

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, June 22, 2009

Have a  
Great  
Summer!

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 8:15 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM  
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAURA

Friends,

I read this recently in the newsletter of another Disciples congregation in the area. It's a good reminder to us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, that we are called to participate in God's ministry here, but we are not the ones holding the master plan.

The following poem is by Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero of El Salvador (1917-1980).

"It helps now and then to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a small fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that will one day grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; minister; not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own."

Peace,  
Pastor Laura



# PRAY PRAY PRAY

PRAY...God wants the best for us; we just need to ask.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 14, 2009 - Early 6  
Traditional 76

June 21, 2009 - Early 9  
Traditional 77

### Offering 6/7/09

Gen. Fund 3,074.25  
Build. Fund 257.00  
Youth 25.00

### Offering 6/14/09

Gen. Fund 1,618.50  
Build. Fund 947.00



### Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger & Jeff Baysinger in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Imogene Cottman; Robert Moses; Jessica Eggleston; Dylan & Aria Welch; Iris Wilson; Kurt, Jacob & Leah Voss; Jacob & Spicy Hughes & family; & 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, JUNE 24, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)  
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
12:00 PM Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon & Labor Auction (FLC)  
12:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

#### MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

7:00 PM Summer Jam (S)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (E)

#### SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009

9:00 AM Burleson Fourth of July Parade

#### SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)  
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
No Youth Fellowship

#### MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published  
7:00 PM Summer Jam (S)

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

# THANK YOU!



Celebrate Jesus!

### HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS!



What a great time our young people had at Vacation Bible Camp this year. They learned about Sarah and Abraham, about the Hebrew people being freed from slavery in Egypt, and about little David taking on that giant Goliath. It was a great event and was made possible by a wonderful group of volunteers. We want to say thanks to our teachers: Juanice Wichterich, Jack Gregory, Mary Bryan, Mindy Preston and Cyndy Garrett. We want to thank our storytellers Wayne English, Steven Burr, and Faye McLaren. A big shout out goes to our craft leaders Marion Higginbotham and Michelle McCrory, our photographer, Beth Hindman, and our hospitality volunteers Ann Gartman and Kaye Gregory. Thanks also to James Odiorne and Tessa Cooper who pitched in and helped wherever they were needed. And a special thanks to our very own minister to youth and children, Steven Burr, who was the director, a storyteller, and led music and games! It was a fantastic example of team work and ministry shared. A big **THANKS** to all!



### MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

51 Pounds of Food and \$96.00





# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Dalton Grisham-continue prayers.

Pal Johnson continues to recover at home.

Guy Collins, John Higginbotham's brother-in-law, is recovering from surgery, but with some complications.

Chris Cooper's co-worker's 7 month old daughter was treated for multiple tumors.

Tessa Cooper had minor surgery.

Michelle Sholders' mother is ill.

Judy Isom's friend works as a nurse at a Christian church camp and some of the kids have swine flu.

Rhonda Janusch's friend's father passed away.

Rhonda Janusch's skin cancer was removed.

Tommy Kaker is traveling with his job.

Mary Bryan has 2 friends with cancer.

## JOYS:

Bill & Wilma Taylor celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

Angela Kaker's friend is now cancer free.

Leah Voss received all A's on her report card.

Kerry & Karen Moore celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

Jack & Lolly Ellis celebrated their 44th Anniversary.

The Isom's had a great vacation and are back home safe.

## Continued Prayers for

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

Our own military people:

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

## YOUTH LUNCHEON & LABOR AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Do you want help with your spring (summer) cleaning? We can help you!  
The youth are having a luncheon and a labor auction to help us raise money for our mission trip to Indianapolis this July.

Please join us on Sunday, June 28th immediately following the worship service for lunch and bid on our labor!

# YOUTH CORNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ June 22-27 Chi-Rho III Camp - Athens, TX
- ⇒ June 28 Mission Trip Luncheon & Labor Auction Fundraiser
- ⇒ July 5 Recycle Round-Up
- ⇒ July 12th-18th Eighter's Camp - Athens, TX
- ⇒ July 12th Hurricane Harbor-We will leave at 10:00 am and be back by 5:00 pm. Wear a swimsuit, bring a towel & \$30.
- ⇒ July 16th JYF Dinner & Game Night-6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend!
- ⇒ July 25-30 Mission Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Words can hardly express how touched I was by the old-fashioned pounding that the Disciples Women gave me upon moving into our new home. The love and care you expressed through cake mixes, oven mitts, cleaning products and hand towels will be remembered every time I use one of the items that you all gave me. Thank you so much for your love and support.



Your Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Laura Odiorne

## JULY HONORED TO SERVE

- Worship Leader:** Bill Gunn
- Greeters:** Michelle McCrory,  
Marion Higginbotham
- Acolyte Attendant:** Juanice Wichterich
- Communion Preparation:** Peggy Johnson
- Attendance Books:** Don Welch
- Children's Sermon:**
  - 05 Linda Cronenberg
  - 12 Faye McLaren
  - 19 Judy Isom
  - 26 Onita Holton
- Scripture Reading:**
  - 05 Beth Hindman
  - 12 Bill Gunn
  - 19 Chris Cooper
  - 26 Jack Gregory, Jr.
- Deacon Team:** Kim Bonds, Chris Cooper,  
Lolly Ellis, Judy Isom
- Serving at the Table:** Kaye Gregory,  
Richard Bryan
- 3-5 Year Class:** Mindy Preston
- Elementary Class:** Faye McLaren
- First Time Visitor Follow-Up:**
  - 05 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English
  - 12 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &  
Barbara Bond
  - 19 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett
  - 26 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|------|-------------------|
| 7/3  | Ky Gregory, Jr.   |
| 7/4  | Mindy Luck        |
| 7/7  | Dottie Huddleston |
| 7/9  | Natalie Rubis     |
| 7/9  | Steven Burr       |
| 7/17 | Jack Ellis        |
| 7/17 | Sharon Matzner    |
| 7/17 | Olivia Luck       |
| 7/18 | Richard Edmonds   |
| 7/19 | Bernice Williams  |
| 7/21 | Jean Rubis        |
| 7/21 | Darlene Pettis    |
| 7/25 | Leann Maxwell     |
| 7/26 | Barbara Bond      |
| 7/29 | Tommy Kaker       |
| 7/30 | Caden Vastine     |

### JULY NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

July 6th and July 27th

The first newsletter for July will be published one week earlier (July 6th) due to Terri's vacation. The next newsletter will still be published on July 27th. Please have any articles for the July 6th newsletter to Terri by 9:00 am on Monday, July 6th.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for all of your encouraging words! And for everyone's wonderful gifts! I especially love the necklace.

Mary Cooper



