

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Tuesday, May 26, 2009



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

How do we show love? How do people know what or who is important to us? Usually it's by the way we treat someone, how and where we spend our time. I will sit and watch the same episode of the Backyardigans, snuggled up in the bed with Josh, not because I just love those catchy musical numbers, but because I love him. There are other things I could be doing, but I want him to know he is loved and that he is important to me. I make sure James gets to practices and games (whatever the sport season). I come and cheer him on and yell for the team (sometimes really loudly). Am I a huge sports fanatic? Nope. But I am a fan of James. So I give him my time and attention so he too knows he's loved and valued. I show Ryan that he is wanted and loved in a variety of ways from simple things like helping him with his laundry so he always has a clean shirt for work, to trying to have a nice cooked meal on Sunday night when we can all sit down and eat together.

Who do you love? What do you love? Can people tell when they look at your life what is important to you? Do people know who and what you love and value? How do you show your love for God, for Christ and for his church? Can people see a commitment in you to worship regularly, study and grow in your faith and support the ministries of the church with your time and talents?

Every once in a while, we are all guilty of taking the people and things we love for granted - assuming that they'll be there when we're finished with whatever it is that has our attention now. Truth is, the ones that love us will still be there for us, but they miss us and would like more of our time and friendship. The same is true about the church family. We are one of the rare entities where you can walk away for weeks at a time without so much as a phone call and then be welcomed with warmth, love and open arms when you return. But the love, the grace of God, the strength of faith and ministry grows so much stronger when we are together regularly. When we commit to be with each other in worship, study, fellowship and outreach - we grow and receive so much more than we will ever give. As the flowers bloom and the sun warms the air and growth and life are evident all around us, let us remember who it is that blessed us with life, with family and friends, and with a church family; and let us bring new life into our lives by renewing our commitment to each other and to God that we might be his ambassadors of love and grace in and through his church.

In the name of Jesus,
Pastor Laura



PRAY PRAY PRAY

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God...

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 17, 2009 -	Early	7
	Traditional	66
May 24, 2009 -	Early	3
	Traditional	71

Offering 5/10/09

Gen. Fund	2,676.00
Build. Fund	504.00

Offering 5/17/09

Gen. Fund	2,125.00
Build. Fund	807.00

Offering 5/24/09

Gen. Fund	3,065.00
Build. Fund	752.00



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the early service.

Derrick Sansom; Imogene Cottman; Marjorie Armstrong; Robin Strodtz; Stephanie Preston; Greta Eller; Kimberley Lenz; & 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.

WELLNESS MINISTRY



We have launched our Wellness Program and have found that the most beneficial and enjoyable part is in the motion therapy which includes gentle movements for decrease in joint and muscle pain and improvement of range of motion and basic proper abdominal breathing. It's also inclusive of enhancement of spiritual energy and stress reduction. We would like to encourage those who have been unable to attend to come join us again because you will find you have not lost ground as we will be reviewing our beginning activities and we'll make it as simple as possible. We are still meeting at 6:30 pm every other Sunday even through the summer. Our next class is May 31st.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009

6:00 PM Youth Lock-In

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 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 VBC Planning Meeting (FLC)
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship (FLC)
6:30 PM Wellness Ministry (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)
10:00 AM Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

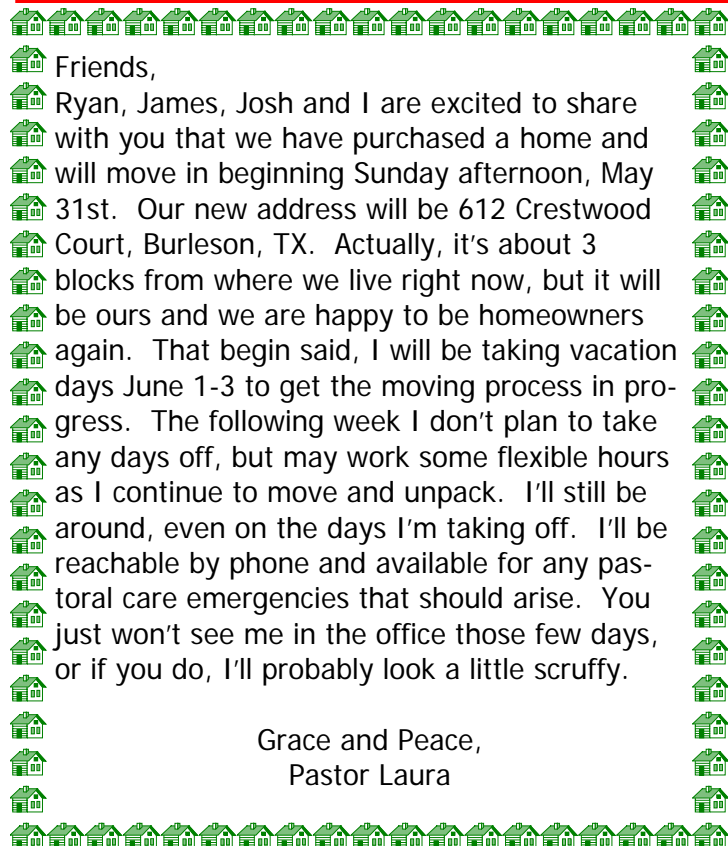
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Elders' Meeting (E)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM VBC Planning Meeting (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Friends,
Ryan, James, Josh and I are excited to share with you that we have purchased a home and will move in beginning Sunday afternoon, May 31st. Our new address will be 612 Crestwood Court, Burleson, TX. Actually, it's about 3 blocks from where we live right now, but it will be ours and we are happy to be homeowners again. That begin said, I will be taking vacation days June 1-3 to get the moving process in progress. The following week I don't plan to take any days off, but may work some flexible hours as I continue to move and unpack. I'll still be around, even on the days I'm taking off. I'll be reachable by phone and available for any pastoral care emergencies that should arise. You just won't see me in the office those few days, or if you do, I'll probably look a little scruffy.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura



The Power of Prayer

CONCERNS:

Bonnie DePratter is recovering from surgery for carpal tunnel.
 Mary Bryan was back in worship following eye surgery.
 Newell Newlin, Bev Sholder's brother, is ill from chemotherapy.
 Michelle Sholders' mom is having tests for medical problems.
 Chance Kaker is back at school, but still on medicine.
 Clay West, Bill & Carol Gunn's son-in-law, was injured while working. He has no severe injuries.
 Tommy Kaker's mom is recovering at home.
 Ken Beazley, a friend of Terri Lester's, is in ICU with an infection.
 Gracie Kelly, the 7 year old daughter of Kaye Gregory's co-worker, is now in hospice care.
 M'Lee Turner is having a rough time.
 Linda Cronenberg's sister has breast cancer.
 Chris McKinley, BHS varsity baseball coach had surgery following a car accident.
 The English's son-in-law and granddaughter from California are in Uganda. He will serve as a physician and she will work with school children.
 James Barton, Bobby & Suzanne Barton's son, received an Associate degree and will continue studies at UTA.

JOYS:

Thank you for Richard Bryan's gifts which allow him to fill in at the pulpit so wonderfully when our pastor is gone.
 Bethany Bonds is in Honors Band as a 9th Grader at North Crowley. She is one of 4 students chosen.
 Cierra Hamilton made a perfect score on the TAKS test. She was chosen as student of the year at her school.
 Congratulations to Bill & Carol Gunn on the birth of their second great grandson, Ian James Gunn.

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

COME GUITAR PICKERS, GUITAR STRUMMERS, BASS PLAYERS AND YES, THE DRUMMERS...

Beginning Monday, June 8th, we will have some musical fun. We're calling it **SUMMER JAM**. We'll meet on Monday nights from 7-9, play some songs, hone our skills and fellowship with each other as well. Church family, guests and friends are welcome. We'll meet in the Sanctuary (at least to start) and if the space becomes too small, we'll improvise. Come and join us for some music and fun - starting Monday, June 8th.



HELP NEEDED...

We are in need of a caretaker for the van. This person would be responsible for getting routine care and maintenance, registration, etc as needed. This position doesn't require special skill, but is very important as the van carries our brothers and sisters in Christ to retreats, mission trips and so much more. Giving them the safest possible ride is a caring ministry and we need someone to step in and fill that position. If you are willing to serve as van caretaker, please call the church office at (817) 295-4123. Thank you!



Friends,

Again, thank you so much for being so kind, gracious and welcoming of me into your community. I have only been here a short period of time, but have greatly enjoyed every bit of it!

The youth have a lock-in coming up on May 30th/May 31st. It will be an all night event, and if we could have some chaperones, that would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office if you are interested.

May 31st after church there will be a Vacation Bible Camp meeting for those interested in helping out. Also on May 31st we will be enjoying this lovely summer weather and meeting at the park. We will be having kickball, hot dogs and other fun summer events!

June 6th the youth will be hosting a car wash from 10:00-2:00. So hit as many bugs as possible and we will be happy to clean them off for you!

June 7th there will be a second Vacation Bible Camp meeting to finalize our plans.

June 13th and 14th is Vacation Bible Camp! We are looking forward to teaching and entertaining the young ones as they learn Bible stories!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Burr



LOOKING AHEAD FOR DISCIPLES WOMEN FUN

Our next meeting will be June 11 and we have some fun planned!

Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments at 7:00 pm. Our hostesses are Jane Ann McGowen, Betty Wheeler and Juaneice Wichterich.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Laura who will teach us how to make jewelry. Supplies for each participant will cost \$10 each. In order to have an accurate count, please RSVP to Vicki Rubis (Study & Worship chair) at 817-295-8263 or Kathy Welch (President) 817-447-6349. A nursery will be available for this meeting so bring the kids or grandkids.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ⇒ Blessing Box money is now due. Count your money and give Ann Gartman a check for the same amount.
- ⇒ St. Francis Village is still collecting cancelled stamps. Cut out the stamp with 1/4" of the envelope left around the edges.
- ⇒ Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible Camp - June 13 & 14.
- ⇒ Bring your offering.

Hot Topic For The Hot Weather

The adult Sunday School class that meets in the Family Life Center will begin a summer study starting Sunday, June 7 of difficult and timely issues often found in the headlines. This will run the course of the summer, but each session will be self-contained so you can come for one or come for all. All adults are welcome!



YOUTH CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ May 30-31 Lock-In at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ May 31 Kickball, hot dogs, ice-cream & a worship session from 4:00-6:00 pm.
- ⇒ June 6 Car Wash Fundraiser from 10:00-2:00.
- ⇒ June 14 Vacation Bible Camp followed by movie and snacks.
- ⇒ June 21 Happy Father's Day - No Youth Fellowship
- ⇒ June 28 Mission Trip Fundraiser
- ⇒ July 5 Recycle Round-Up
- ⇒ July 11 No Youth Fellowship
- ⇒ July 12 Water Park Fun
- ⇒ July 25-30 Mission Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana

THANK YOU!

Members of Our Church Family,

A great big special thank you to all of you for your support, cards, concerns, prayers, and visits during the past three months while Dick was recovering from a mobility crisis. We are especially grateful to the Sholders, the Bonds, the Bartons, the Womacks, the McLarens, the Welchs, the Gunns, and Cyndy Garrett for visiting on a regular basis so that I could complete my short term job. Those domino games boosted his spirits like nothing else.

While Dick has greatly improved, he still is very limited in his mobility. Home Health Care is continuing with the rescheduling of Physical Therapy. He is confined to the wheel chair except for transfer and short supervised walking therapy. Therefore I have discontinued trying to work as a substitute for the rest of the year. He does stay alone for short periods of time, now.

Please know that you are all appreciated and invited to drop in anytime to challenge him in a game of dominoes or spend a little time visiting.

Our Love,
Dorothy & Dick Nash

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Jason Meller
6/1 Paul Holton
6/2 Pat Findley
6/5 Landon Wheeler
6/12 Anne English
6/13 Cyndy Garrett
6/13 James Odiorne
6/16 Cierra Hamilton
6/19 LaVerne McGowen
6/20 Doyle DePratter
6/25 Mary Ann Hamilton
6/26 Janie Dann
6/26 Wesley Kaker
6/29 Don Welch

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JUNE HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Marion Higginbotham

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Acolyte Attendant: Diane Chilton

Communion Preparation: Kaye Gregory

Attendance Books: Clint Bourland

Children's Sermon:

07 Chris Cooper

14 Paul Holton

21 _____

28 Diana McGee

Scripture Reading:

07 Steve Rubis

14 Suzanne Barton

21 Vicki Rubis

28 Angela Kaker

Deacon Team: Michelle McCrory,

Ryan Odiorne, & Don & Kathy Welch

Serving at the Table: Kathy Welch,
Bill Sholders

3-5 Year Class: Cyndy Garrett

Elementary Class: Ryan Odiorne

First Time Visitor Follow-Up:

07 Laura Odiorne/Wayne & Anne English

14 Mindy Preston/Faye McLaren &
Barbara Bond

21 Kim Bonds/Cyndy Garrett

28 Michelle McCrory/Don & Kathy Welch



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 GODLEY 	6 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 10:00-2:00 pm - Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
7 Harvest House Sunday 9:00 AM - Elders' Meeting (E) 12:00 PM - VBC Planning Meeting (FLC)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published 7:00 PM - Summer Jam (S)	9 BHS 	10	11 7:00 PM - Disciples Women Meeting (FLC) 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	12	13 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp 6/13-6/14
14 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC) 2:00 PM - VBC & Picnic 5:30 PM-Youth 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry (FLC)	15 7:00 PM - Summer Jam (S)	16	17	18	19	20
CYF Camp - June 15-20th - Athens						
21 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E)  No Youth Fellowship	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published 7:00 PM - Summer Jam (S)	23	24	25	26	27
Chi Rho III Camp - June 22-27th - Athens Pastor Laura at Chi Rho Camp this week						
28 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 12:00 PM - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon & Labor Auction 6:30 PM - Wellness Ministry	29 7:00 PM - Summer Jam (S)	30	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir Practice</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">Regular Sunday Activities: 8:15 AM - Early Worship 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship</div>			