



The Chalice

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



July 6, 2010

Time Management



From the
Pastor



Dr. Wes Morgan

Time management used to be all the rage. Every-where people were making lists, prioritizing schedules and checking things off. But even with all of this focus on getting things done, something wasn't quite working.

People were busier, but not necessarily more productive or happier.

One of the reasons for this was a lack of both purpose and meaning. Now-a-days the focus is on managing ourselves in the use of our time, abilities and other resources.

Steven Covey asks two crucial questions which are designed to help us live out our values and purpose in life. First, "What one thing could you do (that you aren't doing now), that if you did on a regular basis, would make a tremendous positive difference in your personal life? Second, What one thing in your professional or business life would bring similar results? Answering these



Christian Sympathy

We extend the sympathy of the church to Dandy Whitener and his family at the death of his mother, Mary Marberry on July 5. Services will be Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m. Please pray for Dandy and his family.

Christmas in July

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Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

There will be a Sunday school teacher's meeting (grades pre-k - high school) on Sunday, July 11, following the worship service. We will meet in the gym; please bring a lunch or snack. For more information, please contact Jean Harvill or Johnnie Walker.

two questions can lead us in the direction of knowing and understanding our life mission. When this is grasped, we can bring greater shape and definition to our lives because we will then be in position to "do first things first".

The scriptures remind us to seek first the kingdom of God. In other words, "What part do we have to play in God's community here on earth? There is also a promise - - that all things will be added -- the blessings of living our lives according to God's purpose for life will be upon us. In the Gospel lesson for this week (Luke 10.38-42) we find this reminder: Some parts of life are temporary - others are eternal. Wisdom knows the difference! I hope to see you on Sunday so we can think together about how we manage ourselves and all of our resources in our spiritual growth.

Love & Blessings,
Wes <+><

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.

How to Pray

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.

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

Luke 10-25-37



Almost 600 years before Christ, the Babylonian army marched into Jerusalem, ravaging the city and destroying the glorious temple. Furthermore, the enemy soldiers took a large number of the city's inhabitants back to their country to serve as slaves. Later, an Old Testament book described the woes the Jews suffered because of the war. That book begins "How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become "

Choose the name of that book.

- A. Lamentations
- B. Obadiah
- C. Isaiah
- D. Amos

Answer: A (See 1:1, NRSV.)

***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 4, 2010**

**Worship: 87
Offering: \$2,462
Capital Campaign: \$574**



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



Visitors for Sunday, July 4 2010: Mirella vila; Merleane Hedges; Gail Shoopman

MEMBERS: Donna Smith; Bill Swan; Claudia Bonds; Gene Serrato; Gene Curry

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: Nancy **Davis** – neighbor of Wileys; **Adair** – friend of G Pottorff; Ruth **Lawrence** – grandmother of K Elsmore; Joe **Lux** – friend of W McMillian; Claudia **Miles** – friend of Hoffmans; **Josh** – nephew of

L Conner; Gene & Jenny **Omundson** – sister of P Schneider; Joan **Forse** – friend of B Harris; Jan **Crews** – friend of B Harris; Richard **Burks** – brother of K McQueeney; Sandra **Burks** – mother of K McQueeney; Fred **Hargarves** family – son of TL Hale; **Kathy B** – friend of Coynes; 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

HOMEBOUND: Gerry Kincaid; T. C. Harvill

Food Pantry for June

The Food Pantry served 132 households in June.



Sitting on top of the vault

Every family works out their own system for doing things, whether by choice or not. When Don and I first got married, he handed me the check book and said, here, you balance it. So I became known as the financial advisor. I got a call here at work last week from a lady who said my husband said I needed to talk to the financial advisor and he gave her this number. She was from Woodforest Bank and was calling everybody who had not signed up for overdraft protection. I told her this was my second bank account and I seldom write checks on it. She seemed chatty so I asked her where she was calling from. She said she was at the RiverPointe location, which is where I had opened the account in 2004. I told her that when I was working in that building, my office had been right above the bank vault, and one day I was sitting at my desk and looked in my purse and didn’t have a penny to my name. Here I was sitting on top of a bank vault where there was lots of money. I picked up my purse, walked down the stairs and opened a bank account so I could have some of that money. (Shirley Taylor)

Christmas in July

Yes, you are reading that correctly, in the Children's Wing we are having Christmas in July. The children's mission this summer is to collect baby items and donate them to the Pregnancy Assistance Center. Therefore we are sponsoring a mid-year celebration of Jesus' birth. So on July 11th, during Sunday School, we are having Christmas in July. Please bring baby items like diapers, wipes, all size diapers, and other baby items, unwrapped to the children's wing. We will celebrate and pray over these gifts and give them to the center in Jesus' name.



Don't forget to link your Kroger's Reward Card to First Christian Church when you shop at Kroger's



For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings,
For your dedication in attending rehearsals,
For inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord,
Choir, we thank you!

Summer Camp at Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, Texas



July 6th-9th-- Beginners Camp (completed grades 2-3) Theme- Beginnings. Early Bird Fee by June 6- \$165. (\$205. after)

June 27- July 3--Eigher's Camp (completed grade 8) Theme- Created to ***ME*** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!" Early Bird Fee by May 27th- \$280.00 (\$320. after)

July 11-17--Chi Rho Camp (completed grades 6-7) Theme- P.R.A.Y.E.R. Early Bird Fee by June 11- \$280 (\$320. after)

July 18-23-- Junior Camp (completed grades 4-5) Theme- Created By GOD Handle with Care. Early Bird Fee by June 19-\$250. (\$290. after)



VBS High Seas Expedition July 26-30

This year's theme is High Seas Expedition- Exploring the Mighty Love of God. It will be held July 26-30th times 9:15-12:15. We need help with the following:

- Decorating & game items
- Old sheets - white and blue
- Appliance boxes for games Old mops
- Boards, variety of sizes yet wide enough for the kids to walk
- 2-liter empty soda bottles Paint

- Volunteers
- Crew leaders for pre-k & elementary
- Crafts - Snacks -Games



Register online.

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe

Attention all volunteers! Pre-VBS Schedule

We will have training for VBS Thursday, July 22nd, 6:30-8:30p. This is for all crew & station leaders, it also includes anyone else who has not worked a VBS.



Donations in a barrel. This is a VBS love offering to help offset the cost of this cool, quality program. As the love offering grows, our VBS poster will grow in color to show how you are making this a colorful VBS. Be sure to ask your friends, cousins, nieces and nephews to come board and join the fun.

PK Skipper at your service. I'm here for all the little mateys, 3 & 4 years old. Capt. Salty tells me we now 32 crew members will be coming aboard the USS VBS. We have plenty of room for more and it's easier to get on board if you are pre registered. So have Mom or Dad go online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fccconroe. Wink was looking through his telescope and said our ship is coming into color, so keep the change coming. He said the barrel is now filled to \$176.00, "SQUAWK!" THAT'S GREAT! See you in 19 days!



Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:15 am Chancel Choir Practice
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship

Monday, July 12, 2010

4:30 pm Girl Scouts Bi-Weekly

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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 14, 2010

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 15, 2010

Friday, July 16, 2010

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Sunday, July 18, 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

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Morning Worship: 10:45 am

Sermon: Dr. Wes Morgan

Worship Leader: Paul Mathews

Elders: Cindy Ortiz

Sound Manager: Bill Schneider

Video Artist: Candy Wolfe

Jan Lewis

Greeters: Debby Blackburn

Marvene Caldwell

Head Deacon: Cindy Ortiz

Diaconate: Bryan Fielder; Nicci

Fielder; Gary Alexander; Marty

Alexander; Connie Serrato; Charlene

Speight; Cindy Ortiz; Johnnie or

Jarrold Walker

Preparing: Charlene Speight

Connie Serrato

Acolytes: Julia Massey

Kyla DeHaven

Parlor Hosts

July 4

July 11

July 18

July 25

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 - Paul Mathews, Hannah

Fick, Craig Elsmore

August - Peggy Schneider

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 WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER DAY
 EACH!

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Invite a Friend to Church Sunday