



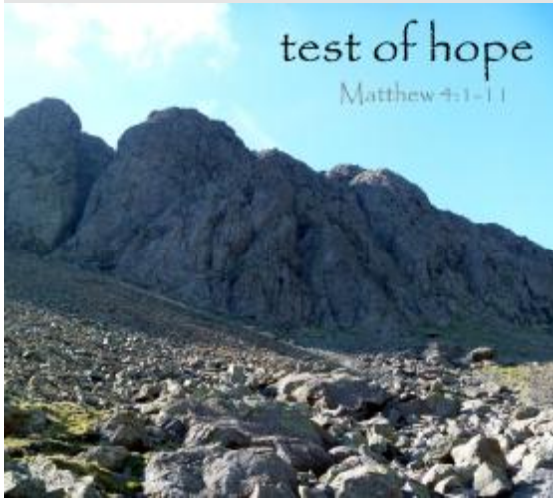
The Chalice

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



March 2, 2014

This Week in Worship @ 10:45 am



Join us! This Sunday we explore Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV) as a "Test of Hope"

Jesus went into the wilderness carrying with him all the woes and worries of the people. While he was there he was tempted to exchange his heart - full of care and love - for power, greed, riches or apathy. He chose none of these but hope. Hope, forged through misery, overcomes any adversary. Yes! And Jesus' overcoming points us to the Kingdom business at hand - not of man, but of God - and to this, we will cover together, the good news of Jesus' Kingdom business.

*By the Scriptures I am so renewed
that all nature seems renewed
around me and with me. The sky
seems to be a pure, a cooler blue,
the trees a deeper green. The
whole world is charged with the
glory of God and I feel fire and
music under my feet.*

—Thomas Merton



Sunday March 2, 2014

Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sermon:	Rev Hope Attenhofer
Worship Leader:	Joan Jackson
Elders:	Paul Mathews / Bob Smith
Diaconate:	Lou Lewis / Johnnie Walker
Sound Manager:	Bill Schneider
Video Artist:	Jan Lewis
Greeters:	Donna Smith
Lock-up:	Tom Wiley



Spring Savings begins this Saturday. Reset your clock. Don't want to be late for church **J**

40 Days of Lent...Daily Spiritual Practices

- Day 1: Pray for your enemies
- Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.
- Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio
- Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing
(Sunday)
- Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
- Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
- Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill
- Day 8: No complaining day
- Day 9: Do someone else's chore
- Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter
(Sunday)
- Day 11: Call an old friend
- Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
- Day 13: Read Psalm 139 <http://bible.oremus.org>
- Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments
- Day 15: Bring your own mug
- Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking www.praxus.org
(Sunday)
- Day 17: Forgive someone
- Day 18: Internet diet
- Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent
- Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>
- Day 21: Ask for help
- Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for
(Sunday)
- Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor
- Day 24: Read Psalm 121 <http://bible.oremus.org>
- Day 25: Bake a cake
- Day 26: No shopping day
- Day 27: Light a virtual candle http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/
- Day 28: Light an actual candle
(Sunday)
- Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
- Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
- Day 31: Use Freecycle www.freecycle.org
- Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
- Day 33: Read John 8:1-11 <http://bible.oremus.org>
- Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synagogue or church and look for the beauty
(Sunday)
- Day 35: Confess a secret
- Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
- Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
- Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint www.catholic.org/saints
- Day 39: Pray for peace
- Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good





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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Bryce Stevenson & Robert Stevenson – relative and brother of B. Harris
Charles LaCarter - husband of Barbra LaCarter
Norma Herron (mother), **Philip Corley** (son) & family - of A. & L. Corley;
Maddox McNear – grandson of G Serrato;
McTighe family – relatives of A Twidell;
Sharon Blackburn (daughter-in-law), **Bob Muir** (relative), **Mark Jackson** (friend) - of M Caldwell;
Ed Smith (son) & **Terry Smith** (brother) – of B Smith;
Patty & Bill Costello – friends of D Smith;
Derek Renshaw – nephew of P Schneider;
Susan Morton – friend of M Schraeder;
Crystal Evans – granddaughter of D Yates;
Martin Semands – brother-in-law of L Joslin;
Bob & Gwen Conner – father & mother of L Conner;
Bo Whitener – son of D&D Whitener;
Shirley Cason – aunt of D Whitener;
Trebor Blackburn – son of D Blackburn
Karol Parker – friend of P Schneider;
Cliff Kammerdiener – brother of G Kammerdiener;
Jan Ansley – co-worker of Bob Smith;
Abby Caffey & family – friend of K Edwards;
Ruth Hood & family—friend of K Edwards;
Matthew Risner (friend), **Mike & Mildred McGinnis** (parents) of D McGinnis;
Rachel Lastinger – niece of P Trott;
Hanna Family – friend of C Jackson;
Trenna Fitzpatrick – sister-in-law of T Massey;
Josephine Grygar – mother of B Grygar;
Rowland Robins – brother of D Germann;
Jessica Haley Mershall – friend of D Smith;
Bernie Taylor – S Taylor;
Helen Townsend – mother of Debby Blackburn;
Mindy and Richard Duncan – daughter of A Twidell;
Charles and Estelle Odom - friends of the church;
Margaret Lum – friend of the church;
John Wolfe – friend of the Bechtels;
Ed Yates – brother-in-law of D Yates
Jeffrey Aman—grandson of Lee Fennell

First Christian Church of Conroe

Our mission is to serve and praise God by sharing our love with all people as Christ taught.

February stats - 80 families served, 238 individuals

Food Pantry Ministry

Top of the mornin' to you! Since St. Patrick's Day is all about green we thought we'd see if we can fill our pantry to the brim in Green!

Think green for the food pantry:

- Canned green beans
- Canned green peas
- Canned spinach
- Canned turnip greens
- Canned mustard greens
- Pickles
- Pickle relish
- Sauerkraut
- Canned okra



Before the Oscars, a big question for every glamorous celebrity is "Who are you wearing?" Fashion reporters and fans are eager to discover and imitate the latest designers and styles.

Few of us will ever walk the red carpet in Hollywood, yet we receive a much more impressive wardrobe makeover when we accept Jesus as our Savior. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus turned our filthy rags of sin into dazzling white robes of righteousness (see Isaiah 61:10).

This righteousness is embellished with good works that speak to our vibrant faith. How evident is your new "outfit" to people around you? As you get dressed each day, consider whether you're living in such a way that people will wonder "Who are you wearing?"

Hug-A-Bears

The Hug-A-Bears made 100 bears in February, and presented a Hug-a-Bear to Rev Hope at her installation.



Easter party Easter egg hunt

Saturday April 19 at 11:00. Crafts, a Bible lesson, a snack and, of course, an egg hunt! Need volunteers to hide eggs beginning at 9:00 am. Bring stuffed plastic eggs to the church anytime.

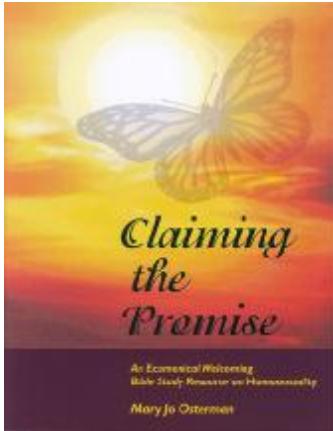
For the Record
March 2, 2014
Worship: 75
Offering: \$6,566

Fellowship Page - Christian Workshops & Groups



Wednesdays - 5:30 (dinner) class 6:00-7:00pm
 Location - Family Center Classroom
 Leader - [Contact Nancy Joyce](#)

Trigger deep conversations in this adult class with relevant and engaging questions that challenge traditional conventions and deepen our faith.



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 Location - Family Center Classroom
 Leader - [Duncan McGinnis](#)

Provided through our denomination's [GLADalliance.org](#) division, Claiming the Promise provides a ground-breaking curriculum on the Bible and homosexuality. With our denomination recently passing GA 1327 along with our community's desire to move towards an Open & Affirming declaration - this curriculum is essential to any holding concerns, those desiring reconciliation and those wanting to ensure we move within God's guidance.

Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays - 9:00am
 Location - Family Center Classroom
 Leader - [Judy Hopper](#)

Meet with the ladies of First Christian Church on Thursday morning for their new Bible Study "The Beloved Disciple (John)." They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. All are welcome.

PFLAG - 1st Monday 7:00 pm & 3rd Sunday @ 3:00pm
 Location - FCC Choir Room
 Leader - Montgomery PFLAG [Jaime Lee](#)

Alzheimer's Group - 3rd Wednesday 2:00 pm
 Location - Parlor
 Leader - [Sarah Baxter](#)

Family Game Night - 2nd Friday 7:00 pm
 Location - Parlor
 Leader - [Ronnie Whitman](#)

Scouts - Cub (6:30 pm) Boy Scouts (7:00 pm) - Tuesdays
 Location - Family Center
 Leader - [Andre Houser](#)

Hug-A-Bears - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am
 Location - Family Center
 Leader - [Jim & Judy Hopper](#)

Church Picnic April 26

When: April 26
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Whitman's Pond - 13015 Moon Willis, TX

Bring: Fishing pole & Yard games (if you have them) lawn chair, picnic lunch for your family + 1. BYOB or Tea and water available.

Activities: Fishing * Yard Games * Swimming * Paddle Boat

Everyone is invited!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hug-a-Bears

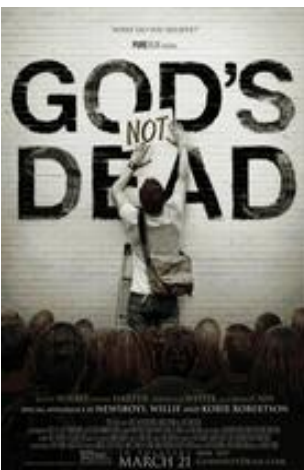
Volunteers meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 am. They make wonderful stuffed bears to distribute to emergency responders and hospitals for comforting the sick, injured and frightened. Sewing skills are a plus but also need cutters ad stuffers and decorators. Contac Judy Hopper at 936-539-1339.

Parlor Hosts need for March 23. Please sign up in Parlor.

Senior Citizen's Day at the Lone Star Convention Center

When: Tuesday, April 8th
Location: Airport Rd & FM 3083 in Conroe
Registration: 9am (must be 65 years or older)

See www.mcfa.org (click on Events) for info/events and entry form for King and Queen Contest. Applications for contest are due Monday, **March 3rd**. There will be entertainment, bingo, delicious (free) food and lots of exciting prizes. Call the Fair Office at 936-760-3631 with any questions.



Family Movie Night
Friday, March 21st @ 6:30pm
"God's Not Dead"

See [Trailer](#)

SOUTH Grand 14 - 4029 I-45 N. Conroe

Let us know if you would like to join us. \$9.50/Adult. \$6.50/Senior (60+) and children (3-12 years).
 Let Shirley know @ fccconroe@consolidated.net.
 For those interested too, we will select a place to meet up afterwards to have a theological discussion about the movie.

Easter Lilies

We will be buying lilies to decorate the church at Easter. The cost of the lilies is \$ 15.00 each. Please fill out this form and attach it to your money or check and place it in the Offering plate. If you use a check, please make it payable to First Christian Church, and mark on it "Easter Lilies". You may also send it to the church office: 3500 N. Loop 336 West, Conroe, TX 77304

Deadline to purchase lilies is March 30

_____ YES, I/we want to give an Easter Lily to the church:

_____ in memory of

_____ in honor of

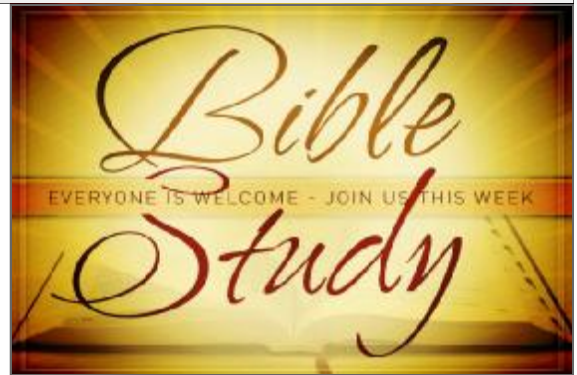
_____ as a gift to the church

Name _____

How Many _____

Paid \$ _____

We will buy only as many lilies as are ordered.



Adult Bible Studies

Something for adults of all ages. Each class has its own format and individual course of study, using the Bible as its resource.

9:30 a.m.

- Adventurers, Sarah Baxter
- The Inquirers, Paul Mathews
- Seekers/Builders, Judy Hopper

10:00 a.m.

- Bridges, Ruth Mancini

Children's Sunday School

Guiding children to seek a relationship with God.

9:30 a.m.

- Nursery, Infant through toddler
- Children's Wing, Pre-school and young elementary
- Gym, Older elementary through eighth grade.



Oops! I missed Church.

Listen to Him! - 3/2/14

Rev Hope's Sermon

www.firstchristianchurchconroe.org

and click on Media tab.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 9, 2014

9:30 am - Sunday School
 10:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:45 am - Worship Service

Monday, March 10, 2014

6:45—Chalice Bells Rehearsal
 7:00—PFLAG 1st Monday & 3rd
 Sunday 3pm

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

9:00 am Hug-a-Bears 1&3 Tuesdays
 9:30 am Soup Kitchen
 6:30 - Cub Scouts
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

9:00-12:00 Food Pantry
 2:00 pm Alzheimer's (3rd Wed)
 6:30 pm Bible studies

Thursday, March 13, 2014

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Friday, March 14, 2014

2nd Friday of Month Game Night

Saturday, March 15 2014

Sunday, March 16 2014

9:30 am - Sunday School
 10:15am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:45 am - Worship Service

Monthly Meetings:

First Sunday	Cabinet
Second Sunday	Elders
Last Sunday (4 th ,5 th)	Board

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Sunday School: 9:30 am

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March 2014 Diaconate Schedule

Head Deacon: Lou Lewis

Lou Lewis; Cathey Houser; Fran Mathews; Ronnie Whitman; Christine Whitman; Johnnie Walker

Prepare:

Mar 2—Fran Mathews/Cathey Houser

Mar 9- Lou Lewis/Johnnie Walker

Mar 16- Ronnie Whitman/Christine Whitman

Mar 23—Fran Mathews / Lou Lewis

Mar 30—Cathey Houser / Johnnie Walker

If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please call Fran Mathews 936-273-1071.

Worship Leaders

March—Joan Jackson

FCC STAFF

Pastor: Rev Hope Attenhofer
 Secretary/Newsletter: Shirley Taylor
 Music Minister: Kerri Edwards
 Pianist: Kay Kammerdiener
 Chalice Bells: Sherry Hunter

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Deadline for Newsletter

Monday

Lock Up Schedule



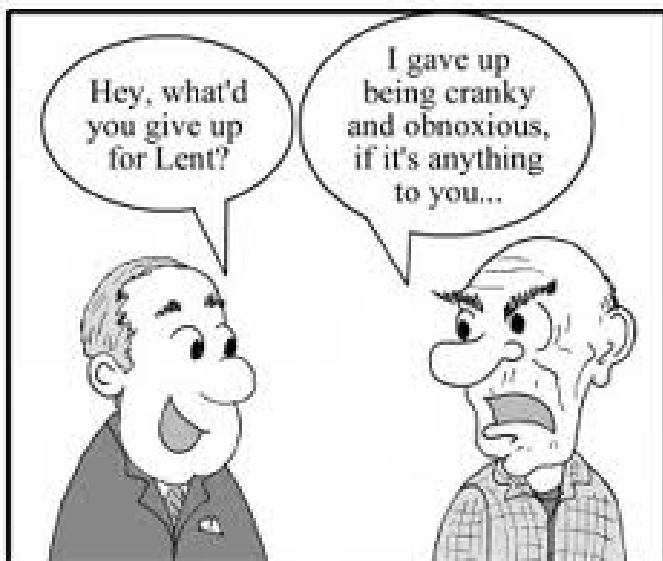
2/9 Larry
 2/16 Paul Man.
 2/23 William Mc
 3/2 Tom Wiley

February Flowers

Mar 2—Masseys
 Mar 9
 Mar 16
 Mar 23

Parlor Hosts

Mar 2—Installation Diner
 Mar 9—Provenchers
 Mar 16—Adventurers Class
 Mar 23— Open
 Mar 30— Welcoming Team



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