

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 22, 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

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

What follows is an article from the area newsletter. It was written by Area Minister Ken Hall. I offer it to you for reflection about our church and Christ's ministries here.

Blessings,
Pastor Laura

A WORD FROM YOUR AREA MINISTER

If I were a pastor of a congregation, I would encourage the church Board to get rid of the eight functional departments under which so many of our congregations still function today. For the most part they are dysfunctional and not effective at accomplishing the mission and ministry of today's church. Let me give you an example of what I am talking about. Let's talk about the "Evangelism Committee". Once a congregation has formed the committee they think they have solved the problem of doing evangelism. The motivation of the rest of the people in the congregation is lessened. The widespread feeling is that the issue is being addressed and we do not have to do any more about it. So the responsibility of inviting new people to the congregation, of greeting and welcoming guests who come to worship, helping people find and connect to their place in the congregation, integrating new people into small groups and activities of the church is left up to the committee. And those not serving on the committee settle into the old pattern of just talking with only the people they already know in the congregation. They forget that evangelism is the business of every member of the congregation, and not just the Evangelism Committee.

I think the administration of the church should be put under the supervision of a "Mission Council" and the Senior Minister, and be carried out by mission teams. The teams would be made up of people who have a passion for the area of ministry to be done by the team, and demonstrate some skill in that area. How about (1) a **Praise Team** whose purpose is to enhance a healthy spiritual formation and renewal in the body of Christ through Word, sacrament, prayer and music. I could see them functioning in such a way as to praise and thank God for all of life's blessings through creative and moving worship in each season of the church year. (2) **Fellowship** whose purpose is the encouragement of all church members and friends to fellowship and commune together in the spirit of Christ on a regular basis. The inclusion of everyone into the church family of God would be a major goal of this ministry of hospitality. (3) **Nurture** whose purpose is to educate and nurture Christians of all ages in the beliefs and practices of our faith community. Through the church school, youth groups, small groups, and other means, this team would help persons mature in their faith and grow in their knowledge of Christ and His kingdom. (4) **Witness** whose purpose would be to discern creative and fresh ways to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and His immeasurable love to all those in need of His gift of salvation. (5) **Service** whose purpose would be to inform the church of the many opportunities for service and hands on mission available in our community and around God's world. Through education for mission, members and friends of the church would be encouraged to work for more just lives for all of God's children.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Oct. 14, 2007 -	Early	7
	Traditional	83
Oct. 21, 2007 -	Early	6
	Traditional	69

Offering **10/14/07**

Gen. Fund	2,788.00
Build. Fund	742.00

Offering **10/21/07**

Gen. Fund	1,339.00
Build. Fund	362.00
Flower Fund	100.00
Youth September Recycle	16.64



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Imogene Cottman; Carl & Betty Ludkte; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Perry & Marilyn Stout; Monte & Sandra Bickers; Bodie Nash; Mark Bushor; & 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.

AREA MINISTER (CONTINUED)

(6) **Resources for Mission** whose purpose would be to help persons in the congregation to understand the biblical imperative to become good stewards of the resources we have been given by a gracious and generous God, both individually and in the body of Christ. It would seek to help to turn resources into ministry.

And since there is property to manage I would encourage a **Building and Grounds Team** whose ministry would be to manage the property resources of the church, to oversee maintenance of the buildings, grounds and equipment, and develop policies for responsible use of the church and its contents, utilizing the input of the church staff.

The mission teams whose leaders comprise the Mission Council, would meet together regularly to share ideas, visions and dreams for the whole church, relying on the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Shalom!
Kenneth E. Hall
Area Minister

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:45 PM	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

7:00 PM	Board Meeting (E)
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007

5:30 PM	Disciples Men Fall Round-Up Fundraiser (FLC)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

8:15 AM	Early Service (C)
8:45 AM	Worship Committee Meeting - Dorothy Nash's Home
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon	Congregational Meeting (S)
5:00 PM	Youth Fellowship - Land's Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:45 PM	Choir Practice (S)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2-4, 2007

Chi-Rho Fall Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM	Early Service (C)
9:00 AM	Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship & Consecration Sunday (S)

12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving Dinner (FLC)
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (Foyer)
6:45 PM	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

7:00 PM	Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM	Disciples Men Meeting (C)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9-11, 2007

Disciples Women Fall Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007

8:15 AM	Early Service (C)
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sunday (S)
5:00 PM	Youth Fellowship

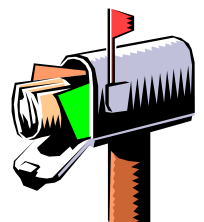
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007

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

NEW ADDRESS FOR NATALIE RUBIS

Natalie Rubis
5409 Enclave Circle Apt. #413
Fort Worth, TX 76132





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

J.R. & Soffie & their children, son and daughter-in-law of Rosalyn Wilcox, lost almost everything in a house fire.

Wilma Taylor has been under the weather.

Cory Land's friend had a benign tumor.

Judy Isom is suffering from bad allergies.

The Gunn's are traveling.

Tom Marshall, Joe McDowell's brother-in-law, had gallbladder cancer treatment.

Jim Wheeler had a light stroke, but is now at home and recuperating. He will have carotid artery surgery in about six weeks.

Anne English will have an eye exam on Tuesday to rule out a recurrence of melanoma in her left eye. On

Friday she will have a biopsy of a nodule in her thyroid gland.

Kyra - EKG & Ear

Vicki Rubis' dad will have a biopsy.

JOYS:

Mike Rubis' mom turns 100 in Pennsylvania.

Rhonda Janusch's outpatient procedure went well.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Darlene Pettis, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Donna Jenkins, Sharon Lewis, Nelda Bruce, Mary Louise Pace, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Tom Brunson, Sr. Airman Cody Gregory, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, PFC Andrew McGee, SR James McGee, PFC William Gunn

With Gratitude,

I want to thank my church family for providing so much support to my family during my recent surgery and recovery period. Thank you for the thoughtful cards, e-mails, gifts, flowers, phone calls, and especially your prayers. The Pettis family is very blessed to have such a loving church family.

Sincerely,
Darlene Land Pettis

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Regional Minister Rev. Dani Loving-Cartwright and to her family in the passing of her younger brother Blair. Blair died on Sunday, October 14 and the service to celebrate his life was held at University Christian Church in Austin, TX on Wednesday, October 17. May God's comfort and strength be with them.

HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

October \$133.00 35 pounds

Thank you for your generosity in giving to Harvest House. The focus for November is canned meats and other protein sources.



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Nov. 4. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night!



BBQ DINNER

\$10.00 per person

5:30 PM

We'll have a professional square dancing caller.
Please sign up in the foyer.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ann Gartman for the delicious spaghetti dinner she served to us on Saturday, October 20th before we went to the UIL competition at BHS!! It was great!!

FCC Youth



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship means many different things. Giving of your time, talents and offerings are a few. I believe that if we all work together and give of our time and talents by volunteering to serve in any way we can, we can lead this church to great things. Over the next few weeks, I hope that we will all find it in our hearts to find the perfect place to serve this upcoming year!

Michelle McCrory

We have been blessed with abundance for most of our life together. But after September 11th, our business came to a screeching halt and we went bankrupt. It was a hard time - Very Hard. We decided no matter what, we would make our tithe. It made us feel strong and useful at a time we were weak and vulnerable. We were helping others who were in worse circumstances. It was our love for each other and the love we felt from our church family that got us through. We are now so busy in our business that Jerry is over worked and under golfed!

Sandra Hay

REMEMBER

The 2008 Proposed Budget and Committee Explanations were previously published in the October 8th newsletter. If you need to review them, they are available for viewing online at www.fccburluson.org or please call the church office for a copy.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Biology Professor Richard Colling, in his book "Random Designer" says God is bigger, more profound and more creative than most people know and that He has harnessed even the forces of Darwinian randomness in the creative process. Trouble is, Colling is a professor at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois and one Nazarene church is calling for his firing for teaching evolution. The University President had Colling barred from teaching a biology class he has taught since 1991 and other professors are forbidden to use his book as a text.

Three professors have filed suit against the multi-million-dollar empire surrounding Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. The suit says President Richard Roberts has used money donated to the evangelistic association to finance a friend's political campaign (endangering the association's tax-free status), money to remodel his home 11 times in the past 14 years, and to send his daughter (on the university jet) to a senior trip in the Bahamas.

His wife, Lindsay, is accused of spending \$39,000 of association money on clothes in a single year, of receiving a white Lexus SUV and a red Mercedes convertible from donors, of granting free scholarships to friends of her children and of running up cell phone bills of up to \$800 a month text messaging what the suit describes as "underage males".

Roberts says he has talked to God and God has told him to deny everything.

A.J. Jacobs decided to live for a year according to all the rules he found in the Old Testament. He obeyed the Ten Commandments, grew a beard, avoided wearing clothes made of mixed fibers, and observed dietary laws. He studiously avoided touching his wife, or any chair she sat on while she was menstruating. In revenge, she deliberately sat on every chair in the house, forcing him to use a six-inch wide bench belonging to their son. Trying to get closer to God? Nope. He has written a book due from the publisher soon, and he's already signed a movie deal!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

Women's Blitz Build
Habitat for Humanity
January 20 to 24, 2008
Beaumont, Texas



For more information go to
www.discipleswomen.org and click on the Blitz
Build link.

NOVEMBER HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Marion Higginbotham
Greeters: Juanice Wichterich, Richard Edmonds
Acolyte Attendant: Judy Isom
Communion Preparation: Beth Hindman
Attendance Books: Marion Higginbotham
Children's Sermon: Dorothy Nash
Scripture Reading:
04 Richard Land
11 Brenda Land
18 Clint Bourland
25 Marion Higginbotham
Deacon Team: Doyle DePratter, Rae McGowan
Serving at the Table: Kaye Gregory, Dorothy Nash
Choir Director: Steve McGee
Children's Church:
04 Ann Gartman
11 Dorothy Nash
18 Juanice Wichterich
25 Mary Bryan;
Nursery Assistant:
04 Juanice Wichterich
11 Beth Hindman
18 Carol Gunn
25 Jody Land

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM

Family Life Center

Disciples Men invited for refreshments

Refreshments: Ann Gartman

& Marion Higginbotham

Study & Worship: Onita Holton & Vicki Rubis

Harvest House Outreach: Toothbrushes

TBA AND US

What is the Trinity-Brazos Area (TBA)? Organizationally, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is divided into regions, and in our Region we have eight further subdivisions called areas. So, we are in the Southwest Region and the Trinity-Brazos Area. We join with other congregations to BE the TBA.

What does the TBA mean to us? The Area exists to aid congregations with all areas of church life, including Search and Call; leadership events; youth church camps, conferences and mid-winter rallies; licensed ministry training; Disciples Women's Fall and Spring Retreats; Disciple Men's Retreats and opportunities for ministers of congregations in our Area to meet, worship and fellowship together. Each of these activities is planned and led by volunteers and staff of the Area. A variety of committees offer oversight and support so that these aspects of our church life can be enriched.

Both our Trinity-Brazos Area and our congregation can function best with a sharing of gifts and a supportive relationship. Our congregation can benefit from the special opportunities for leadership development and spiritual growth, and our Area can benefit from the gifts that our congregations and members share with the Area.

For more information or to volunteer in the work of the larger church, contact our church office, Area Minister Kenneth Hall at 817-924-8793 or Bonnie Schuler at 817-975-5895. participation with the Area provides another way we can grow in our Christian faith and service, as we share our time, talents and treasures with the larger church.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Mary Penney
11/3	Genna Edmonds
11/4	Bill Gunn
11/4	Keira Gregory
11/8	Misty King
11/8	Kristen Prather
11/16	Bryson Bonds
11/17	Burt Bond
11/20	Clint Bourland
11/24	Ryan Odiorne
11/25	Larry Womack
11/25	Robyn Lively





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 2007



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11 DWF Fall Retreat - 11/9-11/11	12 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	13	14	15 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	16	17
					CYF Fall Retreat-11/16-11/18	
18 CYF Fall Retreat- 11/16-11/18	19	20	21 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)	22  Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed	23	24 9:00 AM - Building & Grounds Work Day
25	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27	28	29	30	
						