

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 13, 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

The last three weeks in worship we have spent time with our Hebrew ancestors in the desert. We've learned from their ups and downs and human foibles. At the same time, in the world around us, the past three weeks have been a time of incredible transition and change. I haven't seen people so consumed with watching the news, political exchanges and market updates since we were all consumed with the post 9/11 news coverage. There is certainly a lot of uncertainty in the air. Yet there are a couple of things of which I am reminded. Our country has a history of resiliency. From our very beginning, we have weathered tough times, have been beaten down, and have picked ourselves and each other up and started over. We keep going, start again, it's what we do.

Secondly, and more important is remembering our faith in Christ and how the Lord promises to be with us always. Paul assures the church and us in his Roman letter that there is no other on heaven or earth that can separate us from the love of God. So no matter what is happening to us or around us - we are all God's children, wanted, valued, needed and loved. Nothing will change that. God is still God - and that is enough.

Thanks be to God,  
Pastor Laura

# PRAY PRAY PRAY



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

## SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ Gas Lease proceeds of \$76,731.20 have been deposited.
- ⇒ The Board approved the purchase of a new ice machine.
- ⇒ Chairman Paul Holton requested a Congregational Meeting on October 12th immediately following our morning worship to seek approval to expend funds to repaint the exterior of our church building.

**BOARD NEWS**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| September 28, 2008 - Early | 6  |
| Traditional                | 86 |
| October 5, 2008 - Early    | 7  |
| Traditional                | 90 |
| October 12, 2008 - Early   | 8  |
| Traditional                | 81 |

#### Offering **9/21/08**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund   | 1,102.00 |
| Build. Fund | 310.00   |

#### Offering **9/28/08**

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund      | 3,988.32 |
| Build. Fund    | 1,024.00 |
| Reconciliation | 39.00    |

#### Offering **10/5/08**

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund      | 3,127.50 |
| Build. Fund    | 1,117.00 |
| CLOTH Fund     | 815.00   |
| Reconciliation | 117.00   |



### **Visitors and Guests**

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

Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Iris Wilson; Christina Clarkson; Megan Clarkson; Fran Clarkson; Katelyn Kenyon; Phyllis Thackery; Jeanie Ingram; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Donnie & Caleb Estes; Ken, Theresa, Elise & Anna Grace Bosma; Billy Gunn; Andy Prather; Diana-Marie Swinney; Iris Wilson; Sue Newcomb; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Brian, Kara & Kaaden Wright; Leah Voss; Harue Yokeley; Robin Lively; Heather Peters; Imogene Cottman; & 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.*

### NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Christians are fleeing the Iraqi town of Mosul where last week 12 of them were killed by militants. Mosul is a center of Christian faith in Iraq. Last year, hundreds were killed or evicted from Baghdad and most fled to Mosul. Now, the killing has reached Mosul and Christians are fleeing into the surrounding countryside's smaller villages. The vicar of St. George's church in Baghdad was kidnapped and killed last February. Many Christians are now in the Kurdistan region of Iraq where they feel safer. Just this week a Christian shop owner was shot to death.

### **CALENDAR**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008

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

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 17-19, 2008

CCSW Regional Assembly

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)  
9:00 AM Regional Assembly Worship-TCU  
10:00 AM Sunday School Classes Fellowship (FLC)  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)  
12:00 PM PPRC Meeting (FLC)  
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008

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

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)  
2:00 PM Harvest Celebration-Dineen Farm  
No Youth Fellowship

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

### **A FAMILY OUTING....**

We have a family outing to the Dineen Family Farm in Waxahachie on Sunday, October 26th from 2:00 - 7:00 pm. They have a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, face painting, pony rides and more. In order to make appropriate transportation plans, we need a sense of who all would like to go. This is open to adults and children of all ages. Any children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by an adult. If you are planning to come along, please call or e-mail Pastor Laura at the office this week so she can get a good head count. The office number is 817-295-4123 and her e-mail address is [pastor@fccburleson.org](mailto:pastor@fccburleson.org).





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Continued prayers for the Yowell family.

Continued prayers for Darlene Pettis.

Valerie Stuart's mother, Doris Wynder, had surgery to remove a kidney. She is recovering. However, she had a heart attack while in the hospital.

Prayers for Valerie Stuart and her roommate regarding financial matters.

Carol Gunn asks for wisdom for the leaders of our country.

Jane Ann McGowen's mom who is ill from the radiation treatments.

Nat Mitchell, Jack & Kaye Gregory's nephew, has pain and swelling from stepping on a sting ray in the Gulf.

Prayers for Jerry Hay and family. Jerry's mother, Clara Hay, passed away-pray for safe travel back to New Mexico for the service.

Prayers for Elsie Reeves, Sandra Hay's aunt. She has recently relocated to the Metroplex.

Prayers for Sharon Conrad's daughter, Kimberly, a spina bifida patient. She is recovering at home. The Conrad's are friends of Karen Moore.

T.J., a student in Godley, is to have surgery for scoliosis.

Continued prayers for Nelda Boots, Lori King's mother, as she continues to improve.

Tracy Estes, Caleb Estes' mother, who is having surgery on October 16th.

Ray Jenkins, Peggy Johnson's cousin, who is having difficulty with chemo.

Helen Gibson, Gina Kirscht's mother, Helen's husband recently passed away.

Juanell Miller, Gina Kirscht's aunt, who has been ill.

Bill Sholders is recovering from a knee injury, and he will have heart cath on Friday, Oct. 17th.

Diana-Marie Swinney's aunt who has severe Multiple Sclerosis.

Mary Ranney, mother of Adrienne Nash's friend Joann Wilmeths, recently passed away. Prayers for their family.

Karen Moore has had several upsetting situations at her school.

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson are traveling.

Leah Voss' friend's home was robbed.

Ryan Odiorne's co-workers home burned down. They have 4 kids. Ryan will take clothing donations. We will pass the Blessing Basket next Sunday for them.

Bob McClellan passed away. He is Marion Higginbotham's sister-in-law's father. Prayers for his family.

## JOYS:

Leonard McGowen's 96th birthday!

Brenda Yowell gives thanks to church family for all the care for the family before and after Jerry's passing.

Carol Gunn's friend is doing well after surgery.

Billy Gunn passed a major milestone in his life.

## Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee

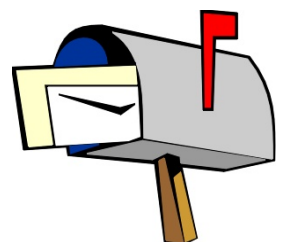


## HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE OCTOBER

**21 POUNDS**  
**\$176.00**

## NEW ADDRESS FOR:

Cody Gregory  
8 Flagstone Lane  
St. Peters, MO 63375



# THANK YOU!

## A Great BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks go out to all who came and helped with projects on our all-church work day. Participants included Wayne English, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Jack & Kaye Gregory, Flora Roe, Steve McGee, Barbara Bond, and our super Property Chair, Burt Bond!



## Your Hospitality Is Showing

We want to say a great big thank you to everyone who helped provide hospitality for our two dinner and conversation events for new members and those considering membership. Delicious dishes and friendly conversation were shared by Bonnie DePratter, Kathy Welch, Marion Higginbotham, Wilma Taylor, Cyndy Garrett, Barbara Bond, Juanice Wichterich, Carol Gunn, Laurie Carroll, Ann Gartman and a special thank you to Dorothy Nash for opening her home for our second gathering. It was a delightful time to get better acquainted with some of the newer faces in our congregation.



First Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for your donation to our mission at Harvest House. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,  
Jill Acklin

I would like to thank everyone so much for all their love and support for my marriage!! The wedding shower was so overwhelming. It really impressed Hernan to see what a huge support I have in Texas. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the wedding...it means more to me than ya'll will ever know!! THANK YOU ALL so much for all the many blessings each of you have brought to my life and now to my marriage!

Natalie (Findley) Argüello



Dear Friends at First Christian Church-Burleson,  
Once again, I am humbled by all the support from my church family following my recent hospital stay. All of your heartfelt cards, calls, e-mail, thoughts, and prayers mean so much to me and my family. The surprise cookie deliveries were also appreciated!

May God bless each and every one of you as you deal with your personal journey through life.

Sincerely,  
Darlene Pettis

## COME CELEBRATE "0" BIRTHDAYS!!

October 26, 2008  
10:00 am - Bruch

Needra Womack's Home ♦329 Snap-  
dragon ♦Burleson, TX ♦ (817) 295-0820

Come celebrate the "0" Birthdays of Suz-  
anne Barton, Marion Higginbotham, Judy  
Isom, Peggy Johnson & Emily Pulliam.

Bring your cards and a covered  
brunch dish.

We hope to see you there!

## CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!!! WE NEED YOU!!



We need volunteers to bake some cookies for the Harvest House Holiday Friends program. If you are willing to help, we will provide all the ingredients. You just have to bake and freeze the cookies. Please call Mary Bryan (817) 295-3390 or Pastor Laura (817) 295-4123 and let one of them know if you can help.

# YOUTH CORNER

The last couple of weeks we've been having the battle of the sexes - on the basketball court, then in four-square, and in touch football. No one got any serious owies and we also got deep into a game of Skip-bo - Christal is a card shark! This next Sunday, we won't meet, but the following Sunday will be a family event for big kids, little kids and their grown ups. We'll take a trip to the Dineen Family Farm in Waxahachie and enjoy a little fall fun. There will be more details to come, but mark your calendars for the afternoon of the 26th!

# FCC, Burleson Disciples Women Retreat

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 ~ Disciples Crossing in Athens

Come to Athens on Friday night & stay until Sunday after breakfast. Come for the whole time or just on Saturday.

**HAVE PLANS FOR HALLOWEEN?? Fear not!**

Sessions will begin Sat. in the Lakeside Dorm following breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

## ITEMS TO BRING

A picture of yourself "growing up" (no frame - Marion will scan your valued photo for you) comfortable clothes & shoes, bedding for twin bed, bath toiletries & towel, flashlight, & Bible

## ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING

Change for sodas, snacks to share (must be in resealable containers), bottled water, coffee mug, ear plugs (someone might snore), and a personal music device  
**LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME!**

## 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 JED ROBINSON LOOP. Exit Hwy 31 and go north (left) about 1/2 mi. Camp is on the right. Look for the stone entrance.



## COST PER PERSON

2 Nights / 4 Meals \$75 ~ Sat. Only / 3 Meals \$60

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Turn in form and money  
to Mary Bryan,  
Cyndy Garrett,  
Ann Gartman,  
Kaye Gregory,  
Marion Higginbotham,  
Onita Holton or  
Michelle McCrory  
by Friday, Oct. 17.**

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