

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, September 14, 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

I've been in ministry here (in one form or another) for right at three years now. I've been reflecting on that time lately since I've been reviewing and evaluating my ministry with members of the PPRC. It's been quite a ride so far. When I first came, there was this cloud of anger and pain because of recent conflict and loss. Yet the silver lining to that cloud was the energy and determinism that you showed for the ministries of this church, its future and vitality. We went through a discernment process, which was illuminating in that we learned about patterns of behavior that needed to be changed and we came to understand some areas of our church's ministry to which we felt God calling us to offer new energy. That too was an exciting time. We identified 6 goals for the coming 4 to 5 years, which would take us through about 2011 or 2012. Since we're at the half way point in that time frame, I think it would benefit us to reflect on how we're doing. Where we've made progress, strengthened ministries or begun new ones. I think it's also helpful for us to acknowledge where we have failed to follow through and to renew our commitment to those goals. So, I have written an evaluation form for every active participant in the congregation to fill out. It is not about me per se. It is more an evaluation of our ministry as a whole. How are WE doing? What are WE doing well? Where might WE find areas of challenge that need OUR energy or attention? This evaluation has questions as well as room for comments. It will be available in the foyer beginning Sunday, September 27. If you'd like to have a copy sent to you by e-mail, please notify the church office. It will also be made available to you at the October fellowship. We will begin reviewing these evaluations at the end of October and will share their results with the congregation shortly thereafter. I want to encourage each of us to participate in this evaluation. It is an opportunity for reflection and renewal, for our church's ministries, and more importantly, for the glory of God.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Laura



## PRAY PRAY PRAY

Our **Prayer** is the most powerful asset we have!

Thank you to all who have increased your contributions during this time. I appreciate so much your support during this time.

In God's Love,  
Peggy Johnson  
Treasurer

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 6, 2009 - Early	5
Traditional	69
September 13, 2009 - Early	5
Traditional	71

### Offering **8/30/09**

Gen. Fund	2,605.00
Build. Fund	1,377.00

### Offering **9/06/09**

Gen. Fund	4,895.00
Build. Fund	372.00
CLOTH Fund	100.00
Youth	25.00



## Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee; Marlene Baysinger & Robin Strodtz in the early service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Ariel Jorgensen; Kelly Lamb; Gary & Stacey Hay; & Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss in the Traditional Service.

*We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.*

We still have one ticket available for the MercyMe Concert and Rangers Game this Saturday, September 19th. We will leave the church at 3:00 pm so please be here by 2:45 pm and will return about 9:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$31. Anyone interested in buying the ticket and attending the concert and game need to call the church office by Wednesday, September 16th, and drop off their money by Thursday, September 17th. Any unpaid tickets will be sold to recover expenses.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

2:45 PM MercyMe Concert & Rangers Game

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 PPRC Meeting (E)  
No Youth Fellowship

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

8:15 AM Chapel Service (C)  
9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

## REMINDER FOR ALL PPRC MEMBERS...

PPRC Meeting will be meeting Sunday, September 20th, in the kitchen of the education wing immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. PPRC members are: John Higginbotham, Mindy Preston, Peggy Johnson, Wayne English, Ann Gartman & Tommy Kaker. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

## **NEXT DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING-Original meeting postponed due to BHS Homecoming Parade**

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend the next Disciples Women meeting on Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Disciples Men are invited to join us for refreshments. Our hostesses are Cyndy Garrett, Sandra Hay and LaVerne McGowen.

Refreshments will be followed by study and worship led by Juanice Wichterich and Bonnie DePratter. Remember to bring cancelled stamps for St. Francis Village (cut off envelope with 1/4 inch of envelope remaining), deodorant for Harvest House and your monthly offering.

Please note:

⇒ Our church's Women's Retreat has a NEW DATE. We will now go to Athens on November 13-14-15.

Details are coming!

If you need a nursery for this meeting, call Diane Chilton at 817-426-6194 before Wednesday, September 16, so she has time to make arrangements.



# The Power of Prayer

## CONCERNS:

Lloyd Cooper had a morphine pump put in.

James Odiorne broke his thumb at football practice.

Leonard McGowen passed away. Prayers for strength and comfort for his family.

Len Gerstner is going to the Mayo Clinic in November.

Beverly Sholders' friend had tests for stomach problems. Prayers for good results.

M'Lee Turner had a cat scan and bone marrow biopsy.

Jerry Hay had an MRI.

Sandra Hay's mom had nose surgery.

Rae McGowan has respiratory problems.

Angela Kaker was in the emergency room on Sunday for bad headaches.

Jennifer Powers, new principal at Kerr Middle School, has breast cancer.

Sue Newcomb has back pain.

## JOYS:

Rob Owen and his daughter Deondra, came forward on 9/6/09 to transfer their membership from St. Matthew Presbyterian Church, Burleson.

Dalton Grisham, Vicki Rubis' dad, got a good doctor's report.

Congratulations to Steve & Diana McGee on the birth of their first granddaughter, Maya Ariana McGee! She was born on Monday, August 24th at 3:28 pm. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Steven & Patti McGee. Both mother and daughter are healthy and doing well.

Brendon Wayne Hatfield, Bob & Faye McLaren's new great grandson, was born on Friday, September 4th. He weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Philip & Jenni Hatfield.

Hernán David Argüello was born on Sunday, September 6, 2009, at 7:18 am in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He weighed 8 lbs, 20.9 inches! Proud parents are Hernán & Natalie (Findley) Argüello. Proud grandparents are Pat & Carol Findley. He is also welcomed by his Uncle Matthew Findley, Uncle Spencer & Aunt Leann Maxwell and cousin, Walker Maxwell. Mom, Dad & baby are all doing great! (See pictures on page 5!)

Jerry & Sandra Hay are the proud great grandparents of Isabella!

Steve and Michelle Storch (along with big brothers Dane, Jude, Cole and big sister Katharina) welcomed their new daughter, Marlee Rae on Thursday, August 13th at Ft. Bragg, NC. Marlee weighed 8 lbs, 13 oz and was 20 inches long.

Peggy Johnson thanked the congregation for the extra financial contributions.

Magunn Carroll is out of the zero gravity cast and she is in another cast.

September 5th was Jack Gregory Sr's 85th Birthday!! Happy Birthday, Jack!!!

Beverly Sholders' medical test came back ok.

Beverly Sholders' brother, Newell Newlin, has no more cancer in his lungs.

## 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

# YOUTH CORNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

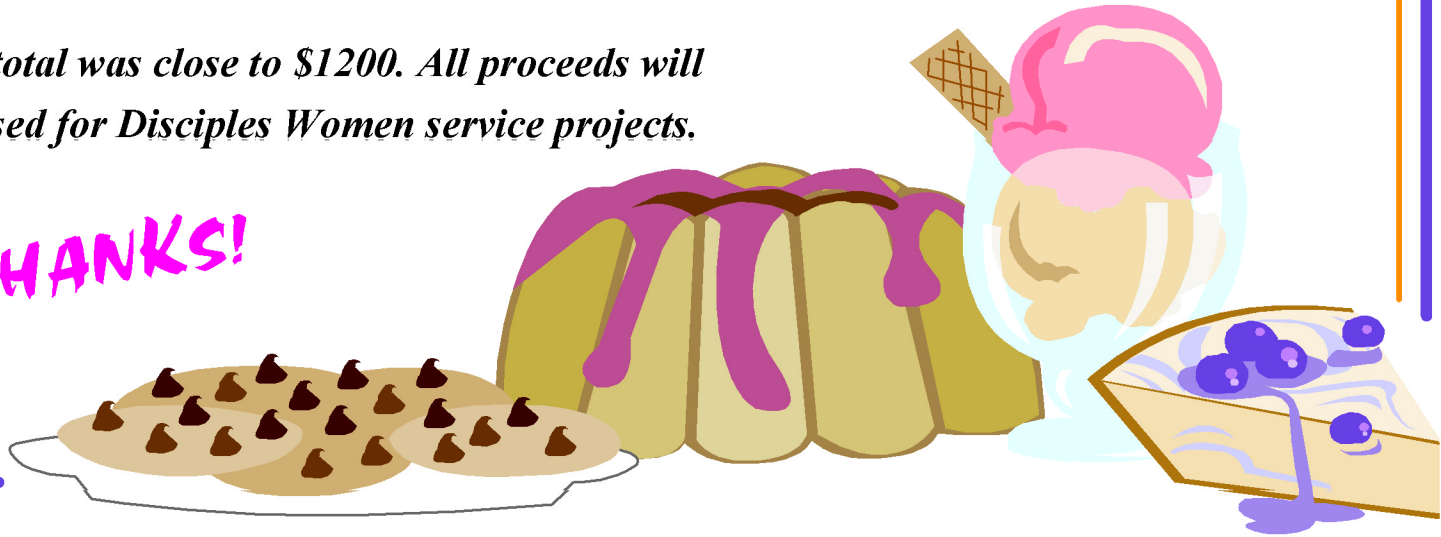
- ⇒ September 19th - MercyMe Concert and Texas Rangers vs. Angels baseball game
- ⇒ September 20th - No Youth Fellowship
- ⇒ September 28th - Youth Fellowship

# Dessert Auction

**DISCIPLES WOMEN** would like to thank everyone who  
**BAKED, BID or BOUGHT**  
at our Annual Dessert Auction.

*The total was close to \$1200. All proceeds will  
be used for Disciples Women service projects.*

**THANKS!**



# NEW DATE

**ALL WOMEN!**

**CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**The new date for the FCC Disciples Women Retreat in Athens is**

**NOVEMBER 13 - 14 - 15**

**Make plans to join us this year!**

**More information soon!**



NATALIE &  
BABY  
HERNÁN

IT'S A BOY!

HERNÁN  
DAVID  
ARGÜELLO

