



# The Chalice

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



July 19, 2010

## Teach Us to Pray



From the  
Pastor



**Dr. Wes Morgan**

**“Lord, teach us to pray...”** In the Gospel Lesson for this week (Luke 11.1-13) one of the Disciples makes this request of Jesus after watching him pray. That unnamed follower represents most of us. We all feel a little uncertain about our prayer-life. We watch and listen to others, and we judge that our prayers are not as good as theirs. Or we pray by ourselves and we wonder if the prayer really got there -- did God hear me?

**Sometimes we wonder if prayer makes any difference. Even if God hears -- will God answer? All of our fears serve to hold us captive to the idea that we cannot really connect with God. And if we cannot really connect with God -- what is to happen to us? This is the heart of it all!**

**Prayer is, after all, conversation with God, and its purpose is to connect us with God. It is not magic. Prayer is not some kind of magical**



### **Parents Night Out at First Christian Church**

The teens and adult youth leaders will be babysitting Friday, July 23, from 6: 00 to 10:00 p.m. in the children’s wing at FCC. This is a great time to spend some time alone, or with friends, and not have to worry about the kids. The youth are trying to raise \$280, but they are hoping for only \$5.00 or \$10.00 donations, depending on the size and ages of the children in a family. Please call Vicki Hill to make arrangements. 936-442-8508.

### **VBS Crew and Station Leader Meeting**

There will be training for VBS crew and station leaders on Thursday, July 22, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is for all workers and is especially helpful for those who have not worked a Vacation Bible School.

### **High Seas Construction**

Saturday, July 24th at 10a starts the magic of transforming the gym and sanctuary into USS VBS for High Seas Expedition. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun and help. Please bring a sack lunch tea and lemonade will be provided. What does not completed on Saturday will be finished up after church services on Sunday. Babysitting will be provided.

formula recited from some mystical position in an attempt to entice a distant or apathetic God to do something to please us. Prayer is opening ourselves to God, who in the same moment is opening to us. Prayer is talking and listening -- giving and receiving -- asking and answering! Prayer, like any good relationship -- is mutual. When we speak with our God, we are taken seriously. We are listened to, and we are accepted. When we listen to God, we are attentive. We seek to understand, and we are accepting. In these very acts, and the manner in which they are conducted, we are connected -- us to God and God to us.

Jesus sat the tone for our conversation with God with the first words in this teaching on prayer -- "Abba" which means "Daddy". Right away we are reminded that we are a child -- a child whose spiritual father is God -- God who is the Creator of heaven and earth and everything in it -- and God who loves us unconditionally and wants us to be connected with him. Richard Fairchild says, "To pray as Jesus taught us to pray is, above all to be connected -- connected when we are afraid and when we are full of courage -- connected when we are weeping - and when we are laughing -- connected when we are in need - and when we have much to give."

Lord, teach us how to pray -- When it comes to prayer -- there is nothing that will suffice except that we turn our hearts and minds to God -- turn to God like a child -- a child who trusts her/his parents -- trusts that he or she will be heard and helped and encouraged and loved. It is in this trusting relationship with our Abba-God that we feel loved and connected.

A woman who had been suffering from cancer asked that we no longer pray for her healing. She asked that we pray that she would feel close to God because that's what she wanted -- healed or not, she wanted to be close to God.

I hope to see you Sunday so we can Worship and pray together!

Love & Blessings,  
Wes <+><



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

Scripture  
Hosea 1.1-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2.6-15, (16-19)  
Luke 11.1-13

### Youth Ministry Being Formed

As we begin a new chapter in our Youth Ministry, a Youth Ministry Team is being formed to plan, guide and support this ministry. The senior high youth group has selected four members of the team. They are Hannah Fick, Hailey Fick, Scott Scarborough and Mad-die Glezman. They join Natalie Cave, Brent Cave, Brian Fielder, Nicci Fielder, Keri Fick, Duncan McGinnis, Carol McGinnis and Johnnie Walker.

### New Bible Study Gospel Christianity Begins Tuesday, July 13

Do you want to know what Jesus really taught? Then this is the class for you! Pastor Wes will be leading this class on the Gospel views regarding Christianity. The class will meet every Tuesday from July 13 to August 31 beginning at 6:30 pm. Child care will be provided.

### 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 July 18, 2010

**Worship: 87**  
**Offering: \$2,334**  
**Campaign: \$185**



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

*Visitors for Sunday, July 17, 2010: Travis & Liz Edwards; Mike Connelly; Wilma Lehman; Mirella Avila; Ginger Younts; Dianna Carter*

**MEMBERS:** Donna Smith; Bill Swan; Claudia Bonds; Gene Serrato; Adam Schneider

**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; 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** (Iraq) – grandson of L Lewis

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:** Shannon and Mike **Hartman** –

son of J Harvill; **Darlene & Bradley** – friends of N Cave; Blair family, Karen **Johnson & Anne King** – request by A Twidell; Jennifer **McFall** – granddaughter of L Fennell; Leon **Watson** – father of B Clark; Bill **George** – father of J Lewis; **Kathy and Norma** – caregivers of Bill George; Richard **Hammond** – friend of R&D Yates; Tre **Vordenbaum** – relative of T McNearney; Joann **Williams** – friend of B Keyser; Rose **Dreyer** – mother of B Provencher; Jason **Fontenot** – friend of M Mahony; Jo **Vasconcellos** & Mr **Bush** – friends of P Schneider; Clark **Stevenson** – nephew of B Harris; Relatives of D Smith; Maddie **Glezman**- friend of H Fick; Dylan **Tassin** – neighbor of D Blackburn; Nancy **Mayas** – friend of B Smith; Samuel **Vale** – day school student; Bob **Haynes** – friend of T Giltner; Helen **Neville** – relative of J Prejean; Jean **Rogers** & Joe **Schwind** – mom & dad of T Meyers; **Josh** –nephew of L Conners; Faye **Sandelin** – friend of P Keyser; **Vince**, Heather **Curry**, Veronica **Hebert** – friends of M Lum; Kathy **Davis**, Dennis **Bigo**, Helene **Marshall** – N Joyce; Rodney **Walden** - relative of P Keyser; **relatives** of L Conner.

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



**Ashless Ashtrays**

Don and I don’t smoke, but we have two ashtrays that are almost 50 years old that were given to us. A few weeks ago, I was thinking about one of those ashtrays. It was special because it was given to us by Don’s brother’s wife’s mother. I couldn’t figure out where it was. I knew exactly where it was kept in our other three houses, but could not think where it is in this house. Last Tuesday night I was in the computer room listening to a blog radio interview that lasted 90 minutes. I had already been mentioned once and expected to be mentioned again in this interview and I wanted to hear it. Alone in a room with the computer on, I started looking at the dust. I got out the Pledge wipes and went to work. On a small table, I picked up a bowl that had two golf balls in it that Don had found when he was golf marshal at Bentwater. I put them aside and was cleaning the bowl. It took a few minutes - kind of like water seeping into a paper towel – before I realized that this was the ashtray I was looking for. Only 3 feet away from my computer. I felt a little like the lady who found a penny and wanted to run tell her neighbors. Luke 15:9 (Shirley Taylor)



# Parent's Night Out



This could be you

Friday Night - July 23 at First Christian

Hey Family.....just a reminder that the teens and the ADULT leaders will be babysitting this Friday night so you guys can go and have a dinner or a movie.. alone...together....with no....kids menus... crayons.... 3 D glasses ...or lids to the drinking cups needed.....

So far we only have 3 children enrolled.. so the ratio should be good.. We are trying to raise \$280.00.....but anything will help... we are taking donations.. but we only hope for \$5.00 to \$10.00 per family..depending on sizes and ages of children..

6 - 10 p.m. at the children's wing. Call and let us know you are coming..

(936) 442-8508 Vicki Hill



# VBS July 26-30



Hey! Wink, I can see the horizon and FCC is coming into view. Do you see them? The kids, I mean.

Aye, Captain! It won't be long, 'till we'll be there.



Yeah! We'll be there July 26-30<sup>th</sup>, 9:15-12:30p

Captain, I have it marked here on the map. I also hear that we have over 40 children and counting joining us on USS VBS.



Awaiting your order captain, when to drop anchor. Did ya hear that the Children's Change Barrel has collected \$217.00, so far. Isn't that great? **Oh! Wait a minute, Captain! We have an update as of Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> we have collected \$228.00.**



Squawk! Squawk"  
Keep 'em coming!



Register online.  
[www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe)

# 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  
 Day School Director: Jean Harvill  
**Office Hours**  
 Mon - Thurs 8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
**Deadline for Newsletter**  
 Monday

**Lock Up Schedule**   
 6/27 - 7/3 - Larry Corley  
 7/4 - 7/10 - Robert Sanders  
 7/11 - 7/17 - Tom Wiley  
 7/18 - 7/25 - Harvey Schraeder  
 8/1 - 8/7 - Gary Crofford

**Flowers July 2010**  
 July 4 - Corley  
 July 11 - Croffords  
 July 18 - Open  
 July 25 - Open

**Worship Leaders**  
 July - Craig Elsmore  
 August - Peggy Schneider

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**Sunday, July 25, 2010**  
 10:15 am Chancel Choir Practice  
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 Board Meeting  
**Monday, July 26, 2010**  
**VBS**  
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts Bi-Weekly  
**Tuesday, July 27, 2010**  
**VBS**  
 9:00 am Hug-a-Bears 1&3 Tuesdays  
 9:30 am Soup Kitchen  
 6:30 pm Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday, July 28, 2010**  
**VBS**  
 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, July 29, 2010**  
**VBS**  
**Friday, July 30, 2010**  
**VBS**  
**Saturday, July 31, 2010**  
**Sunday, August 1, 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  
 Coordinators Meeting

**Sunday, July 25, 2010**  
 Sunday School: 9:30 am  
**Morning Worship: 10:45 am**  
**Sermon: Dr. Wes Morgan**  
**Worship Leader: Paul Mathews**  
**Elders:** Peggy Schneider  
 Cathy Costas  
 Bill Schneider  
**Sound Manager:** Bill Schneider  
**Video Artist:** Candy Wolfe  
 Jan Lewis  
**Greeters:** Ann Corley  
 Larry Corley  
 Cindy Ortiz  
**Head Deacon:**  
**Diaconate:** Bryan Fielder; Nicci Fielder; Gary Alexander; Marty Alexander; Connie Serrato; Charlene Speight; Cindy Ortiz; Johnnie or Jarrod Walker  
**Preparing:** Bryan Fielder  
 Nicci Fielder  
 Jake DeHaven  
 Gage Pottorff  
**Acolytes:**

Parlor Hosts  
 July 4  
 July 11  
 July 18  
 July 25

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, I'm - doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

Invite a Friend to Church Sunday