



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



DOWNTOWN ON THE
COURTHOUSE SQUARE

June 2009

A Note from the Pastor ...

“Ordinary Time”

The church calendar calls the long season that begins now “Ordinary Time,” which means nothing out of the ordinary would normally be occurring in church. We have gone through the great events of the church year, beginning with Advent and into Christmas, the forty of days of Lent and Holy Week and the great day that is Easter; the red-letter days end with the celebration of Pentecost. No more holy days for several months now.

But the time can be anything but ordinary, with school out, and summer vacations, civic and cultural holidays; many occasions for worship and fellowship with sisters and brothers at First Christian.

Maybe we could take a biblical precedent about the meaning of “ordinary time.” The first Sunday after Pentecost (June 7), I will be preaching from Acts 3, a passage which recounts the first event after the amazing happen-

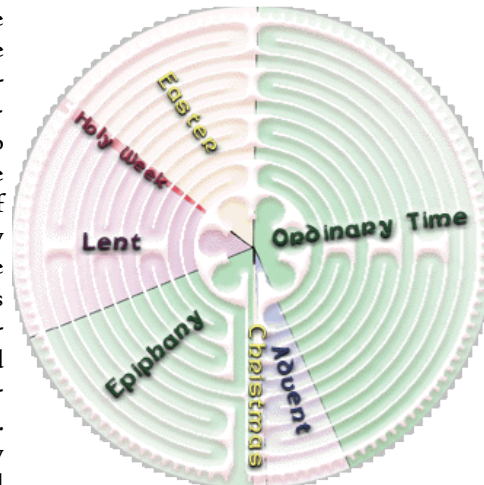
ings on the day of Pentecost: the Apostle Peter heals a man who had been “lame from birth.” The scripture tells us that his feet and ankles were made strong, and he jumped up and entered the temple, “walking and leaping and praising God.” Certainly, the season was now anything but ordinary for this man made whole.

It can be the same for us as well. This can be a time to know or reconsider the goodness and the healing and the salvation of God. And perhaps a new excitement will fill each of us

and all of us, as we experience the love of the Lord who makes all things new and complete. And perhaps we may come to our times of fellowship leaping and praising God, and meet each day with joy and hopefulness.

Perhaps that can be our new “ordinary” way of life. Every day, living with joy, living with expectation, and remembering God’s extraordinary mercy.

--- Mike



Church Staff Ministers

Members of First Christian Church
Minister

Rev Michael Dunson
Choir Director/Pianist
Marilyn VanSchoelandt
Song Leader

Don VanSchoelandt
Media Team

Dusty Smith
Carol Harrison
Kathy Jordan

Nursery Attendant
Jaime Wheeler



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ June 7: Pot Luck Fellowship
- ◆ June 14: Elders Meeting
- ◆ June 15: Salad Kings
- ◆ June 15-19: Meals on Wheels



- ◆ June 20: Sanders/House Wedding



- ◆ June 21: Newsletter Deadline
- ◆ June 21: Father’s Day



- ◆ June 26: Lunch on the Square

“Nearness to Me brings sweetness, confidence,
and peace into life.” ... God

MISSION STATEMENT

First Christian Church is a Christ-centered community of believers who are being transformed by the grace of God:

- to nurture faith through Scripture, prayer and fellowship
- to minister to the whole person, body and mind
- to embrace and share the spiritual gifts of each individual, and
- to magnify the compassion of Jesus through service with dignity.



Financial Picture

May 2009



Receipts – \$6983
Expenditures – \$7147

Church Officers

Church Officers for the 2009-2010 church year are:

Moderator: Tom Tapman
Vice Moderator: Kirk Wallace
Secretary: Mylessa Wheeler
Treasurer: Carol Harrison

Just a reminder...

If you are the last to leave the church after an activity, please remember to lock all doors and readjust the air conditioning/heating. *Thank you.*

Moderator's Memo

Just a short note of thanks to all the help and support that I've received during these past two years being board president. I will offer all the help I can to the in-coming president, and do whatever's needed to help our Church grow. We just finished another Lunch on the Square, and got to meet some real nice people. We will be having these through out the summer, and I invite all to come out and join the fun, and pitch in.

At our last board meeting we nominated the new officers for this coming year, and heard of the work that will take place in the months ahead. I've been so busy with my job, and family duties, sometimes I feel like I'm running in circles. So next you see me, stop me, and say hi, and lets all do what we can to help each other, and show God's love to all.

May God bless, **Kirk**

Words from the Worship Team

The Worship Team will meet on May 28, watch for information from this meeting.

The Worship Team plans to survey the congregation on different aspects of the Worship Service. When the survey comes out, please take time to fill it out and return it to us to let us know what you would like to have in your Worship Services. Launch date of the survey will be June.

There are still openings for those who would like to participate in the Children's Moment. It's fun and only takes less than five minutes to do. Topics are your choice. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

The choir will take a vacation in July and August and will resume in September.

Summer is here! Have a fun and safe summer.

Blessings, **Mylessa**

A Report from the Stewardship Team

"For truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to the mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

Mathew 17:20

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something; and what I should do and can do, by the grace of God, I will do." from *Apples of Gold*, compiled by Jo Petty. Ms Petty says, "Do not inquire as to who said this, but pay attention to what it said." We all have a God-given talent, no

matter how small it may be. Some have more talents than others. If we pay attention to what the quote above says, keep our faith in all that we do and believe, combine all our different talents and work together, we should be able to accomplish many things. I ask your continued prayers for the church and our visions for the future. Thank you for your love, dedication and support to First Christian Church Belton.

In Christ, **Mattie**





DWM Dish

Hi Everyone,

This year has been busy and exciting for the Disciples Women and I hope this next year will be the same. Through our fundraising efforts we have been able to contribute to several needs within our church as well as to our Area, Regional and National levels of Disciples of Christ.

We have also contributed to service and non-profit organizations within our community and surrounding areas. We have collected needed items for homeless school children and a shelter for women in crisis and delivered them for distribution. I may have left something out but wanted you to know what we try to accomplish.

We must give our heartfelt "Thanks" to our men because we could not get all of this done without them. They are always there serving, cooking, cleaning up, delivering and running errands.

Officers for July 2009 through June 2010 are:

- President - Mattie Wesson
- Vice President - Hope Brown
- Secretary - Mylessa Wheeler
- Treasurer - Judy Wallace
- Service Chair - Charlene Tapman
- Worship Leader - Kathy Jordan



Thanks to all who served this past year.

Blessings, *Mattie*



Meals on Wheels

JUNE 15-19

- Over 5 million seniors—11.4 percent of all seniors—experienced some form of food insecurity (i.e., were marginally food insecure). Of these, about 2.5 million were at-risk of hunger, and about 750,000 suffered from hunger due to financial constraints. America

- Some groups of seniors are more likely to be at-risk of hunger. Relative to their representation in the overall senior population, those with limited incomes, under age 70, African-Americans, Hispanics, never-married individuals, renters, and persons living in the South are all more likely to be at-risk of hunger.

- While certain groups of seniors are at greater-risk of hunger, hunger cuts across the income spectrum. For example, over 50% of all seniors who are at-risk of hunger have in-

comes above the poverty line. Likewise, it is present in all demographic groups. For example, over two-thirds of seniors at-risk of hunger are white.

- There are marked differences in the risk of hunger across family structure, especially for those seniors living alone, or those living with a grandchild. Those living alone are twice as likely to experience hunger compared to married seniors. One in five senior households with a grandchild (but no adult child) present is at-risk of hunger compared to about one in twenty households without a grandchild present.

- Seniors living in non-metropolitan areas are as likely to experience food insecurity as those living in metropolitan areas, suggesting that food insecurity cuts across the urban-rural continuum.

Contact Mattie Wesson to see how you can help!



Snapshot of the Month

Will return in August
Doug & Jody Suhr/Snapshot Editors



JUNE SERVICE CALENDAR

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Communion Elder	Sharon Moore	Tom Tapman	Kirk Wallace	Amy Larson
Offertory Elder	Cindy Capps	Amy Larson	Sharon Moore	Kathy Jordan
Early Deacon	Mylessa Wheeler	Mattie Wesson	Hope Brown	Hope Brown
Deacon 1	Mylessa Wheeler	Mylessa Wheeler	Mylessa Wheeler	Mylessa Wheeler
Deacon 2	Terri Holwerda	Mattie Wesson	Terri Holwerda	Diane Pressley
Deacon 3	Amy Larson	Cindy Capps	Amy Larson	Hope Brown
Deacon 4	Max Jordan	Judy Wallace	Hope Brown	Tom Tapman
Communion Preparation	Tom Tapman	Kirk Wallace	Mylessa Wheeler	Hope Brown
Homebound Communion	As needed	(Ankenbauer) Charlene Tapman	As needed	(Ankenbauer) Mattie Wesson
Ride for Thelma	Judy Wallace	Tom Tapman	Mattie Wesson	Kathy Jordan
Greeters	Doris Sanders	Max Jordan	Judy Wallace	Marilyn Ankenbauer
Refreshments	Pot Luck Fellowship	Cindy Cappa Kathy Jordan	Blake & Hope Brown	Mattie Wesson
Acolytes	Darren Smith		Derek Smith	
Youth & Children's Moment			Kirk Wallace	
Worship Leader	Marilyn Ankenbauer	Mattie Wesson	Hope Brown	JoEllen Strunk

Prayer List

Unity in the Church
Those serving our country
Helping Hands Ministry
Joseph Andrews
Bill & Marilyn Ankenbauer
Tot Avant
Doriss B
Jonathon Baggett
Barbara
Rita Bartlett
Lucille Booth
Blake Brown's grandmother
Cindy Capps
Daffy Carpenter

Becky Chafin & family
Shelly Chapman's mother
Gladys Cockrum
Janice Cockrum
Richard Colpitts
Heather Cotter
Wes & Susan Craig
Donna Dencklau
Richard Donahoe
'Dad' Elkins
Todd Erskine
Melinda Gallagher
Thelma Grammond
Haley & Lexie



Teresa Hernandez
Kayla Holwerda
Kimberly Jackson
Mrs. Kollins
John Kucker
John Lehrmann
Nicie & Stacy McGill
Helen Meurer
Brian Moody
Sharon Moore
Ants Palm-Leis
Paul Parker
Anna Paruzinski
Patricia's mother

Gilbert Perez
Daniel & Candace Perry
Ovella Phillips
Bob Randall
David Sanders
Charline Spears
Marion Spiller
Floyd & Joyce Spindle
Penny Stofer
Jody Suhr
Faye Washington
Debbie Whitson
Elsie York

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Bible Study <i>Birthday: Dindy Brown</i>	4	5	6 <i>Birthday: Janice Cockrum</i>
7 Pot Luck Fellowship	8	9	10 6pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:30am Elders Meeting	15 6pm Salad Kings	16	17 6pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Bible Study	18	19 <i>Birthday: Kayla Holwerda</i>	20 Sanders/House Wedding
←————— Meals on Wheels —————→						
21 Father's Day Newsletter Deadline <i>Birthday: Doug Suhr</i>	22 Jan out of office	23	24 6pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Bible Study Jan out of office	25	26 Lunch on the Square	27 <i>Birthday: Richard Colpitts</i>
28 <i>Birthday: Frances Lancaster</i>	29 <i>Birthday: Taylor Pressley Monica St. John</i>	30 <i>Birthday: Michael Dunson</i>			Sunday Schedule: 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Fellowship 11 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	

LECTIONARY READING



June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Isaiah :1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17 Sermon Text: Acts 3:1-10	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4:26-34 Sermon Text: Galatians 5:1-26	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 Sermon Text: Genesis 22:1-18	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43 Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

COME AND SEE



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The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Recipe of the Month

Sharon's Banana Pudding

Ingredients:

3 cups 2% milk
1 large instant Jell-O vanilla pudding
1 can (14 oz) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 small container (8oz) Cool Whip (thawed)
Box Vanilla Wafers
Bananas



Directions:

Using a mixer - add the vanilla pudding into milk, then add and mix in Eagle Brand milk. Add to the pudding mixture the thawed Cool Whip. Mix until creamy.

Layer the above pudding mixture, crumbled vanilla wafers, sliced bananas. Keep layering until all pudding is used with pudding being last layer. Chill in refrigerator at least two hours. When ready to serve add some crumbled vanilla wafers on top.

Enjoy,
Sharon Moore

2009 General Assembly

July 29- August 2, 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana
At the Indiana
Convention Center

Register online:
www.disciples.org/ga



2009 Elders Conference

Tending to God's Flock

Featuring:

Martha Grace Reese

Author of Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism
President, GraceNet, Inc