

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 3, 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

I can't speak for you, but for me this summer has flown by. It seems like Memorial Day was just a couple of weeks ago and one week from today will be Labor Day. It's been a busy summer for me but a good one. I hope you can say the same about yours as well. Church has been busy also - lots of things going on like the potential child care facility here, our participation in the General Assembly and guest preachers. In the early part of our summer together we completed the discernment process. You remember that - with the historical reflection, norm identification, home groups and ministry surveys. Well the committee brought its work to a close early this summer by taking all that they had learned from the previous gatherings and through prayer and conversation with God and each other identified some goals for our church's ministry in the next 5 years. Those goals are:

To expand our congregational care ministry, to increase our church's presence in community activities, to expand and develop our hands-on outreach ministries, increase member involvement in the ministries of the church, to increase the young adult presence in our congregation and to learn, develop and practice healthy conflict resolution skills.

These are all of equal value. Our next phase is to begin living out these goals. That will start in our morning worship service on September 16. As a part of the service, we will have a time of prayer and dedication, affirming these goals and the ministries that will be born out of them. That day also happens to be when I will be officially installed as your pastor. That service will be at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to be present and a part of this new beginning for our church.

In the mean time, keep the church and these goals in prayer. Share your thoughts and ideas with others in the church, and trust God to be present with us in our faith journey together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA LADIES FALL RETREAT

The Fall Retreat for our Area is October 5-7. The Keynote Speaker will be Cheryl Graves. She will speak on "Ladies Get a Grip". She is a member of the Clay Street Christian Church in Waco. The retreat will be in Athens. Registration forms are due by September 24th, and after that date there will be a \$10.00 late fee. The information and registration forms will be in the church office. This sounds like an inspiring weekend. I hope some of us can go.

Offering 8/5/07

Gen. Fund	3,703.00
Build. Fund	557.00

Offering 8/12/07

Gen. Fund	4,354.00
Build. Fund	502.00

Offering 8/19/07

Gen. Fund	1,707.00
Build. Fund	687.00
AV Equipment & Software	1,000.00
(In memory and honor of Earl Roe)	
July Recycle	109.96

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 19, 2007 - Early	6
Traditional	73

August 26, 2007 - Early	8
Traditional	95

Sept. 2, 2007 - Early	7
Traditional	97

Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Iris Wilson; Greta Eller; Imogene Cottman; Brandi & Reese Reynolds; Joe & Rae Bostwick; Connie Pollard; Laurie & Magunn Carroll; Bernie & Mary DeSessa; Sam, Sarah & Brea DeSessa; Ariel Whalen; Debbie McHargue; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Charlene Teague; Melody Ferguson; Tom & Melanie Hatfield; Trevor O'Loughlin; Jim & Dodie Odiorne; Dottie Wells; & 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 5, 2007**

9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (E)
6:00 PM	Choir to Dorothy Nash's Home
7:00 PM	Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

8:15 AM	Early Service (C)
10:00 AM	Sunday School Kick Off
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 Noon	Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
5:00 PM	Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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

OOPS!! PHONE LIST CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Please add Flora Roe to your FCC Phone List. She was accidentally deleted, but is still a very beloved part of our community.

Flora Roe
8664 Walnut Creek Lane
Alvarado, TX 76009
(817) 783-2280

New Members:

Bobby & Suzanne Barton
2752 FM 731
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 426-2060

Laurie Carroll
4720 Stadium Drive
Ft. Worth, TX 76133
(817) 926-4760

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 7 if you plan to attend so we can let our hosts know how many hot dogs to cook.

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards and visits while Erin was in the hospital. We didn't feel nearly so alone in Dallas knowing that you were praying for us. It's wonderful to work in a place that is so loving.

Love In Christ,
Terri Lester and Family



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Sharon Lewis fell.

Mike Musick recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Darlene Pettis' surgery went well and they got all of the tumor. Pray for her recovery.

Wanda Walker has a new spot on her liver and is back at MD Anderson.

James Allen

Utah Miners

Peru - earthquake victims

American military service men and women.

Doris McCollum, Brenda Land's mother, will see an electro-cardio surgeon this week for treatment options.

Mary Medwick, Mike Rubis' sister, has colon cancer.

Lavell Bailey, Jean Rubis' brother, had surgery.

Erin Lester is home from the hospital and doing well.

Charlene Flannery has cancer.

Justin Spradlin - lungs

Jean Rubis' colonoscopy

JOYS:

Lee Carter, Kristi Weil's dad, is doing much better. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

David Whitworth is home.

John Higginbotham's heart treatment is done and he's doing great.

Cyndy Garrett had a good report from the cardiologist.

We welcome Bobby & Suzanne Barton who joined our family on August 19. They transfer their membership from First Christian Church in Granbury.

We welcome Laurie Carroll who joined our family of faith on August 26. Laurie transfers her membership from Hillside Memorial Christian Church in Fort Worth. She is the daughter of Bill & Carol Gunn.

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



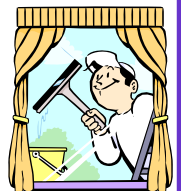
NEW ADDRESS FOR ANDREW MCGEE:



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CHURCH WORK-DAY UPDATE

The church work day that was scheduled for the month of September has been cancelled. Please watch for more information on when this work day will be rescheduled.



PPRC UPDATE

Your PPRC (Pastor/Parish Relations Committee) met on Sunday, August 26. At this meeting we reviewed the purpose of the PPRC and planned for upcoming meetings.

The PPRC is an advisory group to our minister - bringing the concerns of the congregation to her as well as an advocacy group for our minister - taking her concerns, ideas and values to the congregation.

The PPRC will meet at least once every two months to provide this support for our minister and congregation. Our next meeting is set for October 28 following the worship service. If you have something you would like us to share, either a positive or a concern, please see a member of PPRC. It is our policy that no anonymous comments will be discussed in PPRC, as open communication within our church is imperative to its health.

The members of your PPRC are Diana McGee and Richard Edmonds both serving until December, 2008, Ann Gartman and Wayne English both serving until December 2009, Peggy Johnson and Tommy Kaker both serving until 2010.

So many positive comments and affirmations have been shared in the past couple of weeks relating to the addition of the projection system in the Sanctuary. It gives us a great opportunity to expand the music we offer up in praise to God. We can all read the scriptures together, and occasionally there's something to enhance the sermon as well. There have been some other changes to the service in recent weeks that you've probably noticed, like the three song set at the opening of the service and the music on CD during the offertory. The Worship Committee, the musicians and the pastor did some work over the summer examining the worship service and looking for ways to offer a richer blend of traditional and contemporary forms of worship.

These two places in particular (opening music and offertory), along with the new projection, were areas that this group of dedicated folk selected to try something new. We want our worship service to be something that offers a variety of ways for a variety of people to connect with God. We can all support that value even when something new comes in the place of something we miss. We can look around us and remember that what might not be our favorite part of the service is the very thing that draws another person into a deeper and growing relationship with God, and vice versa. What's more, the worship life of a healthy congregation is living and growing and evolving too. Our worship service is a work in progress, just as we are. Whatever the forms or style, we will always strive for faithful, engaging and dynamic worship of our Savior and Lord.

SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 16 BOARD MEETING

- A Congregational Meeting will be called for October 14 following worship to vote on the proposed By-Laws, which will be available on the website link, and in the foyer several weeks prior to the meeting. Any questions should be called to the church office by September 20. They will be addressed at the next Board Meeting and answered at the Congregational Meeting.
- BISD had their lawyer checking the contract to use our facilities for daycare.
- The projector from the Family Life Center has been moved and installed in the Sanctuary. The computer and software to operate it have been purchased and will be used in worship Sunday, August 19.
- The Board approved passing the blessing basket for new choir music for the Christmas Cantata.
- Grace Christian Fellowship invited us to Disciples Day at Warren Park September 23 from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. Hillside Memorial Christian Church and First Christian Church, Cleburne are also invited. Hot dogs will be provided and we are asked to bring drinks and desserts. We will need to let Grace Christian Fellowship know how many to plan for so please call the church office and let Terri know if you plan to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Bond, Secretary

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth this fall is offering a new 23-hour course in home making, child rearing and sex. It's for women only. The Seminary says it is part of defining the role of women in home and ministry. But an Arlington Baptist minister says it's "ridiculous and silly", that Southern Baptists are "trying to return to what they perceive to be biblical gender roles".

The Vatican says it is moving St. Patrick's Day two days early because the normal date of March 17, 2008, conflicts with the observance of Holy Week. No word if the bars and pubs of Ireland will follow suit. The organizers of the annual parade in Dublin say the event will come off as usual on the 17th.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, like other denominations, has struggled for years over what to do with gay ministers. The latest recommendation from its national assembly is that it shouldn't defrock gay and lesbian ministers if they violate a celibacy rule. Before that it was okay to be gay as long as you didn't practice it.

Catholic Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger was one of the best known churchmen in Europe. He was born a Jew. His mother was killed at Auschwitz death camp. But he converted to Christianity, became a priest, and rose in the ranks of the church. He died at age 80 and at his funeral, at his request, a sacred Jewish prayer was said beneath the sculpted saints of Notre Dame in Paris. He was fond of telling others that he was a Christian by faith and baptism, but remained Jewish like the Apostles did.

WANTED...

Volunteers to run the computer projection software during worship. You will be provided training and would serve on a rotating team. If interested, contact Pastor Laura.

Any young persons interested in being baptized and learning more about making a commitment to follow Christ, please contact Pastor Laura. We are looking to arrange a time in the early fall for a Pastor's class that would be held as an overnight retreat. Knowing who plans to attend would help in planning for the learning portion as well as the fun stuff.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Elizabeth Parker
9/3	James Penney
9/5	Jack Gregory, Sr.
9/7	Bob Dann
9/12	Maxine Lee
9/13	John Higginbotham
9/13	Michelle Storch
9/13	Kalen Meller
9/19	Hunter Spears
9/20	Jody Land
9/23	Wade Bryan
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/24	Steve Hindman
9/25	Dick Nash
9/28	Leonard McGowen

SEPTEMBER HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Bob & Faye McLaren

Acolyte Attendant: Juanice Wichterich

Communion Preparation: Bonnie DePratter

Attendance Books: Lacy McGee

Children's Sermon:

02 Pastor Laura; 09 Faye McLaren;
16 Faye McLaren; 23 Faye McLaren;
30 Dorothy Nash

Scripture Reading:

02 Kathy Welch; 09 Richard Land;
16 Marion Higginbotham; 23 Brenda Land;
30 Jody Land

Deacon Team: John & Marion Higginbotham,
Sandra Hay, Lacy McGee

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan, Bill Gunn

Choir Director: Brenda Land

Children's Church:

02 Ann Gartman; 09 Dorothy Nash;
16 Juanice Wichterich; 23 Mary Bryan;
30 Vicki Rubis

Nursery Assistant:

02 Juanice Wichterich; 09 Beth Hindman;
16 Carol Gunn; 23 Jody Land;
30 Wilma Taylor

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September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship			Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice			1
2 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Elders Meeting (E)	3 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	4	5 6:00 PM - Choir to Dorothy Nash's Home	6	7	8
9 10:00 AM - Sunday School Kick-Off 12:00 Noon - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12	13 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (E) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	14	15
16	17	18	19 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (E)	20 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)	21	22
23 3:00 PM - Disciples Day at Warren Park	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27	28	29 CYF Day at TCU - TCU vs Colorado State at 6:00 PM
30 4:00 PM - Youth to The Gathering						