



# The Chalice

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



May 31, 2010

## The Lord Saw Her



From the  
Pastor



### Dr. Wes Morgan

Have you ever wondered if you mattered to God? The psalmist asks, "Who are we that you are aware of us? Who are we that you care for us?" (Psalm 8.4)

In the Gospel Lesson for this week (Luke 7.11-17) we have this answer to that question -- "the Lord saw her..." She wasn't lost in the crowd -- she was the center of Jesus' attention. She was a widow -- and she was on the way to bury her only son. We can just imagine how lonely and lost she felt. First, her husband -- then her son -- now the grief! Now the lostness -- the emptiness -- the nothingness . . .

We can only imagine how she must have prayed as she held her sick and dying child. Oh, God -- please . . .not again . . . please . . .let my son live . . . please . . .

Until her son went limp in her arms -- "Who are we that you are aware of us? Who are we that you care for us?" Nobody -- I am a nobody! God doesn't know who I am. God doesn't



**Kerri Edwards Sings "Star Spangled Banner" on Memorial Day**

### VBS News and Notes

The website to register for VBS or to sign up to work in VBS is up and running. Go to [www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe). Jean says they now have plenty of cardboard, but still need crew leaders for elementary and preschool, a games leader, and helpers for crafts. Please note that helpers are needed every Friday in June will be a work day for constructing sets for VBS, starting at 10:00 a.m. Remember that Vacation Bible School is July 26 - 30, for ages three through sixth grade.

### Will Work 4 Camp

The youth are trying to raise money to go to camp and are willing to work for it. Look on page 6 of this newsletter for names of the teens and their special expertise - cooking, yard work, painting, babysitting. For a larger job you can also arrange for a team of teams to do the work. Please contact Vicki Hill at 936-442-8508.

### Mad Hatters Tea Party For Mothers / Daughters

**June 13 at 12:30 p.m.** Don't be late. All mothers and daughters are invited to the tea party here at First Christian Church right after Fellowship in the Family Center. Please contact Sharon Martin at [sjmart@aol.com](mailto:sjmart@aol.com) for more details.

care for me! My son is dead. She had entered the world of the walking dead – going through the motions – doing what had to be done. Walking in her son’s funeral procession – one step at a time – one foot in front of another – hardly able to stand up -- so weak from the grief – unaware of anything or anyone around her . . .

Then -- “the Lord saw her...” She was no longer lost in the crowd – she was in the sight of Jesus – and his heart overflowed with compassion for her. Jesus was so deeply moved by her plight that he went to her and spoke to her – “Don’t weep!”

“Don’t weep!” “Don’t weep!” Who would say such a thing to a person so deep in grief? What person so deep in grief would be able to hear, “Don’t weep!”? But Jesus wasn’t full of empty words -- his words were the beginning of mercy -- the foreshadowing of grace. Jesus moved to the coffin – touched it – and said, “Young man, get up!” And he did!

Prayers answered – at last! Mercy! Grace! Joy!

Jesus' compassion for the widow turns the day inside out – brings good news out of despair – tells everyone – God cares! God even cares for the walking dead widow. God even cares for the stone dead son. God even cares for those who ever wondered . . . does God care . . . about me?

The Message tells us “the crowd realized they were in a place of holy mystery that God

was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful – and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, ‘God is back, looking to the needs of his people!’”

Now our Good News – God sees us – just as Jesus saw the widow -- God sees us!

I hope to see you Sunday so we can be worshipful and grateful together!

Love & Blessings,  
Wes <+><

These are the lessons that your Pastor is reading in preparation for the Sunday services.

Scripture  
1 Kings 17.8-16  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1.11-24  
Luke 7.11-17

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend the sympathy of the church to Michelle Mathews and her family at the death of her grandmother, Winifred Reese, who died on Friday in Wichita Falls. Please keep Michelle Mathews and her family in your prayers.



**Time to eat again!**

Fellowship Breakfast  
At Ryan’s  
June 5 at 8:30.am.  
Everyone always invited!

**Caregivers Coffee**

“Signal Lights of my Life” will be the topic discussed at this meeting. The next meeting will be June 8 here at FCC in the Parlor.

**Gerry Kincaid’s  
New Address**

Heritage Oaks Assisted Living  
903 Longmire, Apt 126  
Conroe TX 77304  
936-444-2516



**The Mission Statement of  
The First Christian Church,  
Conroe, TX**

Our mission is to serve and praise God by sharing our love with all people as Christ taught.

**For the Record  
May 30, 2010**

**Worship: 90  
Offering: \$3,540**



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



Visitors for Sunday, May 30, 2010;

**MEMBERS:** Donna Smith; Robert Sanders; Hudson Biggio (former pastor); Bill Swan; Scott Scarborough; Wes Morgan

**CONTINUING PRAYER FOR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Edward **Schraeder** – brother of H. Schraeder; Bryce **Stevenson** – relative of B. Harris; Susan **Perkins** – relative of D. Yates; Robert **Stevenson** – brother of B. Harris; Jace **Sandoval** – friend of R. & B. Harris; Sydney **Curtis** – daughter of K. McQueeney; Charles **LaCarter**; Norma **Herron** - mother of A. Corley; Terry **Files** – friend of P & B Keyser; Mary **Marberry** – mother of D Whitener; Michele **Hendrickson** – granddaughter of M. Lum; Jennifer **Clark & family** – daughter of M Alexander; Mary **Chesser** – sister of M Schraeder; Ellen **Reeves** – friend of P Keyser; Maddox **McNear** – grandson of G Serrato; **McTighe** family – Relatives of A Twidell; Sharon **Blackburn** – daughter-in-law of M Caldwell

**IN MILITARY:** Lt. Col. Richard **Norl** (Iraq) – friend of J & T Moore; Chris **Sullivan**; David **Garza** (Afghanistan) – S Taylor; Aaron **Clayton** - friend of S Wilson; Lt Timothy **O’Neil** – relative of G Serrato; Sgt Kenny **Hughes** (Afghanistan) – grandson of L Lewis

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Leroy **Faul** – father of Darryl Faul; Dick **Judge** – friend of B Smith; Joan **Ragsdale** – friend of B Smith; Sue **Crowley** – friend of B Smith; Dalton **Gebhart**, Claire **Bilyeu**, Craig **Roden** – friends of H Fick; Betty **Wiley** – relative of Wileys; Winston **Wright** – cousin of Wileys; Amanda **Hargraves** – granddaughter of T Hale; Robyn **McTighe & Annie** – A Twidell; Jill **Mahaffey** – friend of B Smith; Judy **Ryan**, Marjorie **Constant**, Pansy **Davidson** – friends of M Alexander; Helen **Neviller** – aunt of J Prejean; Devin **Jackson** – friend of B Smith; Pam **Costas** – relative of C Costas; Ann **Embry** – friend of C Costas; Nancy **Davis** – neighbor of Wileys; **Adair** – friend of G Pottorff; Ruth **Lawrence** – grandmother of K Elsmore; Joe **Lux** – friend of W McMillian; Claudia **Miles** – friend of Hoffmans; **Josh** – nephew of L Conner; Gene & Jenny **Omundson** – sister of P Schneider; Joan **Forse** – friend of B Harris; Jan **Crews** – friend of B Harris; Evan **Speight** and parents - grandson of C Speight.

**HOMEBOUND:** Gerry Kincaid; T.C. Harvill

**Giving in to Temptation**

Have you ever thought about how many commercials you have watched on TV during your life-time? I can’t imagine how many. We see advertisements for cars, computers, soft drinks and some not so soft. We watch advertisements telling us to eat more and some telling us not to eat more and weigh less. Some of the commercials I don’t get the point of and some I can’t remember who the sponsor is even though I have seen it lots of times. There are about 3 things that I have bought as a result of seeing a commercial. One Saturday I was channel surfing and saw a paid programming spot that was so interesting that I couldn’t turn the channel. Don came in and I told him that he had to watch this. We were mesmerized at this product. Don went to the computer and placed an order. That was two years ago and we still love Magic Jack. Jupiter Jack works, but is too much trouble. The spray wash nozzle works and we like it, but that is the extent of our surrender to a TV commercial. Oh, I almost forgot. I did give in to one other temptation that I saw advertised on TV. I worked in the 200 RiverPointe building which is right beside IHOP, and one night I saw their commercial for blueberry pancakes and whipped cream. Sweet temptation. Guess what I had for lunch the next day!

(Shirley Taylor)

# Will Work 4 Camp



## Teens raising Money: Jobs they can do!

Morgan Hill	Cook you a meal / clean
Clara Smith	Cook you a meal / clean
Angel Wright	Cook you a meal / clean
Cara Hatcher	Cook you a meal / clean
Hailey Fick	Cook you a meal / clean
Cody Farmer	Yard work / gardens
Scott Scarborough	Yard work / anything
Tyler Lindsey	Yard work of any kind
Hannah Fick	Painting - inside or out
Holly Stewart	House work
Hunter Pottorff	Yard Work / Housework
Sheldon Pottorff	Wash cars / boats/ all
Taylor Lee	Power Wash Anything
Justin Bailey	Yard work / anything
Christine Hennessey	House Cleaning
Ryan Lopez	Pool Cleaning
Jessica Simpson	Baby sit - Elder sit

To schedule the work: call Vicki Hill at  
936-442-8508

Need something special? Just call and we will put a team together.



On Memorial Day, we remembered our nation's fallen soldiers, and we honored those men of our congregation who have served their country in the military. From left to right bottom row: Lou Freitas; Paul Mathews; Hermon Ussery; Horace Davis; Wade Weatherford; Top Row: Tom Wiley; Bill Hoffman; Bill Keyser; Paul Mancini; Gary Alexander; Jack Bechtel; Claude Wallis; Willy Pritzkau

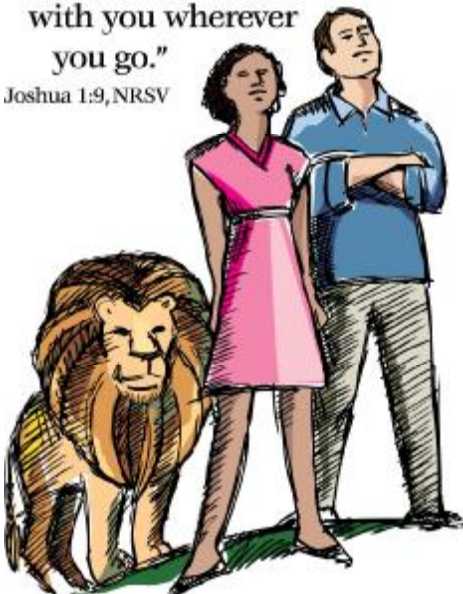
Apology is a lovely perfume; it can transform the clumsiest moment into a gracious gift.  
- Margaret Lee Runbeck

### Food Pantry Blessings

God's blessings sometimes have a way of coming from the most unusual places. At close of food pantry day on Wednesday, May 19, the shelves were quite empty. By the following Wednesday, food was abundant - thanks to a generous donation from Maersk Sealand. We are so grateful to the employees of Maersk who held a food drive, complete with designing and creating objects (such as lighthouses and tugboats) with their donations. These shipping-inspired designs were judged for their creativity and construction. But the real winner was First Christian Church, with the donation of boxes and boxes of food. Our thanks goes, especially, to Natalie Cave who arranged for FCC to be the recipient of the food for distribution to our neighbors. (Sharon Martin)

"Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9, NRSV



### The Chalice Bells are on Vacation





KIDZ Theatre School Presents  
A melodrama of circus proportions:  
**SAVED BY THE SERENDIPITY CIRCUS**

**By Jill Rust**

**Copyright 1998 Pioneer Drama Services**

**At**

First Christian Church of Conroe

**Fellowship Hall**

**3500 North Loop 336 West**

**Conroe, TX 77304**

**Dinner Theatre**

**Dinner by Seigelman's of Conroe**

**Theatre by Crighton KIDZ**

**June 18 at 7:00 PM**

**Adult Tickets (includes dinner) 18.00**

**Children eat free but must have a ticket**

**Call: 936-524-4242**

**Summer Camp at Disciple Oaks Retreat Center  
in Gonzales, Texas**



June 13th-19th-- CPA CYF Conference (completed grades 9-12) Theme- Love: Animated Early Bird Fee by May 13 \$280.00 (\$320 after) Final Deadline - May 28

July 6th-9th-- Beginners Camp ( completed grades 2-3) Theme- Beginnings. Early Bird Fee by June 6- \$165. (\$205. after) Final Deadline- June 18

June 27- July 3--Eigher's Camp (completed grade 8) Theme- Created to \*\*\*ME\*\*\*\* "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!" Early Bird Fee by May 27th- \$280.00 (\$320. after ) Final Deadline- June 11

July 11-17--Chi Rho Camp (completed grades 6-7) Theme- P.R.A.Y.E.R. Early Bird Fee by June 11- \$280 (\$320. after) Final Deadline- June 25

July 18-23-- Junior Camp (completed grades 4-5) Theme- Created By GOD Handle with Care. Early Bird Fee by June 19-\$250. (\$290. after) Final Deadline- July 2



## VBS 2010

This year's theme is High Seas Expedition- Exploring the Mighty Love of God. It will be held July 26-30<sup>th</sup>; times 9:15-12:45. Here is our first list for the season of things & volunteers, we need in advance to enhance the experience for the children.

### Craft items

½ gallon orange juice cartons- need to be rinsed out

### Decorating & game items

Old sheets - white and blue      Lots of Cardboard, all sizes (have all we need)  
Appliance boxes for games      Old mops  
Boards, variety of sizes yet wide enough for the kids to walk  
2-liter empty soda bottles      Paint

### Volunteers

Crew leaders for pre-k & elementary  
Crafts - Snacks -Games

### Behind the scenes decorating

Designers - Painters - Assemblers

Please let Jean or Johnnie know when you are available to help.

This is an awesome outreach to the children and families of community, and also can be a mountain top experience for our children.


# Weekly Calendar of Events

**FCC STAFF**  
 Pastor: Dr. Wes Morgan  
 Secretary/Newsletter: Shirley Taylor  
 Dir. Children's Ministries: Jean Harvill  
 Student Ministry: Robert & Vicki Hill  
 Choir Director: Kerri Edwards  
 Accompanist: Kay Kammerdiener  
 Chalice Bells: Sherry Hunter  
 Sound Manager: Bill Schneider  
 Day School Director: Jean Harvill  
**Office Hours**  
 Mon - Thurs 8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
**Deadline for Newsletter**  
 Monday

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**  
 10:15 am Chancel Choir Practice  
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
**Monday, June 7, 2010**  
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts Bi-Weekly  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2010**  
 9:00 am Hug-a-Bears 1&3 Tuesdays  
 9:30 am Soup Kitchen  
 6:00 pm Beth Moore Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2010**  
 9:00-12:00 Food Pantry  
 6:30 pm JAM / Chi Rho  
 2:00 pm Alzheimer's (3rd Wed)  
 7:00 pm - Choir  
 7:00 pm Debtors Anonymous  
**Thursday, June 10 2010**  
 6:30 pm Bible Study  
**Friday, June 11, 2010**  
 10:00 Help make sets for VBS  
**Saturday, June 12, 2010**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2010**  
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:15 am - Chancel Choir Practice  
 10:45 am - Worship Service  
 12:30 pm. Mother/Daughter Tea  
 Mad Hatters Tea Party

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**  
 Church School: 9:30 am  
**Morning Worship: 10:45 am**  
**Sermon: Dr. Wes Morgan**  
**Worship Leader:** Krista Mathews  
**Elders:** Cathey Costas  
 Krista Mathews  
 Bill Schneider  
**Sound Manager:** Candy Wolfe  
**Video Artist:** Jan Lewis  
**Greeters:** Lara DeHaven  
 Donna Smith  
 Larry Corley  
**Head Deacon:** Fran Mathews; Tee  
 McNearney; Larry Corley; Ronnie  
 McQueeney; Jack Bechtel; Lenore  
 Bechtel; Ann Twidell; Cindy Ortiz  
**Preparing:** Fran Mathews  
 Tee McNearney  
**Acolytes:** Braden Elsmore  
 Raphael Wolfe

Parlor Hosts  
 June 6 - Open  
 June 13 - Open  
 June 20 - Gilman  
 Blackburn  
 June 27/Provencher

**Lock Up Schedule**   
 5/30 - 6/5 - Tom Wiley  
 6/6 - 6/12 - Larry Corley  
 6/13 - 6/19 - Harvey Schraeder  
 6/20 - 6/26 - Gary Crofford  
 6/27 - 7/3 - Larry Corley

**Flowers June 2010**  
 June 6 - Smith  
 June 13 - Keyser  
 June 20 - open  
 June 27 - Yates

**Worship Leaders**  
 June  
 July  
 August - Peggy Schneider

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