

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, September 24, 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

Yesterday afternoon, several of our church members gathered at Warren Park with members of three other local Disciples churches for a picnic and fellowship. The weather was pleasant. The food was tasty and the fellowship gratifying. It was a relaxing time with no agenda, no schedule, just time to be together.

Our world seems so rushed, so filled with urgent things that demand our attention and consume our time and energy, we leave ourselves so little time to just be. Fellowship is something that we need to hold on to and treasure. It is a time to be – with one another and feel the presence of the Spirit among us. It's easy in a busy world to become insulated and isolated. For all of technology's benefits, no chat room or internet blog can take the place of face-to-face, person-to-person contact. We need each other and were created to be in relationship – with our families and friends, with each other in this congregation, with fellow disciples and the Christian community at large. We are so much stronger, so much healthier when we build and sustain relationships and networks of care and service and fellowship with each other. In so doing, the body of Christ is built up and God is glorified.

Next time you look at your calendar or personal planner, make sure you've written the next fellowship event in. Make those connections a priority, for they feed us spiritually like nothing else can.

In Christ, Pastor Laura

P.S. The next all-church fellowship is Sunday, October 7 after morning worship. This will also be the women's annual dessert auction. As I recall from last year, it was quite a site to behold! – much laughter, energy and fun.

## BY-LAWS

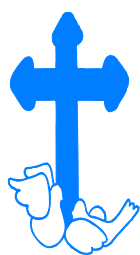
The proposed changes to the By-Laws are available for viewing. There is a link on our website to take you to them and you can print them out if you wish. If you don't have access to a computer, there will be a limited number of copies available in the foyer. Please submit any questions in writing to Board Chair, Steve Rubis, or e-mail your questions to the church office by Sunday, October 17th, and they will be addressed at the congregational meeting.

**Offering 9/16/07**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Gen. Fund          | 3,317.00 |
| Build. Fund        | 862.00   |
| Flower Fund        | 50.00    |
| School Kit Postage | 50.00    |

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Sept. 16, 2007 - Early | 7   |
| Traditional            | 96  |
| Sept. 23, 2007 - Early | 7   |
| Traditional            | 100 |

**Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Nancy Hollinger; Imogene Cottman; Kimberly Blackmon; John Roe, Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam, Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Brandi & Reese Reynolds; Rick, Kris, Ryan & Anna Cheek; Lynn & Pat Eubanks; Sarah Carroll; Greta Eller; Jessie Mendoza; Lisa McGowen Garcia; Chelsi Garcia; Gwendolyn McGowen; Bernard & Lorna McGowen; Melinda McGowen; Gregory McGowen; Charlie & Grace Moore; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Iris Wilson; & 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.*

The church needs your help replacing some of our yard equipment. If you have a gas powered push lawn mower, an edger, or a string trimmer in working condition that you no longer need, the church would appreciate your donation.

Please call the church office for information on who to contact.

**CALENDAR****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007**

CYF Day at TCU - TCU vs. Colorado State

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

8:15 AM Early Service (C)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)  
No Youth Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007**

Chi-Rho Fall Retreat Registration Forms Due

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 Fellowship Luncheon & DFW Dessert Auction (FLC)  
12:00 PM Youth Fellowship

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

**2007 RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

September 30 & October 7th

The Reconciliation Ministry Offering provides the primary support of Disciples' efforts to advocate for, educate about and organize to dismantle systemic racism and structural oppression within our ministries and institutions, as well as the communities and cultures that we serve.

At least 50 cents of every dollar from this offering remains in the Disciples region where it is received to fund local initiatives aimed at eradicating racism from its roots, as well as to support the work of regional teams. The remainder supports the ministry of our General Reconciliation Mission across the life of our church primarily through the "Many Members, One Table: Anti-Racism, Pro-Reconciliation Initiative, and the Reconciliation Mission Commission."



**CYF DAY AT TCU**  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

TCU Horned Frogs vs. The Colorado State Rams

This is for High School only  
There will be no Youth Fellowship on September 30th.



# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Patsy Johnson's mother passed away. Patsy is a friend of Mary Bryan.

Roland Salzman is recovering at home.

Troy Smith will have outpatient surgery on Thursday.

Mary Louise Pace is recuperating at home.

The McGee family - Lacy has a bad ear infection, Diana had treatment for bursitis in her wrist, Andrew's convoy was mortared in Iraq, but support from the Air Force kept everyone safe.

Willie & Loree Lewis, Ann Gartman & Juanice Wichterich's sister and brother-in-law, Willie has liver cancer and is having problems with treatment. Loree has shingles.

John Higginbotham is recovering at home.

Doris McCollum, Brenda Land's mother, had heart surgery.

Allene Haldy will have surgery on Wednesday, September 26th.

Chris Cooper's family following the death of her aunt.

## JOYS:

Thanksgiving for answered prayers.

Thanks for our beautiful music.

## 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



## DISCIPLES WOMEN DESSERT AUCTION

The Disciples Women Dessert Auction is coming up on October 7th. Save your money to bid on these yummy desserts! Bonnie DePratter will be the auctioneer again, although we don't know how she will top last year, as she was wonderful. If you have any questions, Marion Higginbotham (817) 295-0279 is chairing this event. The auction will begin following the fellowship luncheon so please plan to stay and enjoy the fun!



**Hey Partner - When's the last time you were able to take your honey out for \$20.00? Don't have a honey? That's ok come on out and enjoy the fun for \$10.00! Plan on taking the 1027 (October 27th) to the FLC Barn (Family Life Center) at 6:30 pm. There will be plenty of food, plenty of barbeque. Dancing starts at 7:00 pm.**



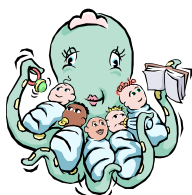
The Burleson ISD Daycare for the children of teachers and staff members is now open in our building! They completed the first week September 17-21 and things seem to be going very well. They are continuing to add telephones, internet, and a few other things, but they are open and operating daily.

Now that we have this additional use in our building we have a few things that no longer have a home. If you have donated things to the church and you want them back, please contact Brenda Land to find out if the item still has a home or if it will need to find a new home. I do not want to get rid of anything that has sentimental value to someone.

Additionally, we have rectangular tables and metal folding chairs that we are not able to store. These are **NOT** the padded red or blue chairs and this is **NOT** the new round or rectangular white plastic tables. If you are interested in the tables or chairs, please contact Brenda Land (817) 447-0154.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Brenda Land



## BOARD NEWS

### SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Questions about the proposed By-Laws should be turned into the church office by October 17th so they can be addressed at the October Board Meeting, and answered during the congregational meeting.

Paul Holton reported the contract with BISD is in effect and their daycare has begun using our facilities.

In going over the proposed 2008 budget, Pastor Laura suggested the possibility of hiring a youth pastor. Discussion followed and she was given permission to look into the possibilities including appropriate salary and number of hours normally expected, etc.

Richard Land reported the parking lot needs repair and plans to ask the nursing home to pay half of the repairs plus pay to use our parking lot.

### HARVET HOUSE UPDATE

July - \$111.00 and 55 pounds of food

September - \$100.00 and 57 pounds of food

Harvest House Information System as of September 18th:  
1,228 families assisted with food; 960 families with clothing; 224 families with \$27,478.04 of financial assistance; other services-42 families.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 10/1  | Marion Higginbotham |
| 10/2  | Mary Louise Pace    |
| 10/5  | Bill Taylor         |
| 10/10 | Bobby Lewis         |
| 10/10 | Judy Isom           |
| 10/11 | Jesse Mendoza       |
| 10/13 | Ruth Salzman        |
| 10/14 | Emily Pulliam       |
| 10/16 | Sandra Hay          |
| 10/17 | Daniel McCrory      |
| 10/19 | Rhonda Janusch      |
| 10/19 | Chris Cooper        |
| 10/20 | Lacy McGee          |
| 10/24 | Eileen Fernstrom    |
| 10/27 | Peggy Johnson       |
| 10/28 | Chance Kaker        |
| 10/30 | Diane Chilton       |

## OCTOBER HONORED TO SERVE

**Worship Leader:** Bill Sholders

**Greeters:** Tommy & Angela Kaker

**Acolyte Attendant:** Marion Higginbotham

**Communion Preparation:** Juanice Wichterich

**Attendance Books:** Sandra Hay

**Children's Sermon:** Richard Bryan

**Scripture Reading:**

07 Bethany Bonds

14 Barbara Bond

21 Peggy Johnson

28 Richard Bryan

**Deacon Team:** Joe & Linda McDowell,  
Jody Land, Stephanie McGee

**Serving at the Table:** Jack Gregory, Jr.,  
Steve Rubis

**Choir Director:** Jack Gregory, Jr.

**Children's Church:**

07 Ann Gartman; 14 Dorothy Nash;

21 Juanice Wichterich; 28 Mary Bryan;

**Nursery Assistant:**

07 Juanice Wichterich; 14 Beth Hindman;

21 Carol Gunn; 28 Jody Land

# FCC, Burleson Disciples Women Retreat

Nov. 9-10-11 ~ Disciples Crossing in Athens

## What's In A Woman's Heart

*Begins Friday at 9:00 pm in the Lakeside Dorm and ends Sunday after breakfast. Come for the whole time or just on Saturday.*

### ITEMS TO BRING

Comfortable clothes and shoes, bedding for twin bed, bath toiletries & towel, flashlight, and 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 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

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Turn in form and money  
to Ann Gartman,  
Kaye Gregory, Sandra Hay,  
Marion Higginbotham,  
or Onita Holton by  
Sunday, Oct. 21.

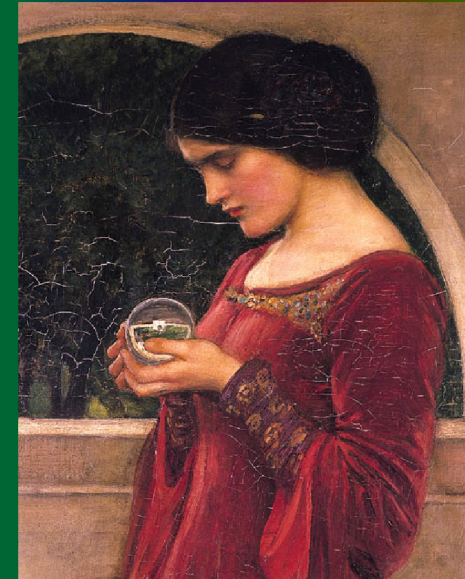
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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





# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## October 2007



| Sun                                                                                                             | Mon                                                                                    | Tue | Wed                                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Fri | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 10/7 Harvest House Sunday & Deadline to register for Chi-Rho Fall Retreat                                       | 1<br> | 2   | 3                                                                                         | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5   | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7 9:00 AM - Elders Meeting (E)<br>12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon & DWF Dessert Auction & Youth Fellowship (FLC) | 8<br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published                                                    | 9   | 10                                                                                        | 11<br>7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E)<br>7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)                                                                                                                          | 12  | 13<br>10:00 AM - TBA Board Meeting - Conf. Room SW<br>Regional Office                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 14<br>12:00 Noon - Cabinet Meeting (FLC)<br>5:00 PM - Recycle Round-Up                                          | 15                                                                                     | 16  | 17<br>12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Youth Room)                                                 | 18<br>7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)                                                                                                                                                                           | 19  | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 21<br>No Youth<br>Deadline to Register for CYF Fall Retreat                                                     | 22<br>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published                                                   | 23  | 24                                                                                        | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 26  | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 28<br>12:00 Noon - Congregational Meeting (S)<br>5:00 PM - Youth Fellowship                                     | 29                                                                                     | 30  | 31<br> | Regular Sunday Activities:<br>8:15 AM - Early Worship<br>10:00 AM - Sunday School<br>11:00 AM - Traditional Worship<br> |     | <br><div>           Regular Wednesday Activities:<br/>           9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study<br/>           6:45 PM - Choir Practice         </div> |