

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, September 10, 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:

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| 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

Dear Churches & Ministers,

Friends, God is calling us to an incredible future as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! A Task Force made up of representatives from the other seven areas and the Regional Council have been listening intentionally to God's call and to one another, and are excited about engaging you in conversation. How can our Region/Areas revision and transform to better serve alongside CCSW congregations?

We want you to share your input because we believe that the impact that we might have together in supporting and transforming our congregations, our Areas/Region, starting new churches and reaching more people for Jesus Christ throughout the Southwest can make a real difference in our world!

We are asking for about 4 hours of your time so that we can share our progress! We are in the design phase for discerning God's new call to ministry and mission across the Region. We want your input and feedback to incorporate into the process before we go any further. Be prepared for some moments to consider scripture and to pray, as well as participate in a guided discussion- for we are indeed engaging in the holy work of discernment as we seek God's plan for our areas and the CCSW. You might even find a spark for something new in your own congregation! God is still at work in the world and we want our congregations to be faithful and effective instruments for the work long into the future!

The Trinity-Brazos Area meetings are scheduled for: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am- 2pm at South Hills Christian Church in Fort Worth; Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am- 2pm at First Christian Church in Temple; and Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am- 2pm at the Sandy Lane Campus of Trinity Christian Church in Fort Worth. Lunch will be included. Please choose one of these meetings to attend. One of us will be giving you a call to answer any early questions you might have and to confirm that you'll be able to join us.

God is calling us into a New Day and a New Direction! We're looking forward to our time together!

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## BY LAWS

The proposed changes to the By-Laws are available for viewing. There is a link on our website to take you to them and you can print them out if you wish. If you don't have access to a computer, there will be a limited number of copies available in the foyer. Please submit any questions in writing to Board Chair, Steve Rubis, or e-mail your questions to the church office by Thursday, September 20th, and they will be addressed at the congregational meeting.

**Offering 8/26/07**

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund           | 1,333.00 |
| Build. Fund         | 455.00   |
| Choir Music         | 425.00   |
| "0" Birthdays - TBD | 193.00   |
| Software            | 188.00   |
| TBD                 | 179.00   |

**Offering 9/2/07**

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| Gen. Fund   | 4,279.75 |
| Build. Fund | 644.00   |

**Offering 9/9/07**

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| Gen. Fund   | 3,110.26 |
| Build. Fund | 447.00   |

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

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| Sept. 9, 2007 - Early | 10  |
| Traditional           | 104 |

**Visitors and Guests**

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

Mary Coots; Todd, Sarah, & Connor Lane; Tristen & Jaden Wilson; Larry & Jenni Snodgrass; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Greta Eller; Imogene Cottman; Kimberly Blackmon; Debbie McHargue; Rick, Kris, Ryan, & Anna Cheek; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Brea & Sarah DeSessa; & 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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007**

8:15 AM Early Service (C)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)  
3:00 PM Installation Service for Pastor Laura - Reception to follow  
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)  
12:00 PM FCC Friends  
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007**

3:00 PM Disciples Day at Warren Park

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**CYF DAY  
AT TCU**

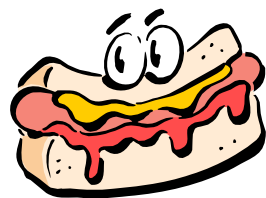
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

TCU Horned Frogs vs. The Colorado State Rams

No youth on September 30th.

**DISCIPLES DAY AT WARREN PARK**

Sunday, September 23 from 3-6 pm there will be a gathering of Disciples from Hillside Memorial, FCC Cleburne, FCC Burleson and hosted by Grace Christian Fellowship. We are asked to bring our own drinks and dessert to share. Please RSVP to the church office by September 16 if you plan to attend so we can let our hosts know how many hot dogs to cook.





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Roland Salzman is at Huguley Hospital.

Rhonda Janusch will soon have outpatient surgery.

The family of Jack Womack, a friend of the Taylor family, who passed away recently.

## JOYS:

James Odiorne expressed thanksgiving for answered prayers.

Thanks to our fine musicians who play instruments, and to those who use their voices to praise God each Sunday.

## 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

## THE ROY COX MEMORIAL CLOTH FUND

Roy Cox, a compassionate Elder, founded this fund for our church members. CLOTH is an acronym for Christian Love Offering To Help.

If a member of our church who attends services regularly has an emergency financial situation, cash is available.

Gifts from DWF, individuals, and a percentage of our church's outreach sustain this fund. Members who use it are encouraged to repay what they can when their financial situation improves.

Dorothy Nash (817) 295-4773 and Faye McLaren (817) 295-1308 manage this fund. All activity is strictly confidential.

If you have any questions, please call Dorothy or Faye.



**I wonder if the women  
will be cooking for the  
Fall Roundup?**

**Naaa!!**



## NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

The pastor of Fort Worth's Central Christian Church is raising funds to get out of storage a wax recreation of the Last Supper. Ed Malone says he needs a million dollars to get the statues out of storage and into a museum. The recreation of da Vinci's famous fresco painting, when assembled, measures 25 feet in length and hopefully will be displayed in a new Christian Arts museum, yet to be built.

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Newsweek magazine calls it one of the most absurd acts of totalitarianism. China has forbidden Buddhist monks in Tibet from being reincarnated without permission of the Chinese government.

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Pope Benedict XVI says marriage in Italy is failing, what with an increasing divorce rate and reports of widespread adultery. He is urging Italy's young people to set a better example for their elders.

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Catholic circles are in shock over publication of letters by Mother Teresa saying she often had doubts about the existence of God. The nun who spent her life among the poor of India is up for sainthood.

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The Texas Supreme Court says the state has no right to regulate seminaries, and any attempt would violate religious freedom. The state had sought to determine standards for four seminaries under a state law designed to protect against "diploma mills".

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AARP says a survey of more than a thousand people over 50 years old find that 94 percent believe in God, 86 percent believe in Heaven, 70 percent believe in hell, 23 percent believe in reincarnation and nearly 25 percent believe there is no life after death. Those who believe in Heaven are split over whether it is a "place" or a "state of being". The author of the study says he finds Americans over 50 are "downright conventional in their basic beliefs".

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Some Mormon women are raising questions. Couples married in the Temple in Salt Lake City, and their children, are "sealed" - they will be bound together in Heaven. But a widower can marry again in the temple and his second marriage also "sealed". The women's group asks: Does that mean a man can practice polygamy in Heaven? Must a wife in Heaven share her husband with another wife? And must a woman divorced from a "sealed" marriage spend eternity with a man she despises?

So far church officials have not given the women any answers. Said one, "We just don't know".

## **DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING**

All women of the church are invited to attend the next Disciples Women's meeting on Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 pm. Please come to the Family Life Center.

Refreshments will be provided by Disciples Men. The study and worship will be lead by Ann Gartman.

Remember to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village, birthday monies if you have a September birthday (enough change to equal how old you are), your offering, and any Blessing Box money that has not been turned in.

We need help planning our own Women's Retreat in Athens, November 9-11. If you are willing to help, please stay for a few minutes following the meeting.

If you need a nursery, please call Sandra Hay (817) 297-9905 before Thursday so arrangements may be made.

