



# The Chalice

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



June 2, 2008

## Day of Vision



From the  
Pastor



**Dr. Wes Morgan**

**Sunday was another GREAT day as we worshipped together! We all celebrated as five more people made First Christian Church their spiritual home.**

**On page One of this newsletter you read the first announcement about the "Day Of Vision" which is being planned for June 29. This will be an opportunity for us as a congregation to have a conversation about, "What is the Mission of this church?" Our Mission is our identity statement – it answers this question, "What kind of church does God want us to be?" It tells us and others who we are as a faithful people of God.**

**From our Mission grows our Vision. What is God calling us to do?**

**When we understand our Mission and our Vision, we know that we, as a church, do not live for ourselves. We are here because it is God's will that we be here –**



### Welcome New Members

Sunday, June 1, Duncan, Carol and Ethan McGinnis were welcomed into the membership of this congregation following their baptisms on Wednesday, May 28. Their son, Scott Scarborough, who had previously joined this church is also pictured with them. The McGinnis family lives at 9797 West Shore Drive, Willis TX 77318, and their phone number is 936-522-7060.

Also on Sunday, June 1, Marty Alexander transferred her membership to this congregation. Marty, and her husband Gary live at 16870 Oak Knoll, Porter TX 77365, and their phone number is 281-429-0058.

Please welcome and pray for our newest members: Duncan, Carol and Ethan McGinnis, Scott Scarborough, and Marty Alexander.

### June 29 Will Be a Special Day - Day of Vision

Sunday, June 29, will be a "Day Of Vision" for our congregation. The Elders of the congregation who are charged with the care of the spiritual life of the congregation are planning a very special day on that Sunday – Please mark your calendars so you can be present and participate in this very important day in the life of First Christian Church. More information will be coming in the very near future.

### Board Approves New Check Signers

In a called meeting of the Board on Sunday, June 1 the following persons were added to the list of approved check signers on the Woodforest Bank accounts for Conroe First Christian Church: Cindy Ortiz, Johnnie Walker, Steve Wilson and Katie Youngblood. Larry Corley, Bill Schneider, Bill Keyser and Loraine Sanders will continue as check signers.

we are alive because God's Holy Spirit continues to breathe the breath of life into us – and we serve because Jesus teaches us that the very nature of following him is to love and serve all people.

I believe that both our Mission and our Vision grow out of the Good News of what God is doing. When we let that Good News into our hearts and minds, it lodges in our souls with such clarity and power that it becomes:

*what we say – what we do – who we are – and who we are to become.*

When we live the Good News of God, we come face-to face and heart-to heart with the radical, unconditional, unwavering love for God for us and for all people.

When we live the Good News of God, we begin to see ourselves as we have not seen ourselves before. We come to see ourselves as God has always seen us. We also learn to see others as they have not yet seen themselves. We learn to see them as God has always seen them.

When we live the Good News of God, we come to know that every person has a dream deep inside of their hearts – and God put that dream there not for their glory but for God's glory.

When we live the Good News of God, we join our dream with the dreams of

others to fulfill the dream that God has for His Creation and for all of God's people.

I encourage you to – right now -- mark your calendars for June 29 – make your plans to join with your fellow church members so the "Day Of Vision" will be a great step forward for us as a congregation.

Love & Blessings,  
Wes <+><

### Food Pantry News

Pat Keyser reports that the Food Pantry served 172 people in May. Of those, 19 were new families. There were 80 listed as between the ages of infant to 19.



### Box Tops for Education

It is not too early to start collecting Box Tops for Education to help our FCC Day School. The box tops can be collected all during the year. You can find them on all General Mills products which include paper and cooking.

"So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 6:12

### Bible Study 6:30 pm

"Growing Spiritually" will resume this week beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Child care is provided.

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.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 12.1-9

Psalms 33. 1-12

Romans 4. 13-25

Matthew 9. 9-26



### Gifted to Serve Handbook of Ministries 2008

The handbook was emailed to all that we had email addresses for. If you did not receive one, please come by the church office and pick one up.

### Operation Love and Comfort

We are still collecting for Operation Love and Comfort to ship boxes to our military men and women.

New Address:  
Robert and Anne Chadwick  
445 S. Johnson Avenue.  
Giddings TX 78942

### For the Record June 1, 2008

Early Service: 36  
Late Service: 112  
JAM: 16  
Offering: \$6,330

*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.*

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

*Visitors for Sunday, June 2, 2008 Kay Mitchell*

**MEMBERS:** Barthlynn McCoy; Rosie Joyce; Mattie Curry; Bob and Anne Chadwick; T. C. Harvill; Dollie Anderson; Jane and Tommy Moore

### **CONTINUING PRAYER FOR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Margaret T. **Cole** – mother of J. Cole; Edward **Schraeder** – brother of H. Schraeder; Bryce **Stevenson** – relative of B. Harris; Susan **Perkins** – relative of D. Yates; Jean & Roy **Harris** – relative of S. Harris; Robert **Stevenson** – brother of B. Harris; Lene **Velasquez** – friend of the Keysers; Jace **Sandoval** – friend of R. & B. Harris; Amy **Yanez** – granddaughter of R & D Yates; Jeff **Adams** – nephew of P. Keyser; Sydney **Curtis** – daughter of K. McQueeney; Christy **Ayres** – cousin of D. Yates; Charles **LaCarter**; Norma **Herron** - mother of A. Corley; Michael **Burns** – father of A. Burns; Terry **Files** – friend of P & B Keyser; Fred **Hartman** – nephew of A. Smith

**IN MILITARY: Operation Love and Comfort for Soldiers in Iraq;** Justin **Keyser** – grandson of P & B Keyser; Sean **Kellenberger** (Iraq) – friend of P. Kelly; Cory **Decker** in Iraq – relative of J. Hopper.

### **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jaden **Renshaw** – ggrand-nephew of P. Schneider; Leslie & Ron **Parker** family – friends of K. Elsmore; Jeremy **Moore** – friend of H. Pottorff; Justin **Bailey** – friend of H. Pottorff; James **Pottorff** – father of H. Pottorff; Phyllis **Bragg** – nephew of H. Pottorff; O.G. **Bright** – friend of D. Yates; Rick & Holly **Harden** – friend of B. Cave; Carolyn **Seals** – relative of N. Cave; Trudy **Lewis** & Jean **Carlisle** – friends of J. Ussery; Rachel **Fleming** & Family – friend of C. Jeffrey; Gloria **Walters** – friend of C. Jeffrey; Shannon **Palmer** – relative of C. Costas; Lisa & Noel **Leura-Patrick**; Mary **Hartman** – sister of A. Smith; Kathryn **Carmack**

**HOMEBOUND:** Joe Fee; Charlie Fennell; Margaret Ferguson; Jeane Shearer; Ruth Wilson; Mary Carr



### **Faith is Relevant to Americans**

America's religious landscape is diverse and ever-shifting, according to a recent survey. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that almost half of Americans leave the faith tradition in which they were raised.

The results "seem in keeping with the high tolerance among Americans for change," says Pew Forum director Luis Lugo. "People move a lot, people change jobs a lot. It's a very fluid society." Other contributing factors include intermarriage and our consumer culture.

The survey of 35,000 adults showed that Protestants will soon become the religious minority in America for the first time. Meanwhile, there's a boost in people – especially young adults – who are "unaffiliated" with a particular faith. But not everyone in this group is necessarily "unreligious," Lugo notes.

While traditional, organized religion seems to be losing its appeal, faith is still relevant to Americans. Michael Lindsay of the Center on Race, Religion and Urban Life says religion is the most-important factor driving our beliefs, attitudes and behaviors. Religion, he says, is "a powerful indicator of where America will end up on politics, culture, family life. If you want to understand America, you have to understand religion in America."



Welcome home from Iraq Scott Smith, the son of Alice Smith, and also her grandson, Justin Smith.





Sir Collin Conner

### Third Annual FCC Mother/Daughter Tea

We had a delightful time and a very special surprise at our 2008 "The Queen is Coming" tea party – we had the KING too! Thanks so much to Don and Julia Johnson, cast members of the Crighton Players' presentation - *Man of La Mancha*. It was wonderful to have such regal guests in our midst. Eight young ladies chose gloves, hats, and boas and practiced their curtsies prior to the royal arrival. After greeting the king and queen, they, along with the special women in their lives, participated in a Full Afternoon (or three-course) Tea from the custom begun in 1840's England. We even had a "knighting ceremony" and now have SIR Collin Conner in our midst. Thanks to Terry Woods, Kevin Woods, Tami Conner, Collin Conner, Cassidy Perkins, and Sharon Martin for preparation and serving. A special thanks to Harvey Schraeder, Steve Wilson, and Bob Smith for getting the tables and chairs ready for us.

### Children's Summer Sunday School & Children's Church News

This summer when you enter the children's wing you will be entering the Building Zone for building Christian Character. You will be seeing a lot little yellow hard hats that say KFC (No. Not Kentucky Fried Chicken, it stands for Kids For Christ). During the summer months we combine the children from 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and make a one room school. It's going to be a lot of fun and a lot of work. We need four teachers: two to cover the Sunday before VBS, and two to cover the next Sunday. This will allow the teachers that are involved in VBS to concentrate on the VBS program. July 6<sup>th</sup> the theme is *Obey Rules* and July 13<sup>th</sup> will be *Forgive Others*. All materials will be provided. Please let Jean know as soon as possible, if you are interested.



Children's Church this year is going into summer camp mode. We will sing camp songs around the "campfire," make a craft and play outside. There is even talk of a water day (more details later).



### Thanks to Bob and Anne

On Sunday, June 1, Bob and Anne were presented a Certificate of Appreciation from a very grateful congregation.

# What's Happening



We made some

**CHANGES**



## Family Event (was Father/Son)

There has been a change in the plans for this fun time. We are now including all family members as this is really a fun place to go. June 22 at Haven's Landing/KOA off Hwy 105 W. It will be from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Fishing, swimming, tennis, paddle boats games and food. Snacks, treats and finger food will be provided. There will be limited refreshments, so you may want to bring more. Contact Cindy at [cortiz1@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:cortiz1@suddenlinkmail.com) or call 936-856-4681 or 832-326-4799 for more information.

## Help Needed

If you can help with the Acolytes on June 15, please let Ann Corley know.

Don't Forget  
Fellowship Breakfast  
June 7  
8:00 am at Ryans  
Everyone is invited

## VBS- Power Lab Update

There is power in the Power Lab! As we begin to rev up to Vacation Bible School we are seeing the growth in numbers. We have 33 children signed up and 11 volunteers. Yeah, God! We have 41 days until we experience the high energy of the Holy Spirit as it works in us and our children. Our goal this year is to have a hundred children go through our program. Last year, close to 90 children participated. Sunday, there will be doorknob advertisements available for you to canvas your neighborhood. Get them while they last. One of the missions for VBS is to do outreach, so reach out to your neighbor children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and invite them all for a great week of getting closer to our Lord.



We need the following volunteers:

**Crew leaders-** for both pre-school and primary groups.

**If you...**Are at least 14 years old

Love the Lord

Love children

Like to have fun

Have some experience working with children

**...Then you belong on our team!**

Here's what you'll have to do:

Attend a leader training meeting

Attend Power Lab each day

Participate in fun activities while building relationships with a group of three to five pre-school or elementary kids.

Arrive 20 minutes early to greet crew members each day.

**Hospitality Leader-** this person will help coordinate refreshments for our staff for the week.

**Daily reporter-** this person will organize and write a parent's newsletter to go out everyday and let parents know what fun and activities the children did that day.

Our training this year will be June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-3p in the gym. Don't forget you can sign up online at [www.fccconroe.org](http://www.fccconroe.org). If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harvill or Johnnie Walker. VBS is July 7-11 from 9:30 am to 12:30 am.

# Weekly Calendar of Events

## Sunday, June 8, 2008

8:30 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  
2:00 pm Venture Crew

## Monday, June 9, 2008

## Tuesday, June 10, 2008

9:00 am Hug-a-Bears  
9:30 am Soup Kitchen  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, June 11, 2008

9:00-12:00 Food Pantry  
4:00 pm - Guitar  
6:30-8:00 - No JAM  
7:00 pm - Choir /The Foundation  
8:00 pm Al-a-teen

## Thursday, June 12, 2008

6:30 pm - Bible Study

## Friday, June 13, 2008

## Saturday, June 14, 2008

## Sunday, June 15, 2008

8:30 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  
2:00 pm Venture Crew  
5:00 pm Board Meeting

## Sunday, June 8, 2008

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

**Sermon:** Dr. Wes Morgan  
**Worship Leader:** Therisa Massey  
**Elders:** Lara DeHaven  
Paul Mathews

**Sound Manager:** Bill Schneider  
**Video Artist:** Jan Lewis  
**Greeters:** Marvene Caldwell  
Lara DeHaven

**Head Deacon:** Darryl Faul  
**Diaconate:** Ann Twidell; Leslie  
Joslin; Nancy Joyce; Robin Faul;  
Darryl Faul; Jeff Mathews; Michele  
Mathews; Doris Yates

**Early Service:** Tammy Conner  
Peggy Piper  
**Preparing:** Nancy Joyce  
Doris Yates

**Acolytes:** Julia Massey  
Elizabeth 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: Jean Harvill, Int.

## Office Hours

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

## Deadline for Newsletter

Monday



## Lock Up Schedule June

6/1-6/7	Harvey Schraeder
6/8-6/14	Robert Sanders
6/15-6/21	Wes Morgan
6/22-6/28	Bill Keyser
6/29-7/5	Pete Kelly

## June Flowers

June 1 - Open  
June 8 - Donna Smith  
June 15 - Pat Keyser  
June 22 - Open  
June 27 - Doris Yates

Parlor Hosts  
June - Builder's Class  
JAM Food Hosts  
June 4  
Carol McGinnis

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Put these words of mine in  
your heart and soul....  
Teach them to your children....

(Deuteronomy 10:16-19 NRSV)