



The Chalice

A Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Christian Church, Conroe



June 4, 2007

WE ARE THE CHURCH



From the
Pastor



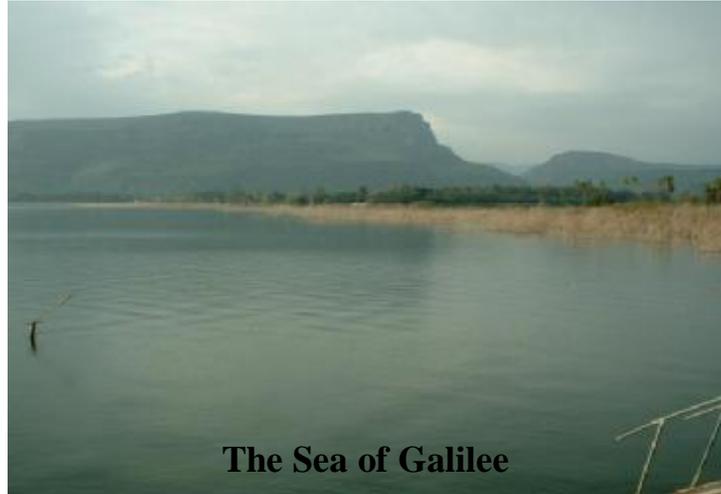
Dr. Wes Morgan

I listened as Krista Crabtree shared how important Vacation Bible School had been in her life. VBS was a place where she learned not only the stories of our faith – she also experienced the wonder of a faithful community in which she was loved – cared for and accepted as a person of worth.

I thought, “YES!” That’s the church in action – doing its faith – being God’s word for today. And that is also the process God uses to share the faith. In one moment we are the children – being loved and taught – in the next moment we are the parents/ teachers – loving and teaching. In the next moment we are the grandparents (still teaching) rejoicing in the full circle of love that passes from one to the other in God’s loving process.

A couple of weeks ago we sang “I am the church – you are the church – we are the church together”.

Sue Buchanan has written



The Sea of Galilee

IHN June 10-16

IHN guests will be arriving at our church on June 10 and leaving on June 16th. We know that everyone is busy during the Summer but we need all the help we can get to make this work. We still need food for several nights, someone to drive the Van, Babysitters for Thursday night, Laundry help, and anything else you think you might like to do. Please let Larry and me know and we will work you in anyway we can. The sign up board is in the Parlor please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you so much for all your help!!!
(Larry and Ann Corley)

Financial Review to Begin This Week

For some time there has been a desire to have an independent review of our financial procedures. Kris McBride has been retained to conduct this review.

Sponsors Are Still Needed

If you can sponsor a youth so that our teens can go to Extreme Camp, please do so. To sponsor a teen, simply write a check for \$100 to JAM (or whatever amount you can give will be appreciated), and turn this into the church office. Go by the basket in the hall and pick your teen’s flower out of the basket. Pray for that teen to continue to grow in Christ.



these words about a our place and our prayers as we participate in being the church together:

Find Us Faithful

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
Encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize;
But as those who've gone before us,
Let us leave to those behind us

The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.

**0 may all who come behind us find us faith,
May the fire of our devotion light their way.**

May the footprints that we leave

**Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.**

0 may all who come behind us find us faithful.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,

And our children sift through all we've left behind,

May the dues that they discover

And the memories they uncover

Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

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**Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.**

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I hope to see you Sunday so we can worship together and think about what it means to be God's people in today's world.

Love & Blessings,
Wes <+><

These are the lessons that your Pastor is reading in preparation for the Sunday services. Please read them as a part of your preparation. The ones that are underlined will be the basis for the sermon.

1 Kings 21.1-10,15-21

Psalm 5.1-8

Galatians 2.15-21

Luke 7.11-17

Food Pantry News

The food pantry fed a total of 187 people in May. There were 91 infants to age 19; 22 people 65 or older; 28 were disabled. This was a total of 53 households.

Have you remembered your church in your will?

Lunch Bunch

Members, friends, and visitors are welcomed and encouraged to come join in the fellowship.



June 10 - Joe's Pizza
June 17 - Baytown Pizza
June 24 - El Bosque

**Linger in the Library—
And pick out a free book!**

One table is loaded with children and youth books—enough for each child in the church to have one or two. Another table features books for adults to help themselves, first come first served. We're

weeding out books from our shelves that either are not religious in nature or are more appropriate for a single owner than a library. Take your pick!
Lenore & Jack Bechtel, the new librarians



First Christian Church



t-shirts for Sale

t-shirts are now being sold to benefit the Heifer International project. They have the above logo. For more information, contact Johnnie Walker at 936-449-4388.

Please help us update our Prayer List. If we have left anyone off who should be on this list, please let us know. Also, please let the church office know when we can remove a name from the list.

MEMBERS: Charles LaCarter; Lois Joslin; Ocie Bonds; Carolyn Human; Jeff & Madison Mathews; Mattie Curry; Rogers Thompson; Martha Inabnett; T.C.; Rosie Joyce; Peggy Schneider; Judy Hopper; Jake DeHaven; Margaret Llum

CONTINUING PRAYER FOR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret T. **Cole** – mother of J. Cole; Connie **Lowe** – mother of V. Hill; Edward **Schraeder** – brother of H. Schraeder; Marjorie **Slothower** – mother of J. Wooderson; Gary **Smith** – neighbor of B. Harris. Bryce **Stevenson** – relative of B. Harris; Fennis **Faircloth** – friend of the Keysers; Susan **Perkins** – relative of D. Yates; Jean & Roy **Harris** – relative of S. Harris; Robert **Stevenson** – brother of B. Harris; Sara **Burns** – relative of B. Harris; Nellie **McClure** – M. Lum; Libby **Higgins** – sister of M. Goode; **Wallace** family– M. Etie; Corey **Moon** – grandson of J.B. & B. Williams; Lene **Velasquez** – friend of the Keysers; Jace **Sandoval** – friend of R. & B. Harris; Kerry **Malone** – friend of the Keysers; Amy **Yamez** – granddaughter of R & D Yates; Mary **Carr**; Vicki **Brooks** – friend of D. Whitener; T. **Moore** – longtime friend of N. Cave; David **Pack** – brother of P. Schneider; Diane – daughter of D. & S. Lubs.

“Praising God – Reaching out – Teaching love – Serving God and people!”



Visitors for Sunday, June 3, 2007: Alex Brame; James, Jennifer, Peyton and Parker Graham; Christine Bowden; Raye Dry

IN IRAQ: Operation Love and Comfort for Soldiers in Iraq; Cory **Martin** & Mike **Brouard** – cousins of D. Yates; Erik **Bumgardner** (Iraq) – nephew of J. Luttrall; Cpl Kevins **Corley** – nephew of A. Corley; Keith **Watson** – uncle of Katie Foster; Tony **Biernesser** – boyfriend of Katie Foster.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:

Charles, Johns & Charattel **Riggins** – relatives of D. Yates; Michael **Mathews** – husband of Maria Mathews; Catherine **Hughes** family – friend of J. Pottorff; **Cali** – friend of J. Pottorff; Candy **Curlee** – friend of D. Blackburn; Jim **Frazier** & family – friend of B. Smith; Helen **Shewmate** – sister of C. Costas; Laurie **Alexander** and her family – friend of J. Pottorff; Barbie Franks – friend of A. O’Pry; Coreen Taunton – sister of Margaret Lum

HOMEBOUND: Joe Fee; Charlie Fennell; Margaret Ferguson; Jeane Shearer; Ruth Wilson; Dave Coyne; Alice Womack

Christian Sympathy

Please pray for Dave and Marilyn Coyne in the death of his mother, Marjorie Coyne, who died Sunday, June 3.

Birds Don’t Understand Glass
Shirley Taylor

The tree reflected by the glass in the office building was inviting. The bird could see it as clear as day as he flew through the blue sky. The bird feathers glued to the glass door was testimony to the fact that the excited little bird never knew what he hit. He saw a bush and flew to it, just like he had thousands of times before. Only this time, something hard and invisible blocked his way. Stunned and missing a few feathers, he flew on to another tree and this time the way was clear. But that would not be the last time that he would come up against this unyielding force. Because, you see, birds don’t understand glass. Sometimes I am like that little bird. I fly right into situations that I can see clearly with my eyes, but have no idea of what is behind it all. Just as I look out the window and see the bird heading toward the glass, my Heavenly Father must look at me and see me heading toward disaster. Sometimes I only get a bump on the head and fly on, other times I fall to the ground. Next time, I will pray before I fly. God understands glass.



Summer Camp Schedule

Disciples of Christ- Coastal Plains Area Summer Camp Schedule

Time to get ready for Summer Camp! Below is listed the Summer Camp Schedule of 2007 at the Disciple Oaks Retreat Camp Center located on Hwy 183, 8 miles south of Gonzales. As per custom, the church will cover half of the cost for the children interested in going. Please note the deadlines; they will not be able to go if we don't have them registered by those dates.

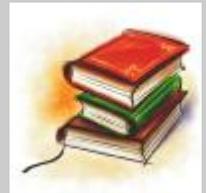
Camp	Completed Grades	Dates	Theme	Deadline/s
Chi Rho Camp	6-7	July 8-14	"The Amazing Grace"	June 8/ June 22
Junior Camp	4-5	June 25-30	"Plug into God's Power"	May 25/June 8
Beginner's Camp	2-3	July 15-18	"I'm about to do a N.E.W. thing!!!"	June 15/June 29

Sign up sheets, registration forms, and more information will be in Parlor on Sunday.

Linger at the library...

The new checkout policy could not be easier—the honor system. Find a book you'd like to read, and simply take it home. Take as long as you want to read it, and then bring it back. Or if you fall in love with it and want to keep it, it's yours! We know that somehow, some way, another book will make its way to the FCC library to replace the one meant just for you. We have many wonderful books on our library shelves to help us in our spiritual growth. Let's start reading them!

Lenore & Jack Bechtel, librarians



Parlor Hosts

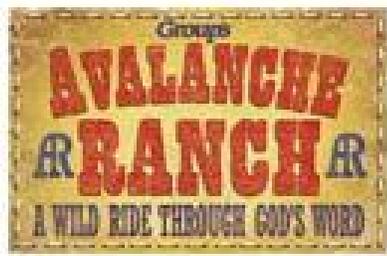
When the yearly schedule for our Parlor Time immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service was made, there were a couple of months that were left with no hosts/hostesses. June and December are those months. A cake is served on the first Sunday of each month, and the Bible Explorers class has been most gracious in providing those for us. Due to lack of people power, we are asking those classes with designated months to also prepare, serve, and clean up on the first Sunday as well. Cakes will still be provided by the Bible Explorers. During June, the first Sunday is covered, and **we will be having either lemonade or punch and coffee the remaining Sundays**, unless there is someone who would like to help out. The second Sunday and Fathers' Day, (June 17th), have been reserved. I would like to praise everyone who has pitched in and helped with our coffee fellowship/parlor time, as this is a great opportunity to visit with our visitors and our FCC family, as well as a perfect time to show our children and teens we are interested in them and what they are doing. Again, thank you, for the help and support you provide for another special time we share together. You all are blessings! If you would like to know more about our coffee fellowship, please call



Summer School Teacher's Update

We want to thank all those who have signed up for teaching children's Summer Sunday School. It's going to be Cool summer! However we still have the following dates open:

June 10 and 24, July 15 and 29, so please check you calendar and don't let this opportunity pass you by. You can call the church and Shirley or Jean will be happy to sign you up.



VBS

AVALANCHE RANCH

JULY 9-13 9:30-12:30a

AGES 3-5th GRADE

Avalanche Ranch needs YOU

It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes help to transform the sanctuary and gym into a mountainous campsite. We will be meeting after church on the following Sundays to build, paint, and assemble: June 3 and 10. (Bring a sack lunch)

Calling all "Ranch Hands" for Avalanche Ranch

June 24th will be training day. We need all crew leaders, junior crew leaders, station leaders, and their team members to come for training from 1:00 -3:00 p. This will be a fun and informative time for all. Lunch will be provided. See you there!

Here is Avalanche Ranch in a Nutshell:

June 10- 12:30-3:00- work day

June 24- 1:00-3:00- training day

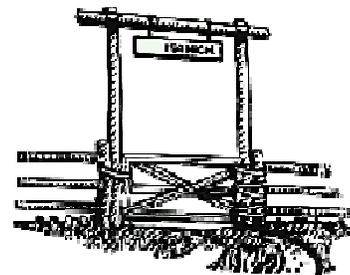
July 1- dedication of all VBS volunteers in 2nd service

July 8- 12:30-? Set up VBS

NEW! REGISTER ONLINE FOR VBS.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE

FCCONROE.ORG



Note

We need a leader for Children's Church for July 15. This is a one-time need only.



Teachers Needed

We need teachers for July 15 and July 29. If you can help, please contact Jean Harvill

6/10	Samson receives strength from God	Judges 15:9-16 16:4-30	God gives us gifts to serve him	Johnnie Walker	Jean Harvill
6/17	Ruth is Faithful	Ruth 1:1-22	God wants us to love our friends no matter what	Sharon Martin	Tammy Collins
6/24	Ruth marries Boaz	Ruth 2-4	Hope in God's good plans	Barbara Provencher	Second Teacher needed
7/1	God answers Hannah's prayers	1 Samuel 1:1-28	Turn to God when you're sad	Kim Elsmore	Donna Smith

Voting Delegates to the General Assembly

The Board of the church named Bob and Donna Smith as the voting delegates to The General Assembly of the Christian Church which will meet in Fort Worth from July 21-25. Each congregation is allowed 2 voting delegates (more if the congregation is over 500 members), and all clergy are automatically voting members of the Assembly.



Spiritual Gifts Training Has Begun

Would you like to know your Spiritual Gift(s)? Then make plans to attend the Spirit Gift Training in June. The training will be offered during the Sunday School Hour each Sunday in June. One of the purposes of this church is help every person to Discover, Develop an Use their gifts, abilities and talents to serve God and people. This training will help you know yourself and your ministry better. Please make your plans now to attend and participate.

New Carpeting in The Children's Education Wing

The carpet in the hallway of the Children's Education wing has been installed. It looks great! Please stop by and take a look. There is just a little more to do to complete the project.



World Vision

Our Youth Are Going To...

Starve Hunger

Week One

It seems that every day we read about more suffering in the world. Disasters. Tsunamis. Hurricanes. Wars. Tens of thousands dead. Hundreds of thousands homeless. Millions in mourning.

Students in our congregation are choosing to make a difference. They are getting ready to take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Because they are choosing to be a part of the solution, literally tons of food and other necessities will be provided to hungry and suffering children based on what they do.

In the coming weeks you'll hear more about the 30 Hour Famine. And here's where you come in. First, please pray for the Famine participants who will be participating in the Famine. Second, prayerfully consider how you can come alongside them and offer your financial support to help save kids' lives. In a world that loses over 29,000 children every day to hunger and disease, we all can make a difference.

So much to do. So little time. But by taking the time – just one weekend – we will be making a difference in children's lives.

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. We serve the world's poor— regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

For more information about World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, call 1-800-7FAMINE (1-800-732-6463), or visit www.30hourfamine.org.

JAM

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 10, 2007

8:15 am Service of Hope
 9:00 am Chancel Choir Practice
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship Service
 VBS Workshop
 2:00 pm Venture Crew
 6:00 pm Elders Meeting

IHN Sunday thru Saturday

Monday, June 11, 2007

6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:45 pm Chalice Bells

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

9:00 am Hug-A-Bears
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

9:00 am - Noon - Food Pantry
 4:00 pm Angel Singers
 5:00 pm Guitar, bass, drums
 6:30-8:30 pm No JAM
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
 7:00 pm *The Foundation*
 8:00 pm Al-a-teen

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Friday, June 15, 2007

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Sunday, June 17, 2007

8:15 am Service of Hope
 9:00 am Chancel Choir Practice
 9:25 am Breakfast Sunday
 9:25 am Children Sunday School
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 2:00 pm Venture Crew

Sunday, June 10, 2007

Church School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Sermon: Dr. Wes Morgan
Worship Leader: Pete Kelly
Elders: Cathey Costas
 Peggy Schenieder

Sound Manager: Bill Schneider

Video Artist: Jan Lewis

Greeters: Genevieve Thompson
 Rogers Thompson

Head Deacon: Cindy Ortiz

Diaconate: Ann Corley, Larry Corley, Wanda Fick, Cindy Ortiz, Brittani Macey, Pete Kelly, Ron Gilman

Diaconate Early Service - Peggy Piper
 Tammy Connor

Preparing: Cindy Ortiz

Acolytes: Brittani Macey
 Julia Massey
 Angelica O'Pry

FCC STAFF

Pastor: Dr. Wes Morgan
 Secretary: Shirley Taylor
 Dir. Children's Ministries: Jean Harvill
 Student Ministry: Robert & Vicki Hill
 Police Chaplain: Pete Kelly
 Choir Director: A.J. O'Pry
 Accompanist: Jan Cole
 Sound Manager: Bill Schneider
 Day School Director: Vicki Hill

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Deadline for Newsletter

Monday or when full



Lock Up Schedule May

June 3-9 - Harvey Schraeder

June 10-16 Larry Corley

June 17-23 Si Harris

June 24-30 Bill Keyser

June Parlor Hosts
 June 10-24 - Lemonade

June Flowers
 June 3 - Open
 Jun 10 - Bob Smith
 June 17- Michele Mathews
 June 24 - Robert Yates

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**Worship Attendance
 June 3, 2007**

Early Service: 35
Late Service: 138
JAM - 18

Invite a Friend to Church Next Sunday!