

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 25, 2010



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:

Chapel Worship	8:00 AM
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Youth Fellowship	4:00 PM

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

Recently I heard of someone who was asking a very personal version of an age old question - "Why do bad things sometimes happen to good people?" It's easy to ask that question when we're going through a personal crisis or loss, or when we look at all the innocent victims of a tragedy like the earthquakes in Haiti. A short and seemingly uncompassionate answer to that question would be, "because that's life." And there's some truth to that. We can see throughout the scriptures that ones that God loved, even God's own son, endured pain, suffering and loss. Many had their own "dark night of the soul", to quote Martin Luther. But Jesus himself says that no one that follows him gets a free pass in this life. He phrases it a little differently but he says that pain and loss and suffering (not unlike his own) are a part of life.

But amidst it all, God is still God, God is present and God is good. There are some really good songs out right now that address this issue on that personal faith level. I commend to you "Jesus Bring the Rain" by Mercy Me and "Before the Morning" by Josh Wilson. Where is God when a loved one endures a body-ravaging disease? Why did God let me lose my job? Why didn't God stop that earthquake from happening? There are some long, drawn out answers that can help make sense of why certain things happen. I think the better question to ask and the one that restores life and faith and hope is, "Where is God amidst the sadness?"

The answer to that is that God is right there, weeping with those in sorrow. Yet God can also be seen in the ones who reach out in a time of struggle with an act of compassion - a home-cooked meal sent to someone coming home from the hospital, being a good listener and letting someone who is angry and frustrated "let it out" and vent. God is seen when people pitch in with acts of generosity in response to a cry for help. God is seen in the ministries that are happening right now amidst the chaos and rubble of what is left of Haiti. God is seen in the miraculous recovery of people still found alive when the human body isn't supposed to be able to survive this long without water. The spirit of a living, active and merciful God is seen when a young teenage girl writes a check to Week of Compassion from what is probably her first checking account and money she's earned from her very first job - and she gives that money away, trusting that people who receive it will put it to good use in helping hurting people. God is seen where lives are restored, hope is reborn, and when we shake off the pain of the past and give thanks for today and have hope for tomorrow.

Grace and Peace to you all,  
Pastor Laura



# PRAY PRAY PRAY

Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

January 17, 2010 -	
Early	4
Contemporary & Traditional	89
January 24, 2010 -	
Early	2
Contemporary & Traditional	86

**Offering** **1/17/10**

Gen. Fund	2,002.00
Build. Fund	844.00
CLOTH FUND	16.00
Haiti (Week of Compassion)	354.00

**Offering** **1/24/10**

Gen. Fund	2,328.00
Build. Fund	577.00
Haiti Relief	40.00
"0" Birthday	250.00



**Visitors and Guests**

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Ariel Jorgensen; Mickey RedShirt; Dale Scogins; Ben Fambrough; & Laura & Rylie Melton in the Contemporary Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; John, Margaret, Nate & Aleaha Woodall; John Rocio, Katie & David Cunyus; Don Peavy; Dale Scogins; Mickey RedShirt; Charlesie Lyle; Denise Strickland; Ariel Jorgensen ; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss and 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.*

**DISCIPLES WOMEN REPORT OF CHARITABLE GIVING -2009**

Basic Mission Finance	\$1,500.00
Week of Compassion	500.00
Harvest House	700.00
Holiday Friends	250.00
Week of Compassion-Haiti Earthquake	425.00
American Red Cross-Local Relief	425.00
DFW Interfaith Chaplaincy	150.00
Cook Children's-Wubanubs for babies	200.00
National Fire Safety Council	50.00
CLOTH Fund-FCC	400.00
Snacks for FCC Youth	<u>150.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>

These funds come from our monthly offerings and proceeds from the Dessert Auction.

**CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010**

- 6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (S)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

- 6:00 PM Band Practice (S)

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5-7, 2010**

Chi-Rho Mid-Winter Retreat - Athens, TX

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

**HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY**



- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (S)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (E)
- 12:00 PM Deacon's Meeting (S)
- 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

**DISCIPLES MEN**  
**SWEETHEART EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
**Friday, February 12th**  
**6:30 PM**

The Deacons will have a short meeting on Sunday, February 7th immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. It will last approximately 15 minutes and all Deacons are asked to make plans to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Odiorne at (817) 295-5538; e-mail: rodiorne@vtaig.com.





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Haiti earthquake victims and survivors.

Clint Bourland is recovering from eye surgery.

Lyle Rudolph prays for safety at work.

Jennifer Mathis, the Gregory's niece, is recovering from surgery for malignant brain cancer. They removed 90% of it.

Steve Rubis is recovering at home after surgery.

Bill Sholders, friend has had a recurrence of cancer.

Bill Sholders sister-in-law is 80 years old and has medical concerns.

Many of our folks have nagging colds.

Leslie (Lalonde) Jaspersen was sideswiped by an 18-wheeler, and she has whiplash.

Valerie Stuart witnessed a woman being hit by a car. Folks stopped to help and emergency help was received quickly.

Richard Lamar, a friend of the Owen family, has problems with his pancreas.

The Kaker family.

Carol Gunn's sister fractured a vertebrae.

Robert Smith is still battling cancer.

Angela Kaker had carpal tunnel surgery.

## JOYS:

Clint & Mary Bourland celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 17th!!

Doyle & Bonnie DePratter celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

Brenda Yowell is recovering well from her surgery.

Scott & Hayley Vastine are home safely from Russia.

Steve Janusch is now in physical therapy for knee replacement.

Valerie Stuart's friend's mother is out of rehab.

Bev Sholders' "0" birthday raised \$220.00.

Bernice Williams has a new great-grandson.

## Continued Prayers for

Dick Nash, Darlene Pettis, M'Lee Turner, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

Staff Sgt. Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, Wesley Hayley, Brenda Wiegert, Jennifer Ross, Specialist Andrew McGee, 3rd Class Petty Officer James McGee

# THANK YOU!

First Christian Church,  
WOW! Emergency surgery - I was shocked! But all the calls, cards, visits and the meal from DWF helped my recovery!

Thanks to all!  
Brenda Yowell

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The 6 year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex". "Good morning Pastor", he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?"



**FEBRUARY  
HONORED TO SERVE**

- ♥ **Worship Leader:** Robby Owen
- ♥ **Greeters:** James Odiorne, Deondra Owen
- ♥ **Acolyte Attendant:** Judy Isom
- ♥ **Communion Preparation:** Christal McGee
- ♥ **Attendance Books:** Peggy Johnson
- ♥ **Children's Sermon:**
  - 07 Judy Isom
  - 14 Jack Gregory, Jr.
  - 21 Kaye Gregory
  - 28 Robby Owen
- ♥ **Scripture Reading:**
  - 07 Deondra Owen
  - 14 Judy Isom
  - 21 Kathy Welch
  - 28 Robby Owen
- ♥ **Deacon Team:** Ryan Odiorne, Judy Isom, Kim Bonds, Bethany Bonds
- ♥ **Serving at the Table:** Marion Higginbotham, Wayne English
- ♥ **3 to 5 Year Class:** Mindy Preston
- ♥ **Elementary Class:** Ryan Odiorne
- ♥ **Children's Church:**
  - 07 Mary Bryan
  - 14 Ryan Odiorne
  - 21 Lolly Ellis
  - 28 Kim Bonds

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/3 Brian McCrory
- 2/4 Bill Sholders
- 2/6 Virginia Popiel
- 2/8 Marlene Baysinger
- 2/8 Kim Bonds
- 2/9 Sandra Voss
- 2/9 Leah Voss
- 2/10 Bethany Bonds
- 2/11 Sharon Yowell
- 2/11 Bonnie DePratter
- 2/13 Carol Gunn
- 2/17 Beth Hindman
- 2/19 Rosalyn Wilcox
- 2/20 Diana McGee
- 2/24 Mildred Yocham
- 2/24 Brenda Yowell



To My Youth and to My Church Family,

I would like to first and foremost apologize for my forgetfulness as far as area youth events go. I have gotten so caught up in the rush to get my school work done and to try to get on top of things that needed attention that I failed to keep up with the area ministry team and inform you all of those opportunities. I do hope that I haven't completely inconvenienced all of you, and that your youth still would like to participate in these events. I have been trying to get a hold of Bill Jeffreys (the area youth minister) to see if it is possible to allow your youth to go without penalizing them with a late fee, but as of yet I have not been able to do so. If a late fee is added on, I do offer you my most sincere apologies and if that fee contributes to your child not being able to go to camp, then I would be happy to cover it.

Group (Grades)	Dates	Cost
Chi-Rho (6th-8th)	Feb. 5-7	\$80.00
CYF (9th-12th)	Feb. 26-28	\$80.00

I do believe that the church will pay half the cost of attending, knocking that \$80 down to \$40.

On a much lighter note, the youth are having a lot of fun lately! We are beginning to plan our Senior Prom, which will be held Friday, March 5th. This is an event where we invite those in the church to relive the magic of prom night. There will be a very nice dinner which will be served by the youth, a dance floor, music, and a table where you will be able to marvel over high school pictures of your church family! We hope to see you all there! After the Senior Prom is over, the youth will be staying for a lock-in, so that should also be a lot of fun! The lock-in will conclude at 9:00 am.

God bless you all!

If you have any questions regarding church retreat information, feel free to contact me.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



♥ H A P P Y ♥  
V A L E N T I N E S D A Y

## February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S)	5 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Chi-Rho Mid-Winter Retreat 2/5-2/7</div>	6
7 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM-Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM-Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 PM Deacon's Meeting (S)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10	11 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S) 7:00 PM - Disciples Women (FLC) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men (C)	12 6:30 PM - Disciples Men Sweetheart Extravaganza (FLC) 	13
14 9:00 AM-Prayer Group (E) 	15	16	17 6:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Service (S)	18 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S)	19	20 5:00 - 12:00 PM Scrapbook Fellowship (FLC)
21 9:00 AM-Prayer Group (E)	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24	25 6:00 PM - Band Practice (S)	26 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">CYF Mid-Winter Retreat 2/26-2/28</div>	27
28 9:00 AM-Prayer Group (E)			<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">                     Regular Wednesday Activities:                      9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study                      7:00 PM - Choir Practice                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">                     Regular Sunday Activities:                      8:00 AM - Chapel Worship                      9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship                      10:00 AM - Sunday School                      11:00 AM - Traditional Worship                      4:00 PM Youth Fellowship                      Theme- Love                 </div>		