



The Chalice

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



May 12, 2008

Tomorrow



From the
Pastor



Dr. Wes Morgan

Sunday was such a great day as we celebrated God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church at Pentecost! I thank everyone who helped us to experience something of what Pentecost may have been like. One of our fellow members even commented that, with all of the confusion, and with the scriptures being read in all of the different languages, this was a good representation of Pentecost may have been like. What fun!

Pentecost Sunday marks the turning point in the church's worship year which is divided into two halves. The first half of the year is called "God's Half Year" and it celebrates all of God's mighty works through Jesus. The second half is named the "Church's Half Year" and it is focused on our spiritual growth in response to the mighty deeds of God in our behalf.

Under the influence of the



Scott, Carol and Duncan

Welcome New Members

Sunday, May 11, Duncan and Carol McGinnis made their Confession of Faith. They will be baptized in the near future in a special JAM service. Their son, Scott Scarboro, transferred his membership into this congregation. Duncan and Carol have another son, Ethan. They all live at 9797 West Shore Drive, Willis TX 77318, and their phone number is 936-522-7060. Please welcome and pray for our newest members, Duncan, Carol and Scott.

Christian Sympathy

We extend the sympathy of the church to Tommy and Jane Moore at the death of Tommy's mother, Thelma Moore. Services were held at the Memorial Drive Christian Church in Houston. The family requests that memorials be made to Memorial Drive Christian Church Stained Glass Fund, 11750 Memorial Drive, Houston Texas 77024.

Christian Sympathy

We extend the sympathy of the church to Nina and Tom Wiley at the death of her brother, Fred Ross of Elmira, NY and the death of their ex-daughter-in-law Army Spc. Emily Tahara Ort.

Early Service Time Change

Beginning Sunday, June 1, the Early Service will move to a summer schedule and begin at 8:30 a.m. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this Worship time as well as to the 10:45 Late Service.

Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus became the church – the new body of Christ on earth! They did and said things that they had never even dreamed about because they had also become new! They were no longer constrained by their doubts or fears. Being unafraid they lived on the edge of their faith – and on the edge between today and tomorrow. Guided by the Holy Spirit they let go of the past and opened themselves to what God was asking them to do and to become. They thrived on a faith which met their every need and strengthened them in every challenge. Twelve people who had never dreamed that they could change the world did exactly that – not on their own -- but in companionship with each other and with God's Holy Spirit.

From generation to generation faithful women and men also learned to live on the edge of their faith – and on the edge between today and tomorrow. In one of his meditations, Ed Hays raises the question, "What should tomorrow look like? Should it look like today or maybe yesterday?" As we answer these questions we must remember Jesus who said, "Behold, I make all things new". It was this newness which boosted the early Disciples as the wind of the Holy Spirit blew through their lives. The renewing wind of the Holy Spirit continued to blow through the ages – bringing newness

into every moment and every place. Today that same Spirit blows upon us with the intention of making us not only a follower but a living companion of the Risen Jesus, who gives us his life-renewing Spirit and says, "Behold, I make all things new!"

It is my prayer for each us that tomorrow will not look like yesterday or even today. It is my prayer for each us that tomorrow will be the new thing that God will grow out of our faith and out of our companionship with God Holy Spirit. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 17:14-21

Church Anniversary Celebration September 21
2008 is the 75th Anniversary of the founding of First Christian Church, and on September 21 we will be celebrating this great anniversary. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend and participate. More news will follow.

CCSW Regional Women's Assembly June 20-22, 2008

This is a great opportunity for the women of our church to meet with women of other Disciples churches and have a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. It will be held in Fort Worth. Registration is \$125 which includes 2 nights at the Apartment style complex, 2 continental breakfasts, Saturday lunch and dinner, program and registration fees. www.ccsww.org/DisciplesWomen/church_women.asp.

New Phone Number

Megan Schneider has a new cell phone number. It is 936-648-1947.

CD by Jan Cole featuring "The Carnival of Venice"

We congratulate Jan Cole on her new CD. You can purchase this CD for \$15.00. Jan is generously giving back 20% of the sale price to the First Christian Church Music Fund. To order, see Jan or call her at 936-295-9498.

Operation Love and Comfort

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

For the Record May 11, 2008

Early Service: 36
Late Service: 120
JAM: No JAM
Offering: \$4,548

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, May 11, 2008: Carmen and Ernest Ortiz; Terry Gillespie

MEMBERS: Barthlynn McCoy; Rosie Joyce; Mattie Curry; Bob Chadwick; Bunny Jeffrey; 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 Keyzers; 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; Jim **Varson** – nephew of M. Caldwell

IN MILITARY: Operation Love and Comfort for Soldiers in Iraq; Erik **Bumgardner** (Iraq) – nephew of J. Luttrall; Keith **Watson** – uncle of K. Foster; Justin **Keyser** – grandson of P & B Keyser; Sean **Kellenberger** (Iraq) – friend of P. Kelly; Scott **Smith** – son of A. Smith; Justin **Smith** – grandson of A. Smith; Cory **Decker** in Iraq – relative

of J. Hopper.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:

Terry **Files** – friend of P & B Keyser; Linda **Hamlet** – co-worker of A. Twidell; **Marshall** family – friend of Cindy Ortiz; Emily **McQueeney** – cousin of R. Elsmore; Doris **Ross** and Betty **Wiley** – relatives of T. Wiley; Chris **Williams** – friend of N. Joyce; Joyce **Hubbard** – friend of N. Joyce; Megan **Cox** – friend of C. Ortiz; Jon & Sharon **Matthews** – friend of P & B Keyser; Elizabeth **Hill** – friend of M. Lum; Jaden **Renshaw** – ggrandnephew of P. Schneider; Sarah **Schneider** – granddaughter of J. Prejean; Fred **Strelow** – father of T. Hale;

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



Encourage one another and build up each other...
1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

I Will Do More

I will do more than belong —
I will participate.

I will do more than care —
I will help.

I will do more than believe —
I will trust.

I will do more than dream —
I will work.

I will do more than teach —
I will inspire.

I will do more than earn —
I will enrich.

I will do more than give —
I will serve.

I will do more than live —
I will grow.

I will do more than be friendly —
I will be a friend.

I will do more than talk —
I will listen.

I will do more.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they
will inherit the earth**

Matthew 5:3-5

—Unknown

First Christian Church and Kroger's Share Card New Process

Your FCC Kroger Share card is no longer valid because Kroger is in the process of switching to a new program called "Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor". This is how it works:

In the near future FCC will give all supporters a form with a barcode specifically assigned to FCC by Kroger



You will take your form with you to Kroger on your next visit and have them scan the FCC barcode on the form we give you and your regular Kroger Plus savings card

By doing this it will link your regular Kroger plus card to the FCC charity for a period of one year

Just like the previous share card program, a percentage of all of your Kroger purchases will be donated to FCC

With this new program you only have to scan the form once every year with Kroger instead of carrying a separate Kroger share card for each purchase

FCC will provide you with a new form each year so that you can keep your Kroger plus card linked to the FCC charity

The new Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor program began on May 1st and FCC will provide you with our new barcode forms as soon as we receive them from Kroger

Thanks so much for all of your support through the previous Kroger Share Card program. This program has been very beneficial for FCC and we appreciate your efforts. Keep up the good work and if you have any questions about the new system, please let us know.



Abitibi Paper Retriever

Recycling never stops. Please continue to bring your newspapers, magazines, old mail, office paper, etc. to our Paper Retriever located behind the gym. We recycle year round. Your ongoing recycling efforts help us raise funds for our church. Tell your friends and neighbors.



A huge thank you to the 30 plus people who helped to make our IHN guests feel welcomed. You all did a great job and we appreciate you so very much.

-Larry & Ann Corley

How to Report a Problem in the Church Building

Marty Jeffrey, who is the Encourager for Campus Oversight, has developed a procedure for reporting any problems with our buildings and grounds. Marty requests that we call the church office (936-756-3554). Shirley, our Secretary, will email Marty and he will deal with the problem. We thank you for your help in following this procedure.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brittani Macey who was awarded the Leadership Achievement Award from the Ready, Set, Teach program at Montgomery High School. Brittani is the daughter of Cindy Ortiz.

What's Happening



Joy in the Journey

The Beatitudes
As Pathway to Peace

You are invited to a
presentation of
St James Episcopal Church
1803 Highland Hollow
Conroe TX 77304
Guest Speaker
Paul Looney, MD

Friday, May 16
6:30 pm til 9:00 pm
Saturday
8:30 am til 1:00 pm

Childcare is provided. Call Jamie Murphy at 936-756-8831 ext 23 if you need childcare.

"Joy in the Journey" is an inspiring program that embodies teaching, reflection, and introspection, as we explore the ways the message of the Beatitudes serves to set us on the path to be a blessing to others as God blessed us.

Workday - May 31
8:00 am til 2:00 pm



You can now register on-line for VBS from the church website at www.fccconroe.org

Chalice Bells



Chalice Bells Summer Schedule

The Chalice Bells will not meet starting May 13 thru July 8. Practice will resume July 15.

The Queen is Coming!

Sunday, June 1, the Queen will visit the annual FCC Mother/Daughter Tea. We will celebrate her visit with a British décor and menu items. Please arrive by 1:45 so that we can take photos and practice our curtsies. Girls, Sunday dress would be nice, but come wearing whatever makes you most comfortable because we will be adding hats and gloves. Most importantly, we want to have fun and fellowship. We invite all young ladies and the special adults in their lives. Please sign up in the parlor so we can have accessories for the girls. Contact Sharon Martin, 936 447-2743 or simart@aol.com.

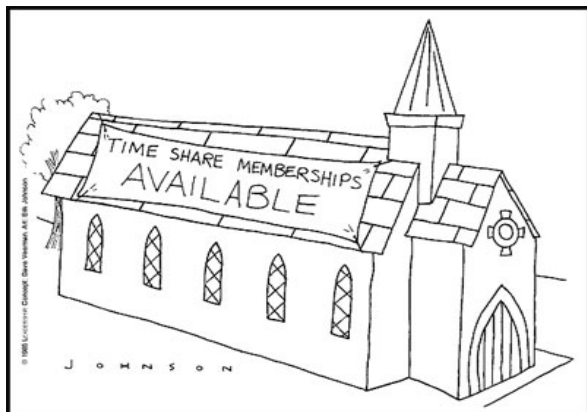
Father and Son Event

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, indoor/ outdoor games and food.

Lord, may all of us, especially those who are weary with worry, discover the joy and strength your love offers.

"To have grown wise and kind is real success." —Anonymous

"There is only one open door out of guilt — my confession, God's forgiveness." —E. Stanley Jones



First Christian Church
Soup Kitchen helps
feed the hungry

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 18, 2008

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

Monday, May 19, 2008

9:00-3:00 Day School
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

9:00-3:00 Day School
 9:00 am Hug-a-Bears
 9:30 am Soup Kitchen
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

9:00-3:00 Day School
 9:00-12:00 Food Pantry
 2:00 pm Alzheimer's Group
 4:00 pm - Guitar
 6:30-8:00 - JAM
 7:00 pm - Choir /The Foundation
 8:00 pm Al-a-teen

Thursday, May 22, 2008

9:00-3:00 Day School
 6:30 pm - Bible Study

Friday, May 23, 2008

Saturday, May 24, 2008

Sunday, May 25, 2008

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

Sunday, May 18, 2008

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

Sermon: Dr. Wes Morgan

Worship Leader:

Elders: Donna Smith

Bob Smith

Sound Manager: Bill Schneider

Video Artist: Jan Lewis

Greeters: Joni Wilson

Jack Wooderson

Head Deacon: Pete Kelly

Diaconate: Tee McNearney; Betty

Williams; Joni Wilson; Pete Kelly;

Loraine Sanders; Robert Sanders;

Jacque Frazier

Early Service: Sharon Martin

Leslie Joslin

Preparing: Robert Sanders

Loraine Sanders

Acolytes: Angelica O'Pry

Kyla DeHaven

Parlor Hosts
 May - Seeker's Class

JAM Food Hosts
 May 21 -
 Madeline Schraeder

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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 May

5/4-5/10 - Larry Corley

5/11-5/17 - Bill Keyser

5/18-5/24 - Pete Kelly

5/25-5/31 - Steve Wilson

May Flowers

May 6 - Open

May 11 - Johnnie Walker

May 20 - Open

May 27 - Bill Keyser



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