

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, April 28, 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

As some of you may have noticed, the past three weeks have been a bit hectic for me. What with repairing and fixing up many last-minute items in our house in Hurst, finding a place in Burleson to live, packing, moving, etc. I have felt temporarily derailed. One of the casualties of the timing of our move (still a blessing in the long run) is that I was unable to complete the Christian Life and Witness courses which means I cannot serve as a decision counselor at the Will Graham Celebration. I was truly looking forward to the opportunity to serve God in this way. Clearly God has other plans in mind.

What turned my attention back toward the upcoming Celebration was an e-mail I received this past week from the association. It was a reminder about Operation Andrew. It is one worth passing on to you. As you hopefully recall, you received a tri-fold brochure explaining that Operation Andrew is a ministry of prayer and personal invitation. All of Billy Graham's Crusades, Franklin Graham's events and now Will Graham's celebrations are under girded by the power of prayer - without which, all else would fail.

I believe in the power of prayer. I believe that if I lift up a person or two to three regularly, that God will give me an opportunity to share my faith, to see that person through the eyes of Jesus the Christ, and to invite them to the celebration and ultimately into a redeeming life with God in Jesus. For some that's the beginning of a whole new relationship. For others, it may mean rekindling or rediscovering something that has been lost or idle for a long time. In both cases, blessings can abound.

I believe in the power of prayer. Do you? How are you coming on your prayer list? Are you planning to attend the celebration? Have you invited anyone yet? What do you suppose will happen if we don't pray and we don't invite people to the celebration? Will we have a burst of new energy and new life in our community or congregation? Not likely.

May is just a few days away and then the celebration is a few days after that. Remember, revival can happen if you believe in God's power to transform a life and allow God to work in and through you to reach others.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 4-May 18, 2008



The Pentecost Offering is split between the national New Church ministry and the Regions, supporting new church planting and development.

Churches spread God's good news to a hurting world. Gifts to support new church development are key to our worldwide mission.

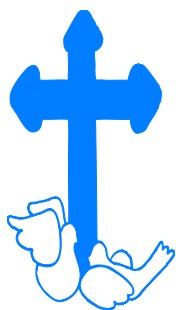
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 20, 2008 -	Early	9
	Traditional	88
April 27, 2008 -	Early	8
	Traditional	76

Offering **4/20/08**

Gen. Fund	1,879.00
Build. Fund	1,260.00
Bldg Memorial-Mary Louise Pace	75.00
Bldg. Memorial-Sharon Lewis	25.00
"0" Birthday	259.00

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the early service.

Harue Yokeley; Shea Pulliam; Alesha Aulds; Audrey McCambridge; Brittany Carroll; Carl & Betty Ludtke; Sandy Kemp; Derrick Sansom; Andy Prather; Cobette Riza; Trisha Frantz; Katie Fordyce; Cary & Anita Spurgeon; Justin, Patricia & Harper McIntosh; & 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.



First Christian Church's 2008 Graduate Reception will be held on May 18, following Morning Worship, in our Family Life Center.

Join us as we celebrate Lacy McGee's High School Graduation.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 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 Noon Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

**HOORAY! Our Pastor has a
New Address!**

Here is the information for your directory for
Pastor Laura and her family:

The Odiornes
(Ryan, Laura, James and Josh)
516 Glenwood Dr.
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 295-5538

Thank you very much for the meal before Grandmother's service. Your cards, phone calls, and prayers have been greatly appreciated. Grandmother loved you, her church family. You were all an important part of her life. It is with great sadness that we all must say goodbye. But, she is with Pop now. What a joyous reunion that must have been.

With Deepest Gratitude,
Mary Louise Pace's Family



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Barry Ballard, son of Carl & Betty Ludtke, is recovering from a stroke.

Prayers of comfort and strength for Bobby Lewis and family in the death of his wife, Sharon.

Prayers for the family of George Lackey, friend of Ronnie Johnson, who passed away from cancer recently.

Anne English is recovering from eye surgery.

Sean Bolton, Burleson Police Officer, severely injured in a motorcycle accident in Florida.

Mindy Preston is recovering from a broken foot.

Prayers for victims of recent storms.

Prayers for the families and children at the Polygamist compound, and for Patti McGee and all other CPS workers caring for these children.

Penny Enochs is having a procedure done this week.

Mike Rubis' mom, Goldie, has fluid around her heart and is hospitalized for treatment.

Rodger Isom will need an angiogram as a follow-up to his recent stress test.

Marcus Smith, a student at Crossroads, was being treated for Leukemia and suffered a stroke. He is at Cook Children's Hospital.

Nevay Ledbetter, a teacher in Burleson ISD, is in ICU at Baylor Hospital.

Mattie Jo Seay, daughter of Jackie (Jessica Kaker's teacher), is a CF patient and currently hospitalized with an infection and complications.

Gene Bennett, a friend of Beverly Sholders, is in the hospital for tests.

Linda Swan will have a chemical stress test on Wednesday.

Debbie Davis, neighbor of the Bourland's, begins chemotherapy this week.

JOYS:

Jack Gregory, Sr. won the Cowtown Open tennis tournament and is rated 1st in Texas for men over 80!

Mary Cooper was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Andrew McGee finishes his tour of duty in Iraq and returns to the U.S. this week.

Richard Pettis made the all-A honor roll!!

Our Relay For Life Team raised over \$3,000! Thanks Rae McGowan for being our fearless leader!!!

Mike Hamilton, son of Chris & Mary Ann Hamilton, congratulations on graduating job corps!

Continued Prayers for

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

Our own military people:

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

HELP CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF CAMPING AT DISCIPLES CROSSING!

May 10, 2008 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Whether you know it as "Camp Underwood", "The Christian Youth Foundation", "The Camp in Athens" or "Disciples Crossing", we know for many of you this camp has served as a place of refuge, a place of joy, a place of contemplation, or as a place of change.

Food will be provided at no cost. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. For more information, please contact Reba Gibson, 124 W. Harvard, Garland, TX 75041 or email Reba at rcgibson1@verizon.net, or telephone at (972) 840-2818 or (214) 287-8339.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for the generous love offering you gave me for Secretary's Day. I appreciated all of the cards and kind words last week. I also want to give a special thank you to Onita Holton for the beautiful flowers that always brighten my office. As I always say, it is a joy and a pleasure to work here, and you are all a blessing to me.

In Christ,
Terri Lester

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF RELIGION

On the heels of the Disciples of Christ, the United Methodist church held a 10-day general conference in Fort Worth. The meeting attracted Methodists from around the world.

Methodists face the same problems that plague many denominations: declining membership, keeping young people in the church, and defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

The senior pastor of Fort Worth's Broadway Baptist Church is leaving to take a teaching position at a seminary in Atlanta. Brett Younger survived a vote of confidence by his congregation following a lengthy argument among members over the inclusion of homosexual couples in a church pictorial directory. The issue was resolved by the decision to have no family photos in the directory, only snapshots of church activities. Younger will leave the church in July.

Catholic Pope Benedict, during a week-long visit to the United States, met privately with several victims of clergy sexual abuse. The pope reportedly said he would pray for them and all victims of clergy abuse. One victim says he told the pope that he "has a cancer growing in his ministry and needs to do something about it". The pope has said during his visit that he is "deeply shamed" by the abuse crises.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Join the women of the church on Thursday, May 8, at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. Our hostesses are Barbara Bond, Bonnie DePratter and Ann Gartman.

The study and worship will be presented by Jane Ann McGowen and LaVerne McGowen and a brief business meeting will follow.

Remember to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (leave only a 1/4" border around the stamp), toothpaste for Harvest House, your offering and if you have a May birthday - a penny for each year.

If you need a nursery, please call Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before May 8 so arrangements may be made.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 4 - Luncheon after worship at noon

May 11 - Pentecost and Mother's Day

May 18 - Senior Reception at noon honoring
Lacy McGee

May 30-June 1 - Will Graham Celebration

Sept. 14 - Disciples Women Dessert Auction

Oct. 31-Nov 2 - Our Retreat in Athens

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Ed Kramer
5/4 Tessa Cooper
5/8 Kathy Welch
5/11 Hayley Vastine
5/12 Cora Jo Meller
5/13 Michiel Rubis
5/13 Caisey Yowell
5/13 Tyler Hamilton
5/14 Andy Prather
5/18 Kerry Moore
5/19 Carol Findley
5/19 Brett King
5/19 Ky Gregory
5/22 Rodger Isom
5/24 Flora Roe
5/25 Jerry Hay
5/27 Steve McGee
5/29 Mary Bryan

MAY HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mary Bryan

Greeters: John & Marion Higginbotham

Acolyte Attendant: Kim Bonds

Communion Preparation: Onita Holton

Attendance Books: Sandra Hay

Children's Sermon:

04 Judy Isom

11 Richard Bryan

18 Diana McGee

25 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Scripture Reading:

04 Clint Bourland.

11 LaVerne McGowen

18 Paul Holton

25 Onita Holton

Deacon Team: Joe & Linda McDowell;

Don & Kathy Welch

Serving at the Table: Kaye Gregory, Bill Gunn

Children's Church:

04 Ann Gartman

11 Bobby & Suzanne Barton

18 Kim Bonds

25 LaVerne/Jane Ann McGowen

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship</p>		<p>Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 6:45 PM - Choir Practice</p>		1	2	3
						
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<p>11 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! <i>To Mom!</i>  No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published</p>	13	14	<p>15 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (E)</p>	16	17
<p>18 12:00 Noon - Graduate Recognition (FLC) 3:30 PM - Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry Mtg. (FLC)</p>	19	20	<p>21 12:00 PM - FCC Friends (Foyer)</p>	22	23	24
<p>Trinity-Brazos Area Mission Trip - 5/18-5/24</p>						
<p>25 No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published</p>	28	29	30	<p>31 Will Graham Celebration</p>