

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 8, 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:

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

The Regional Assembly is just around the corner (October 17-19), and it's right in our own backyard at University Christian Church in Fort Worth with some events being held on the TCU campus as well. I would encourage all of our leaders and anyone who would like the experience of connecting with the wider church family to attend all or part of the assembly. There's a golf tournament Friday morning, some workshops in the afternoon like Evangelism, Hospitality, Stewardship, creative ideas for small churches and spiritual journeys. There's a casual dinner in the evening and worship together with a reception and fellowship time to follow. On Saturday, the youth can join in a local mission event. There is a study and conversation session entitled "New Day, New Direction" which focuses on how we see God calling to live out our relationship as church together at the various levels (congregational, area, region, etc.) in the future.

On Saturday afternoon there are more workshop opportunities on current issues like immigration, homelessness, Islam and more. There's a second session of workshops that focus on cutting edge and have such topics as coaching leaders in the church, going green in your church, and the use of technology in worship and preaching.

Sunday morning is an especially big deal and I really want you to focus on that. We are asking as many local congregations to come and worship as a part of the larger church. The worship service will be held at Ed Landreth Auditorium at 9:00 am. As I am one of the primary coordinators of that service, I will be there very early and staying afterwards. I would like you to consider meeting here at the church, finding a way to share your offering, pray together and then caravan down to TCU and join the big congregation. We will have one or two small devotional opportunities led by Elders here at the church for those who do not wish to travel, but I hope that most of you will. The preacher that morning will be Sharon Watkins, our General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She is a lively and engaging preacher and I am confident will inspire all who gather for worship. Details of cost, registration forms, etc. can be found on the region's website www.ccsww.org or if you do not have internet access, we will have some paper copies in the church office that you can fill out and mail in.

Come to the gathering - Refresh and Rejoice!
Pastor Laura

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

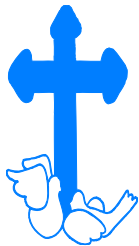
August 31, 2008 -	Early	9
	Traditional	75
September 7, 2008 -	Early	10
	Traditional	83

Offering **8/24/08**

Gen. Fund	2,637.00
Build. Fund	612.00

Offering **8/31/08**

Gen. Fund	3,154.50
Build. Fund	1,617.00



Visitors and Guests

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

Nancy Hollinger; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Robert & Virginia Popiel; Bernie, Mary & Brea DeSessa; Carl Burress; Imogene Cottman; Harue Yokeley; Greta Eller; Marjorie Armstrong; Matthew Carroll; Lloyd & Kay Cooper; Kristie Gilbert; Scott & Andrew McGuire; Rachael Hawkins; Colten Essary; & 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 10, 2008

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 PM Sandwich Luncheon & Dessert Auction (FLC)
5:00 PM Recycle Round-Up-Dinner Dairy Twin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting (E)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

8:15 AM Early Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry Meeting (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



THANK YOU!

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you for your outpouring of love to all of us during these past weeks and months. You have celebrated our joys at Hernan & Natalie's shower and wedding - and you have shared our grief at the passing of our Mom and Grandmother, Velma. Your prayers, many cards and phone calls, visits and food have been greatly appreciated. It is a joy to be a part of such a caring family.

With Love and Appreciation,
Pat & Carol Findley and Family



I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for the cards I received after the death of my grandmother.

Lori King

Thanks so much for all of the visits and prayers while John was in the hospital. Thanks also for the wonderful food and prayers and many phone calls following my surgery. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

John & Marion Higginbotham



To First Christian Church,
Thank you all very much for the beautiful cards for my 80th birthday. Also thank you for your recognition at church on Sunday. I want to thank Pastor Laura for coming to my party and all of my other friends and church family for coming. All of you mean a lot to me.

With Love,
Imogene Cottman



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Bob McLellan, Marion Higginbotham's sister-in-law's father, had a tracheotomy recently and remains in serious condition.

John Higginbotham got a shock from his defibrillator this past week and will be having follow-up care with a specialist this week.

Prayers for Valerie Stuart's mother who has recently suffered a heart attack, fell and broke her hip and doctors also discovered a mass on one of her kidneys.

Prayers for a good annual check up at MD Anderson for Bill Gunn and safe travel.

Prayers for God's continued care for Steve and Rhonda Janusch.

Gina Kirscht asked for prayers of healing for her step-father, Bill Gibson.

Prayers for all who suffered loss through hurricane Gustav.

Chris Colvin, Bonnie DePratter's sister-in-law from Texas City, has colon cancer.

Jackie Durham, the son of friends of the DePratter's, has colon cancer.

Prayers for God's comfort for the families of Brenda Mulligan and Larry Tice. Both were co-workers with Mary Bryan and recently passed away.

JOYS:

Congratulations to Wayne & Anne English on their 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 29th. You compliment one another so well!!

Congratulations to Kim Bonds who graduated from Sonogram school! Let's pray God opens a door for a great job real soon!

Welcome to Lloyd & Kay Cooper who joined us on Sunday, September 7th. They transferred their membership from Shepherd of the Hills in Laguna Niguel, California and are the family of Rosalyn Wilcox.

Continued Prayers for

Jerry Yowell, Dick Nash, Steve McGee, Darlene Pettis, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Max Koller, Jeremy McGee, Staff Sgt. Matthew Land, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, Fireman James McGee



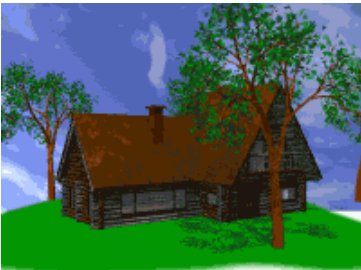
PRAY PRAY PRAY
Be a living example, **PRAY!**



We invite everyone to join our Prayer Group to pray for Our Church. A basket in the Narthex is available for prayer requests. Please call Kathy Welch for details (817) 447-6349.

SAVE THE DATE

First Christian Church-Burleson annual Women's Retreat in Athens is October 31-November 2. If you have Halloween plans, don't worry. Our sessions will begin Saturday morning. Registration forms will be available soon...and yes, we will be carpooling with each other!!



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING



All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Our hostesses will be Mary Bryan, Diane Chilton and Kathy Welch. Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments and to stay and hear our guest speaker, Patti Barnaby. Patti is the daughter of Jerry and Sandra Hay, and she will be speaking on service.

Everyone is asked to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village, lotions for Harvest House and your offering.

A nursery will be provided if needed. Call Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before Wednesday, September 10.

ANNUAL DESSERT AUCTION

Disciples Women invite everyone to stay after the 11:00 am worship on September 14 for our annual dessert auction after the sandwich luncheon.



Your support through the years have allowed Disciples Women to continue our many service projects.

We'll see you on the 14th and come HUNGRY!!

WELCOME

LARRY & NEEDRA WOMACK!!

329 Snapdragon Ct.
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 295-0820



A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Lloyd & Kay Cooper
1429 Strickland
Crowley, TX 76036
(817) 297-3593

ATTENTION TECHIE'S!!

We are looking to add a couple more to our AV team. If you would like to be trained on the projector/computer system and be willing to serve one Sunday a month, please contact Pastor Laura at the church office.



YOUTH CORNER

What a great kick-off celebration we had! There were 14 youth and three adults, pizza, candy, video games, a little b-ball, foursquare and more! It was wonderful to see several of our youth bring guests with them and several signed up to be on our mailing list so they can know of future events. If you were unable to come, please plan to be here this coming Sunday. We will do Recycle Round-Up and then go eat for free at Dairy Twin (thanks Ronnie & Peggy Johnson!) afterwards. We meet at the church at 5:00 pm and usually finish up and return around 7:00 pm. If you bring a friend who hasn't been with us before, we'll need a parent to fill out a van permission slip. If you want one ahead of time call or e-mail and we can e-mail or fax it to a parent or to your home.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Laura



**ADULTS, CHILDREN,
EVERYBODY...
THIS MEANS YOU!**

Christian education (a.k.a Sunday School) is key to developing a strong faith formation. There is so much that happens there that happens nowhere else. In Sunday School we learn about the scriptures - God's relationship with people of ancient times. We learn how those same people and their experiences can teach us how to live faithfully in relationship with God and each other. Along with that comes the chance to grow together in Christ, to feel knit together in the body of Christ by sharing who you are and where you are on your own faith journey. This doesn't happen in worship. It doesn't happen in fellowship (even though it's lots of fun) - it only happens when a small group of people gather to study, share and pray. Parents of children, I encourage you to bring your children and come yourselves to a class. We are trying out some new curriculum in our elementary age class that is exciting. If, however, you (the grownups) don't want to come - call us at the church during the week and we'll arrange transportation for your children so that they can come and participate. We are looking into using our van for Sunday morning pickup ministry for Sunday School. Those who are already talking about volunteering understand the value of Christian education and don't want anyone to miss out. If you are an adult at home and your children are grown and gone - even if you haven't been to Sunday School in years, there's probably still a thing or two left for you to learn - and if you give it a fair shot, you just might like it.

I'm praying for you (pray for me too!),
Pastor Laura

JOHNNY WRAY TO SPEAK AT REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Disciples know well that Week of Compassion is always "Johnny on the Spot" at times of crisis and great need. For 16 years, that Johnny has been Johnny Wray. Congregations, individuals, communities around the globe have been blessed in tangible ways by the efforts of Week of Compassion and Johnny Wray. Johnny is concluding his tenure at Week of Compassion this year. Saturday evening of Regional Assembly we have a chance to hear him speak once again and say thank you for all the work he has done on our behalf. Mark your calendars to share this special time hearing stories from around the globe and around the Region of our work together in mission.

DINNER WITH DISCIPLES

Our church will be hosting two evenings of dinner and conversation for anyone who has recently joined the church or might like to know more about joining the church. The dinners will be on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm in our Family Life Center. The second dinner will be on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm (location to be announced later). Anyone interested is encouraged to come to both evenings for food and informal conversation about the church as a whole, this congregation, and what it means to be a member.



**UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE
AREA & REGION**

**TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA DISCIPLES WOMEN
FALL RETREAT**

October 3-5 at Disciples Crossing, Athens

CYF DAY AT TCU
Saturday, October 4

SW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AT TCU & UCC
Friday, October 17-October 19
Concludes with 9:00 am worship at Ed Landreth-TCU

CHI RHO FALL RETREAT
Disciples Crossing - October 24-26

**HOSPICE MYTHS & REALITIES SEPARATING
FACTS FROM FICTION**

Wednesday, November 12 - 11:30 am
Trinity-Brazos Area Office 817-831-4442

CYF FALL RETREAT
Disciples Crossing - November 21-23

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

A woman has become the first full-time Rabbi to head a Jewish congregation in the North Texas area. Wendy Pein has become head of Adat Chaverlin, a reform Jewish synagogue in Plano. She is not the first female Rabbi in the area, but she is the first to head a congregation on a full time basis. The first female Rabbi in the United States was ordained in 1972. Since then, Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion have ordained more than 550 women.

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*Everyone
is
Welcome!*

**Next Meeting: Sunday, September 21
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm • Family Life Center**

*Bring
a
Friend*

Lead by Wayne R. English, Jr., D.O.
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