



# The Chalice

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



July 9, 2007

## Who Is My Neighbor



From the  
Pastor



### Dr. Wes Morgan

WOW! – How else could I express my feelings about our Worship on Sunday! Maybe – only if I'd shout, "Holy Wow!"

It started out like any other mid-summer worship –

THEN Andrew Mathews played (first time in public) the piece that he had written – WOW!

THEN Christine Bowden offered a "creative expression" of "On My Knees" -- "Holy Wow!"

Don't you just love it when God moves through people and their gifts to touch our hearts and ignite our Spirits? I do!

Don't you just love it when people follow God's leading and share what's in their hearts and souls? I do!

Don't you just love it when the Holy Spirit comes to church? I do!

I will never cease to be amazed at what God can do – through us – to us – for us – AMAZING!

I can hardly wait until the next time we gather for another mid-summer worship -- guess who'll be there!

Maybe the lawyer in the Gospel lesson for this week (Luke 10.25-



First Day of Vacation Bible School



### VBS Begins - 77 Children Registered

Monday was the beginning of a wild and woolly week at First Christian as Vacation Bible School began with 77 children registered for Avalanche Ranch! Jean Harvill, and her staff of 45 teachers and helpers, have worked long and hard to get ready for this great time. Please pray for all the children and their families; and for all of the teachers and helpers that VBS will be a great time of Christian learning and fun!



37) – the one who came to see Jesus armed with a set of tricky questions. John Shea portrays the lawyer as seeking Jesus on behalf of the religious establishment in Jerusalem in an effort to build a case of blasphemy against him. The Lawyer is full superior legal tactics and a great knowledge of the Law, and he proceeds to set a clever trap for Jesus -- a trap fashioned of questions that will lead to a dead end for Jesus.

Imagine this conversation:  
Lawyer: What must I do to have eternal life?

Jesus: Just do what the Law says.

--SILENCE--

Jesus: You do remember what the Law says – don't you?

Lawyer: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus: Just do what the Law says.

--SILENCE--

Lawyer: Who is my neighbor?

--SILENCE--

Jesus: Listen, if you were lying on the ground stripped and bleeding because some thieves had robbed and beaten you and left you to die; who would be your neighbor???

--SILENCE--

Lawyer: The one who would help me!

--SILENCE--

Jesus: Even – a Samaritan?

--SILENCE--

I hope to see you Sunday so

we can Worship together – so we can see what God's Holy Spirit will do this time.  
Love & Blessings,  
Wes <+><

### Operation

#### Love and Comfort

Thank you so very much for making our "Comfort, Love – Iraq" program such a success. Our soldiers are so grateful for everything we have sent. Anything you can give is so needed. Below is a list of items requested or which are their favorites. Thank you again, and God Bless America, and our soldiers.

Snack pack pudding  
Cookies, Gum  
Health Bars, Trail Mix  
Pringles, Candy  
Tuna, Vienna Sausage  
Snack Crackers

These are the lessons that your Pastor is reading in preparation for the Sunday ser-

1 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1.3-14  
Luke 10.25-37

vices. Please read them as a part of your preparation. The ones that are under-

### Thank You From Margaret Lum

Margaret and Plum would like to thank all of you who sent cards, sympathy, and prayers during this time of Coreen's illness and death. This meant so much to her family.

## Lunch Bunch

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



July 1 - Panera Bread

July 8-Vernon's Kuntry Catfish

July 15 - Baytown Seafood

July 22 - Garden Café

July 29 - Blackeyed Pea

### Linger at the library...

The FCC library features many books of special interest to women. Rosa's Story is a heart-rending account of the musical ministry of Rosa Page Welch, a Disciple's woman who touched hearts around America and helped erase racial prejudices. Do What You Have the Power to Do tells the moving stories of six New Testament women. The title What Happens When Husbands and Wives Pray Together speaks for itself. Many more promise much good reading. Take one home today!

Lenore & Jack Bechtel,  
librarians



### Financial Review Continues

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.

Have you remembered your church in your will?

*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; Rogers Thompson; Martha Inabnett; T.C.; Rosie Joyce; Robert Yates; Kate and Pete Kelly; Jerre Williams

**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 Keyzers; 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; Libby **Higgins** – sister of M. Goode; **Wallace** family– M. Etie; Lene **Velasquez** – friend of the Keyzers; Jace **Sandoval** – friend of R. & B. Harris; Kerry **Malone** – friend of the Keyzers; Amy **Yamez** – granddaughter of R & D Yates; Mary **Carr**; Vicki **Brooks** – friend of D. Whitener; David **Pack** – brother of P. Schneider; **Diane** – daughter of D. & S. Lubs; Jeff **Adams** – nephew of P. Keyser; Ann Harris – daughter-in-law of S. & B. Harris

**IN Military: Operation Love and Comfort for Soldiers in**

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



*Visitors for Sunday, July 9, 2007: Creighton Coyne; Forrest Powell; Barbara Fisher; Betsy Drapeler; Gary, Sloan, Alice & Callie Crofford; Ryan Provencher; Evelyn Sims; Michael Mathews; Adam Norsworthy;*

**Iraq; Cory Martin & Mike Brouard** – cousins of D. Yates; Erik **Bumguardner** (Iraq) – nephew of J. Luttrall; Cpl Kevin **Corley** – nephew of A. Corley; Keith **Watson** – uncle of K. Foster; Tony **Biernesser** – boyfriend of K. Foster.

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Charles **Lawrence**- cousins of D. Yates; Cheri **Connor** – friend of K. Crabtree; Nancy **Martinez** – sister of J. Hopper; Jaden **Renshaw** – nephew of P. Schneider; Taylor **Corley** – Grandson of A. & L. Corley; Johnnie **Lawrence** and Quida **Moore** – cousins of R. Yates; Joel **Kuhlmann** – son of Dorothy Kuhlmann; Madeline **Gilman** – grandmother of J. Walker; Carol **House** and Donny **Carley** – friends of P. Pottorff; Bill **Palmer** – uncle of C. Costas; Janet **Talley** – co-worker of C. Costas

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

**Vacation Bible School** was the idea of Mrs. Waler Aylett Hawes, a doctor's wife. Her goal was to get children off the streets of New York. In 1898 and 1899 Mrs. Hawes rented a beer hall in New York's East Side to conduct her Everyday Bible School. In 1900 Mrs. Hawes' pastor, Howard Lee Jones, insisted that the Bible school move to the church building, Epiphany Baptist Church. After two weeks it became clear that children from the East Side would not attend at the church, so Mrs. Hawes moved the school back to a site near the beer hall. In the early 20th century, Vacation Bible School became a growing trend. While Mrs. Hawes was a Baptist, Vacation Bible School was a non-denominational event in those early years. In 1922 the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assigned the work of Vacation Bible School to the Sunday School Administration Department. In 1924 a Vacation Bible School Department was formed and Homer Grice, a pastor from Georgia, became its first director. At that point Vacation Bible School was usually a 4-week event!

**More people have come to know Jesus as Savior through VBS than through any other single church event.**

(Willie R. Beaty)

When it seems hardest to pray, pray hardest.

**One of the Great Handbell  
Choirs will Play in Conroe,  
Friday, July 20,  
At 7:00 pm**

The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, advanced community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina will be in concert at the First United Methodist Church of Conroe on Friday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and seating is first come first served. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers has been dazzling concert audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n' roll tunes arranged just for handbells. Please make your plans to at-

tend and mark your calendar for this great concert. For more information on the Raleigh Ringers, and to hear them in concert, please go to this link: <http://rr.org/gallery/video.html>

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# Yah Yah's

The Yah Yah's will be going to the Whistle Stop Tea Room and Restaurant in Tomball on Wednesday, July 18. They will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who would like to go with them can call Claudia Bonds at 936-588-1435 to make a reservation.



## Teachers Needed

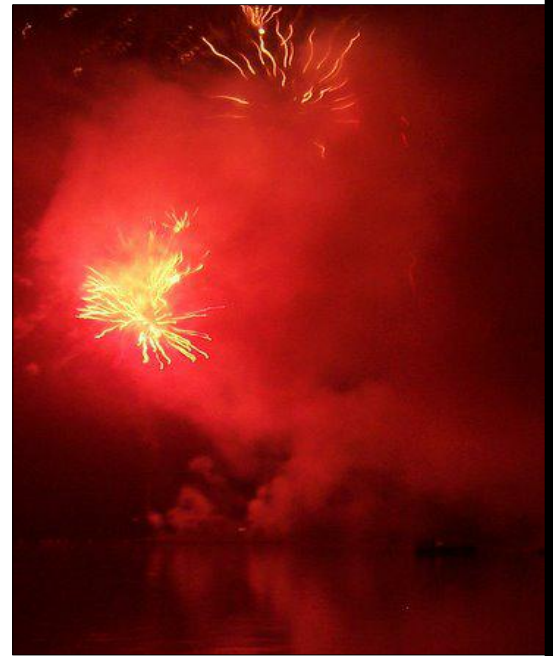
We need teachers for July 15 and July 29.  
If you can help, please contact Jean Harvill

## Summer Sunday School

7/15	Saul becomes King	1 Samuel 8-1-22	God lets us choose to obey or disobey	Johnnie Walker	Jean Harvill
7/22	Saul makes a big mistake	1 Samuel 13:1-14	Give your worries to God	Johnnie Walker	Cindy Ortiz
7/29	God chooses David to replace Saul	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Our hearts are what matters to God	HELP NEEDED!	
8/5	David defeats Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-50	God can help us all do great things	Kim Elsmore	Nancy Joyce



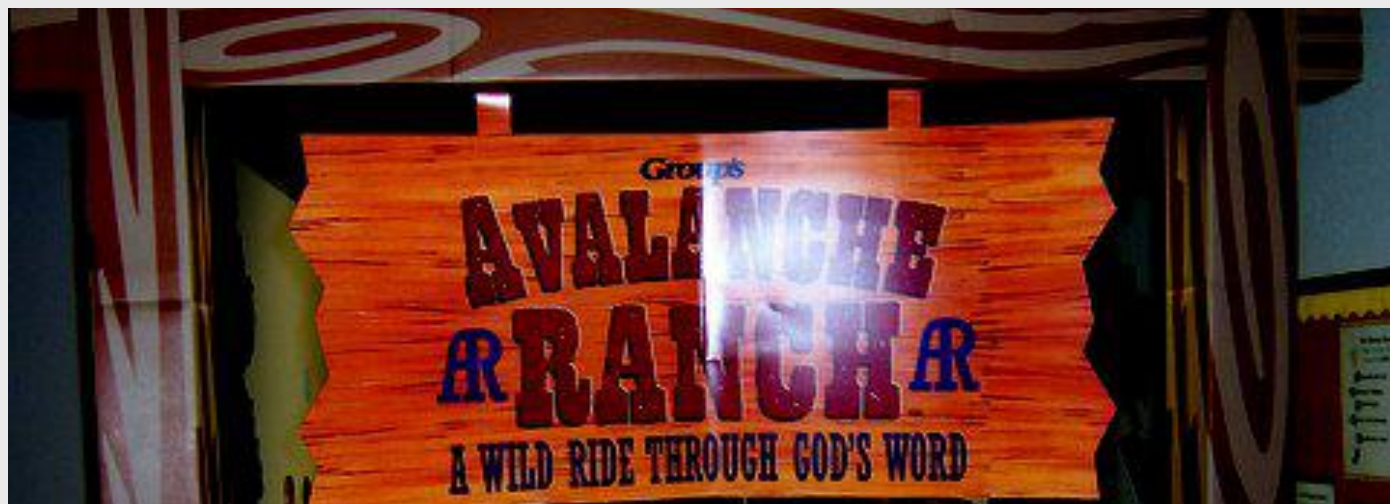
**July 4  
Annual Party  
At the Morgan's**



Donna knows how to relax



## Vacation Bible School





Director Jean Harvill



# Weekly Calendar of Events

## Sunday, July 15, 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  
 2:00 pm Venture Crew

## Monday, July 16, 2007

6:45 pm Chalice Bells  
 Youth Summer Camp Week

## Tuesday, July 17, 2007

9:00 am Hug-A-Bears  
 9:30 am Soup Kitchen  
 6:30 pm Fellowship Planning Tm  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, July 18, 2007

9:00 am - Noon - Food Pantry  
 2:00 pm Alzheimer's Group  
 4:00 pm - Angel Singers  
 5:00 pm - Guitar Lessons  
 6:30-8:00 - No JAM  
 7:00 pm - Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm - The Foundation  
 8:00 pm Al-a-teen

## Thursday, July 19, 2007

## Friday, July 20, 2007

## Saturday, July 21, 2007

## Sunday, July 22, 2007

8:15 am Service of Hope  
 9:00 am Chancel Choir Practice  
 9:25 am Children Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 2:00 pm Venture Crew  
 5:00 pm Board Meeting

## Sunday, July 15, 2007

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

**Sermon:** Dr. Wes Morgan  
**Worship Leader** Christine Bowden  
**Elders:** Paul Mathews  
 Katie Youngblood

**Sound Manager:** Bill Schneider  
**Video Artist:** Jan Lewis  
**Greeters:** Claudia Bonds  
 Lara DeHaven

**Head Deacon:** JoAn Rascoe  
**Diaconate:** Margaret Lum, Angela O'Pry, Bud Rascoe, JoAn Rascoe, Lane DeHaven, Lara DeHaven, Connie Serrato, Betty Williams  
**Diaconate Early Service -** Michele Mathews and Leslie Joslin

**Preparing:** Lara DeHaven  
 Lane DeHaven

**Acolytes:** Angelica O'Pry  
 Elizabeth O'Pry

July Parlor Hosts

Builder's Class

## 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 July

July 1 - 7 T.C. Harvill  
 July 8-14 Brian Greenlee  
 July 15-21 Jeff Mathews  
 July 22-28 Robert Sanders

## July Flowers

July 1 - Michele Mathews  
 July 8 - Jack Wooderson  
 July 15 - Larry Corley  
 July 22 - Jeff Mathews  
 July 29 - Bob Smith

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## Worship Attendance July 8, 2007

Early Service: 32  
 Late Service: 132  
 JAM: No JAM

Invite a Friend to Church Next Sunday!