

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 26, 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

What an inspiring worship service we had yesterday. I've always enjoyed Faye McLaren's wisdom on many subjects and what she had to say about stewardship was simple and eloquent. We were also blessed with many musicians who shared their God-given talents to bring passion and inspiration to our worship as well. I was grateful to be a part of it.

As Faye mentioned yesterday, we have begun our annual stewardship campaign. You may have heard little to nothing about budget worksheets and number crunching, but rest assured that the people responsible for that are hard at work. But there's a really good reason for us not to focus on how much an electric bill costs or the children's Sunday school curriculum, staff salaries, etc. It is true that those details are important and do indeed have their place and the whole congregation should and will be included in the decision-making process.

Yet our stewardship time is more for focusing on the spiritual side of what we do. When we hold on tightly to our money, possessions, or our abilities, and only share the smallest of portions with reluctance, several things happen. We shortchange the church's current ministries and make it that much harder for new ones to emerge. Also, we are failing to recognize and admit that all we have comes from God in the first place. Perhaps the most important thing is that we deny ourselves the opportunity to see what can happen when we become completely grateful, let go and trust that God's goodness has no limitations or expiration date to it.

Conversely, when you make the decision to give of your means, you express gratitude in the One who makes that possible. You demonstrate trust that God will continue to be with you and watch over you. And when you challenge yourself, even just a little, stretch and increase your giving by a percent or set dollar amount monthly or weekly, you will be amazed at how something so simple can help you grow in your relationship with God. It can help you live with a fuller sense of gratitude for all aspects of life. What's more, you experience firsthand the truth of those parables Jesus told about something small being placed in God's hands and emerging as something great and powerful and a blessing to many.

I challenge each person, each household, to consider your stewardship. How do you take care of what God has given you? How do you share what you have for the glory of God (money, time and abilities)? Is there a place where you can increase what you give and add blessings to God's ministries in this place and to the lives of more people than you might imagine?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 18, 2009 -	Early	5
	Traditional	70
October 25, 2009 -	Early	4
	Traditional	85

Offering **10/11/09**

Gen. Fund	2,572.00
Build. Fund	502.00

Offering **10/18/09**

Gen. Fund	1,528.25
Build. Fund	752.00
Youth September Recycle	15.75

Offering **10/25/09**

Gen. Fund	2,378.00
Build. Fund	887.00

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Ariel Jorgensen; Robin Stroditz; Elsee Reeves; Ann Owen; Mark & Melissa Pate; William Dunaway; Alex, Kristy & Madison Philips; Collin, Tiffanie & Isaac Gregory; Angie, Whitney & Jessica Pratt; Charlene Teague; Leah Voss; Wiley & Sandy Horton; Maya McGee; Jeremy Newton; Nate & Margaret Woodall; & Sophie, Melissa & Laura Graham in the Traditional Service.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

Daylight Savings Time ends tomorrow morning at 2:00 AM. Turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed tonight!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009

Chi-Rho Fall Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

Unbinding The Gospel

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin studying Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese on November 4th. This is a Chalice Press book about real life evangelism.

We meet in the foyer at 9:30 am, and all women are invited to join us.

"Unbinding the Gospel can convert even the most 'evangelism-cautious' Christians into eager disciples who love others enough to tell them why Jesus is the answer." (John H. Thomas)



Many thanks to those that shared part of their Saturday morning with us and participated in the church work day. The generosity of your time and energy is greatly appreciated.



Thanks,
Burt Bond
Property Chairman





The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Cyndy Garrett is recovering from neck surgery. Continue prayers for healing.

Wilma Taylor is undergoing chemo and radiation for esophageal cancer. Continue prayers for healing.

Ann Settle, Beth Hindman's friend, is still in ICU at Harris Hospital Downtown. Prayers for her, her family and her doctors.

Jack Gregory, Sr. had cataract surgery on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

Laura Odiorne has an ovarian cyst.

Sandra Hay's mother and daughter are traveling.

Aunt Bertha, Carol Findley's aunt, is ill.

Lori Chernosky had an MRI.

Harvest House's pantry needs to be restocked.

Alice Bleeker-Huguley

Autumn, a 9 year old Burleson student, has a brain tumor and is going to MD Anderson.

Bonnie DePratter had an MRI on her back.

Charlotte, Chris Cooper's co-worker's daughter, celebrated her first birthday and qualified for stem cell therapy.

Richelle Smithee, Tiffanie Gregory's mother, and Tiffanie's niece, Taylor, both have swine flu.

JOYS:

UIL Band Competition on October 17th at Elk Stadium - Burleson High School received 1's, North Crowley High School received 1's and Joshua High School received 1's. Joshua High School went to area.

TCU is 7-0 the best record since the 1950's! GO FROGS!!

Collin & Tiffanie Gregory came forward on October 25 to transfer their membership to our family of faith.

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



COOKIE UPDATE!

All 14 signature lines were filled yesterday when you were asked to volunteer to bake cookies again for Harvest House's Holiday Friends. I plan to have our materials available for pick up on the 15th of November and will keep you updated if any changes occur. Also, anyone who wants to come and experience the amazing power of when people come together and work for a common purpose, set your calendar for Sunday, December 6. This is when we will have the Cookie Kit Assembly Party. We'll start work at 4:00 p.m. and go until we finish. We worked hard last year and so fast! It was amazing. I think we'll add a little snack and drink break station somewhere in the Family Life Center. I think the generous volunteers deserve a little treat and I don't think it will slow us down too much.



YOUTH CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ November 1 - Youth Fellowship
- ⇒ November 6-7 - Chi-Rho Fall Retreat
- ⇒ November 8 - Youth Fellowship



FREE MAMMOGRAMS!



Free digital screening mammograms for uninsured or underserved women who lack insurance coverage or access to preventive care, ages 40 and over, or women ages 36 to 39 with a family history of breast cancer.

Must have proof of local residency.

From 8:00 am Thursday,
October 29th to
8:00 am Friday, October 30th

At Huguley Imaging Center
12001 South Freeway, Suite 100, Burleson.

Located in the Doctor's Surgery Center at the south end of the Huguley campus.

HOLIDAY FRIENDS

This wonderful event that serves those of very modest means in our community will be held at First United Methodist Church of Burleson again this year. It will be on Saturday, December 12. Much like last year, we will need some volunteers that would be willing to come and pass out those cookie kits (along with some coloring books and colors already provided) to the children who attend. Last year we had 2 shifts with 4 volunteers per shift. We also had some of our members serving as personal assistants to the parents when they went shopping in the toy department. If you think you would be interested in helping on the day of the event, let me know. You do have to be 18 or older to work the day of the event. Free childcare is provided for volunteers as well as your lunch while you work. There is some paperwork involved and a training session to attend and I'll have more information about that soon. I'll be working with Kathy Welch to organize our church's participation in the event. Last year, we were one of the 19 different churches that had volunteers participating the day of the event, to say nothing of those that worked behind the scenes and in the weeks and days leading up to the event. It truly is a wonderful chance to come together as the body of Christ and reach out to another in love.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 pm, in the Family Life Center. As always, Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. November hostesses are Onita Holton, Vicki Rubis and Beverly Sholders.

The study and worship follows refreshments and will be led by Jane Ann McGowen and LaVerne McGowen.

During our business meeting, the new slate of officers for 2010 will be presented.

November's service project for Harvest House is providing deodorant. Remember, bring any cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (cut out stamp with 1/4 inch envelope remaining around stamp) and your offering.

A nursery will be provided if needed. Please let Diane Chilton (817-426-6194) know before Wednesday, November 11, so arrangements may be made.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday-November 1 - Bring extra canned goods for Harvest House Sunday - the pantries are nearly empty.

Sunday-November 8 - Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner-sign up sheets located across from the sanctuary.

Friday-Sunday-November 13-15 - Disciples Women Retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens. Please contact Marion Higginbotham (817-295-0279), Mary Bryan (817-295-3390 or Kaye Gregory (817-295-0009) or email jackgregoryjr@aol.com if you have not registered. A head count is what is most important at this time, but we need to get that information to the camp staff this week.

Sunday-November 9 - First Sunday in Advent

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Please join us on Sunday, November 8th, immediately following the worship service for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer across from the sanctuary. We still need more people to sign up for turkeys, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce, and desserts.

We would love for you to join us for good food, fun and fellowship.





BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Mary Penney
11/3	Genna Edmonds
11/4	Bill Gunn
11/4	Robby Owen
11/4	Keira Gregory
11/7	Deondra Owen
11/8	Misty King
11/16	Bryson Bonds
11/17	Burt Bond
11/20	Clint Bourland
11/24	Ryan Odiorne
11/25	Larry Womack
11/26	Iris Wilson
11/30	Kolton Gregory



NOVEMBER HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Nov. 1st: Don & Kathy Welch;

Nov. 8-29: Juanice Wichterich

Acolyte Attendant: Leslie Lalonde

Communion Preparation: Vicki Rubis

Attendance Books: Steve Rubis

Children's Sermon:

01 Faye McLaren

08 Wayne English

15 Richard Bryan

22 Pastor Laura

29 Pastor Laura

Scripture Reading:

01 Bethany Bonds

08 Beth Hindman

15 Angela Kaker

22 Bill Gunn

29 Chris Cooper

Deacon Team: Kim Bonds; Chris Cooper;

Lolly Ellis; Judy Isom

Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash;

Jack Gregory, Jr.

3-5 Year Class: Mindy Preston

Elementary Class: Faye McLaren

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

01 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

08 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &

Barbara Bond

15 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

22 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

29 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Franklin Graham, son of the famed Billy Graham, says he will give up his pay as head of the Billy Graham Evangelist Association. Franklin has been subject of some criticism for his two salaries as head of the BGEA and the relief agency Samaritan's Purse. The combined salaries total \$1.2 million. Giving up one salary will leave him with an income of \$535, 000 annually. The evangelist association recently has laid off 55 employees, more than 10 percent of the workforce, as revenues dropped 18 percent. Graham says his call to the ministry has never been based on compensation.



They're at it again. Rumors are flying over the end of the current Mayan calendar in 2012. The rumors say that will mark the end of the world. Next month, Hollywood adds to the fire by the release of the move "2012" in which, among other things, a tsunami dumps an aircraft carrier on the White House. A Mayan Elder says there's nothing to it. Says he, "I'm fed up with this stuff."

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 _____

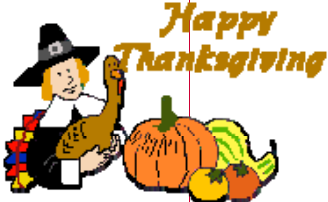
LADIES, PLEASE INVITE YOUR SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS, COUSINS....AND FRIENDS!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Mtg. (E) 1:00 PM Board Meeting Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 AM 	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S)	6 Chi Rho Fall Retreat 11/6-11/8	7
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22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Chapel Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship			