

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, September 22, 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:

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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

We've recently gotten just a little taste of fall. We put on light jackets in the morning and enjoy the coolness at night. It is a delightful relief from the scorching heat we had this summer. At the same time, we're getting ready to say goodbye to swimming at the pool, water parks and other summer fun.

Transitions always involve letting go of something so that you can open yourself to receive something else. Seasonal changes are easy, because most of us believe we'll still be around next summer to enjoy that season's fun all over again. Other transitions are not quite so easy - transitioning from being an adolescent to an adult - where you really are responsible for the choices you make and have to face and deal with the consequences. Transitions like letting your kids be adults and not jumping to rescue them whenever they get in a little hot water - this too can be incredibly challenging.

Transitions in church can be just as vexing, sometimes more so. We live in a world that seems to move faster each day. We are expected to take in and process much more information on any given day than in any other time in human history. It can be a dizzying pace. Amidst this world whose only seeming constant is change, we can sometimes grasp for the familiar in church, take comfort in "old hymns" and "the way things used to be".

The need for comfort and reassurance is a normal, natural, even healthy human response. Let us challenge ourselves to remember that the comfort and strength come not in the old hymns, prayers or style of doing things that we remember from a golden era gone by. Those are but symbols that point to the presence of God. That is where the true strength and comfort and hope lie. When the Israelites were leaving Egypt, the Lord guided them by pillars of cloud and fire. Those pillars of cloud and fire weren't the strength and driving presence that led them on. They were simply visible reminders that it was God who was present, who was leading them. We can find that same comfort, spiritual strength and nourishment from new songs, new ministries and new Christian friends. The Lord says, "Behold, I do a new thing." and the Psalmist writes, "Sing to the Lord a new song." God is present here and now and will be with us in the future. We may not know what it's going to look like, but God is faithful and that is enough.

May the promise of God's faithfulness be the grace you need for whatever changes you are facing. Above all, know you are loved by a God who will never leave you.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Laura

# PRAY PRAY PRAY

**PRAYER** isn't to change God's purpose - it's to discover it!

We invite everyone to join our Prayer Group which meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the kitchen of the Education Building.



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| September 14, 2008 - Early | 9  |
| Traditional                | 90 |
| September 21, 2008 - Early | 7  |
| Traditional                | 75 |

#### **Offering** 9/07/08

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund                   | 1,855.00 |
| Build. Fund                 | 292.00   |
| Memorial to Bob Arganbright | 100.00   |

#### **Offering** 9/14/08

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| Gen. Fund   | 2,349.00 |
| Build. Fund | 667.00   |



### **Visitors and Guests**

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

Iris Wilson; Greta Eller; Marjorie Armstrong; Caleb & Donovan Estes; Fran Clarkson; Christina Clarkson; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Nancy Hollinger; Harue Yokeley; Walter, Darla, Carson & Deacon Presley; & 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.*

### **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO SATURDAY MORNING?**



Why don't you come on down to our church and join us in a three hour clean up? We'll be done by noon and your personal touch will be very helpful.

We will start at 9:00 am



### **CALENDAR**

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

- 7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

- 9:00 AM Church Wide Work Day

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

- 8:15 AM Early Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
- 5:00 PM Youth Nacho Night & Movie

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

CYF Day at TCU

- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

##### **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 (S)
- 12:00 PM Quarterly Cabinet Meeting (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Youth Snacks & Games (FLC)
- 6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

- 10:00 AM Trinity-Brazos Area Board Meeting-Riverside Disciples Ministry Ctr.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

##### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS**

REGISTRATION FOR CHI-RHO & CYF FALL RETREATS DUE

- 8:15 AM Early Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 12:00 PM Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)
- 1:00 PM PPRC Meeting (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Youth Touch Football & Snacks

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

### **NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION**

The Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in a cave East of Jerusalem in the 1940s are in more than 15,000 pieces. They are believed to be about two thousand years old and contain the earliest known copies of every book in the Hebrew Bible, except the book of Esther. Now, new scientific techniques are allowing scientists in Israel to photograph the thousands of fragments of the scrolls with an eye toward assembling them and making them available on the internet. Scientists are uncovering previously illegible portions of the scrolls. Some pieces are on parchment, others on papyrus.



# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Jerry Yowell passed away on Friday, September 19th. Service at First Christian Burleson Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:30 pm. Prayers of comfort for the family and friends.

Paul Bernard, a friend of the Enochs family, suffered a massive heart attack during the Hurricane Ike evacuation and died on Friday, September 12th. Prayers of comfort for the family and friends.

Jerry Sanders is recovering from an ATV accident.

Prayers for Iris Wilson and family in the recent passing of her aunt.

Ronnie Johnson asked prayers for a cousin in the hurricane affected area that hadn't been located.

Tessa Cooper asked prayers of safety for a friend who recently moved to Corpus Christi.

Bonnie DePratter asked prayers for family in West Galveston, Houston and Liberty.

Prayers of safety and health for all evacuees, and those involved in rescue and recovery.

Beverly Peterson's daughter, Angie-her husband passed away. He was 38 years old. Prayers of comfort for the family and friends.

Darlene Pettis is at Baylor-Dallas with Pneumonia.

Larry Sanders & wife Judy, Marion Higginbotham's cousin, had a bad car accident. They are in ICU in Mena, Arkansas. Both have multiple, potentially life threatening injuries.

Safe travel for Pastor Laura and her mom this week.

Jerry Springs, a friend of the Odiorne's, has colon cancer.

Joann Wilmeth, a friend of Adrienne Nash, her mother, Mary Ranney, has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Please pray daily for Mary Ranney and her family in the coming weeks.

## JOYS:

We had 5 boys in the Bible Force class!!

We had 10 youth come for Recycle Round-Up!!

## 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



## ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

All women of the church and their guests are encouraged to attend the next Disciples Women's meeting on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Disciples Men are invited to share refreshments with us.

Our hostesses are Sandra Hay, Onita Holton & Vicki Rubis.

Our study and worship will be given by Kathy Welch.

This month's service project is to provide bottles of shampoo for Harvest House. Bring as many as you can along with cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (stamps cut off envelopes with 1/4" envelope remaining) and your offering.

If you need a nursery for the meeting, contact Diane Chilton (817-426-6194) before Wednesday, October 7, so arrangements may be made.

Our annual retreat in Athens is October 31-November 2. We will have registration forms and more information that night. Plan on coming even if you have Halloween plans. Our retreat study will begin Saturday morning.

## CALLING ALL LADIES!!

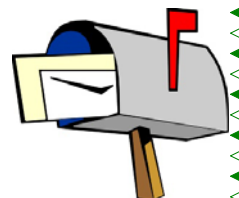
The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group will begin a study of the book of Matthew on September 24th. We meet in the Narthex at 9:30 am. We use all versions of the Bible, so bring what you have. We would love to hear your views and input and share prayer concerns.

Please join us!!



## NEW ADDRESS FOR:

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## **OCTOBER HONORED TO SERVE**

**Worship Leader:** Mary Bryan

**Greeters:** Tommy & Angela Kaker

**Acolyte Attendant:** Chris Cooper

**Communion Preparation:** Vicki Rubis

**Attendance Books:** Don Welch

**Children's Sermon:**

05 Jerry Hay

12 Ryan Odiorne

19 Suzanne Barton

26 Brenda Yowell

**Scripture Reading:**

05 Diana McGee

12 Steve McGee

19 Christal McGee

26 Bethany Bonds

**Deacon Team:** Steve & Vicki Rubis,

Doyle DePratter, Rosalyn Wilcox

**Serving at the Table:** Richard Bryan, Dorothy Nash

**Children's Church:**

05 Wayne English

12 Mindy Preston

19 Juanice Wichterich/Peggy Johnson

26 Lacy & Stephanie McGee

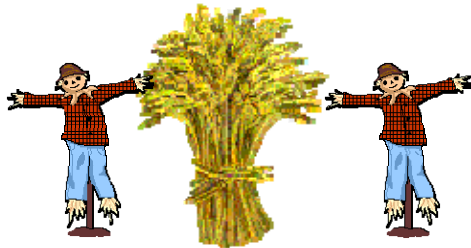
**First Time Visitor Follow-Up:**

05 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

12 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren & Barbara Bond

19 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

26 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/1 Marion Higginbotham

10/5 Bill Taylor

10/7 Beverly Royer

10/10 Bobby Lewis

10/10 Judy Isom

10/14 Emily Pulliam

10/16 Sandra Hay

10/18 Daniel McCrory

10/19 Rhonda Janusch

10/19 Chris Cooper

10/20 Jamie Yowell

10/20 Lacy McGee

10/24 Eileen Fernstrom

10/27 Peggy Johnson

10/28 Chance Kaker

10/30 Diane Chilton

## **NEW ELDERS-2009**

Three Elders will be chosen to serve a three year term beginning in 2009.

The Elders would appreciate your suggestions. Give us the names of members of our congregation to guide us spiritually. Give the names to Pastor Laura or one of the Elders.

Barbara Bond, Richard Bryan, Wayne English, Jack Gregory, Jr., Kaye Gregory, Bill Gunn, Marion Higginbotham, Faye McLaren and Dorothy Nash

# **YOUTH CORNER**

What a great first couple of weeks we had! Fourteen of you showed up for the pizza and games on the 7th and 10 for Recycle Round-Up on the 14th. We took a little break on the 21st, but on Sunday, September 28th we will meet at 5:00 pm for nacho night and a movie. Friends are welcome and we'll try to finish up around 7:00 pm. You've been doing a pretty good job getting up early enough to come for Sunday School. Keep up the good work. It's always more fun with more friends in class!

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Laura



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# OCTOBER



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                                                                               | Tue | Wed | Thu                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                 |
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| 10/5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>Regular Sunday Activities:<br/>8:15 AM - Early Worship<br/>10:00 AM - Sunday School<br/>11:00 AM - Traditional Worship</div> |     | 1   | 2                                                                                    | 3                                                                                                                                                      | 4                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <div>Regular Wednesday Activities:<br/>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM - Choir Practice</div>                            |     |     |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        | CYF Day at TCU                                                                      |
| 5 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E)<br>12:00 PM - Quarterly Cabinet Mtg. (FLC)<br>4:00 PM - Youth Snacks & Games (FLC)<br>6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)                                            | 6                                                                                                                                 | 7   | 8   | 9 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)<br><br>7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C) | 10                                                                                                                                                     | 11 10:00 AM - Trinity-Brazos Area Board Meeting - Riverside Disciples Ministry Ctr. |
| 12 STEWARSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS<br>Registration for Chi-Rho & CYF Fall Retreats Due<br>12:00 PM - Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)<br>1:00 PM - PPRC Meeting (FLC)<br>4:00 PM - Youth Touch Football & Snacks | 13<br><br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published                                                                                          | 14  | 15  | 16<br><br>7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)                                                | 17<br><br><div>CCSW Regional Assembly<br/>10/17-10/19<br/>University Christian Church &amp; TCU</div>                                                  | 18                                                                                  |
| 19<br><br>Youth - Ft. Worth CROP Walk & Ice Cream after - Time TBA                                                                                                                                 | 20                                                                                                                                | 21  | 22  | 23                                                                                   | 24                                                                                                                                                     | 25                                                                                  |
| 26 NO YOUTH<br><br>2:00 PM - Children & Families - Harvest Celebration - Dineen Family Farm - Waxahachie, TX                                                                                       | 27<br><br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published                                                                                          | 28  | 29  | 30                                                                                   | 31<br><br><div>FCCB CWF Retreat - Athens, TX<br/>10/31-11/2</div> |                                                                                     |