water, coffee mug,  
ear plugs (someone might snore!), and personal music device.

**DIRECTIONS TO ATHENS FROM BURLESON:** Go north on I-35W. Go east on I-20E.  
Exit #479B onto Hwy 175E. Follow to Athens. Turn left onto Jeb Robinson Loop.  
Exit Hwy. 31 and go north (left) about 1/2 mile. Camp is on the right. Look for the stone entrance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number/Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Days attending \_\_\_\_\_ Drive or ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Time you can leave \_\_\_\_\_

**LADIES, PLEASE INVITE YOUR SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS, COUSINS....AND FRIENDS!**