

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 11, 2016



The purpose of this church shall be as revealed in the New Testament: to win people to faith in Jesus Christ and commit them actively to the church; to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ that increasingly they may know and do His will and to work for the unity of all Christians.

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Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship 8:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Peace Be With You

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." -- Philippians 4:6-7

"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." — Luke 24:36

When Jesus first appeared to the disciples on that first Easter evening, they were afraid. The doors of the house were locked for fear of the Jews. In John's account, Jesus said to them, not once, but twice, "Peace be with you" in order to assure them that they did not need to fear.

"Peace be with you," Jesus said. So what is this peace that Jesus gives? Peace is the calm assurance that what God is doing is best. And how we struggle to be calm! Calm implies a still, quiet confidence - not stressed, not pacing back and forth, not lying awake, not wringing our hands or biting our nails. Just still. . . quiet . . . calm.

Another word for "assurance" is "confidence." And confidence is trust borne of experience. Christians who are new in their faith can find it hard to trust God because they have minimal experience with Him. But those who have done a few laps on the journey of following Christ know what He has done and how He always comes through. So assurance is confidence based on experience.

True peace, the peace that God through Christ gives, isn't related to our environment or circumstances. Peace is a gift from God. Peace is not the assurance that what God is doing is easiest, nor is it the assurance that what God is doing is fastest - Peace is the calm assurance that what God is doing is best.

Being a Christian is the best life, but it's not the easiest life. And there is no accelerated program. Forming Christ-likeness is a process, a journey. While God's way and purpose for our lives is never easiest or fastest, it is best. When it comes to what He wants to cultivate, the Lord loves us enough to skip fastest and easiest and hold out for the best. And though that path may lead through times of suffering, He gives us peace for the journey.

The peace of God is powerfully vigilant, for it literally guards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Imagine peace as a fortress encircling us. It protects our mental, emotional and spiritual health; our stability; our steadfastness; our confidence in God. As we pray and God gives us peace, the walls grow taller and stronger, protecting us more and more. Peace guards our hearts.

So instead of bracing ourselves and feeling like we're waiting for the next onslaught of struggle, we live behind the safe protection of our fortress of peace. Come what may, ruling our hearts is the calm assurance that what God is doing is best. Peace!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/03/16
General Fund	5,998.00
FCC-Local Only	80.00
Building Fund	1,157.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Building Fund Memorial-Deana McCoy	50.00
Building Fund Memorial-Marion Higginbotham	75.00
The WARM Place	100.00
Easter Offering	5.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 3, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	65
April 10, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	65



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Ann Miller; James Dennis; Kristin Prather; Jack & Sylvia Pape; Vernon & Cordelia Fields; Hilda Rushing; Dr. O.K. & Jane Neal; Bailey Ford and our other regular visitors in the Traditional Service.

We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Kaye Gregory's Home)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

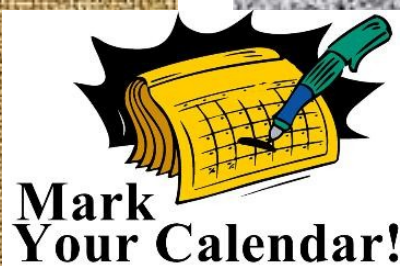
(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center
(MR) Meeting Room



CABINET MEETING

Wednesday
April 13, 2016
6:00 PM

Meeting Room



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday
April 20, 2016
6:00 pm

Family Life Center

The Power of Prayer



Because our newsletter is now online, we will no longer be listing specific conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

Dortha Baker
Chris Barker
Lisa Eaves
Ben Fambrough
Kali Gregory
Jerry Hay
Joan Kearns
Kelli Gerstner Love
Dr. O.K. Neal
Scott & Kathy Laurange-Pat Sartori's son
The family of Kyle Stallard-the Findley's friend
Valerie Stuart's dad
Iris Wilson's cousin
Needra Womack
Richard Yarborough
Several residents of Mariposa Apartments
Unspoken Prayers

We Rejoice With:

Ruby Carlton
Wayne English-86 years old!!
Dorothy Nash
Emily White
Iris Wilson joined our church family
on April 3, 2016
BHS-State Powerlifting Champs
Centennial High School & Kerr
Middle Schools' Drum Lines both
placed 1st in competitions

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham;
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash, Needra Womack, Carole Wright

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

GySgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee, Landon Wheeler

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

Things are getting very busy here at the Learning Center as the year winds down. We are learning about the Armor of God and Fruits of the Spirit. We are also busy practicing for our End of the Year Program and Pre-K Graduation, which will be on Sunday, April 24, 2016, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We invite everyone to join us!

We have filled all of our spots that were open for next year!!



Harvest
HOUSE

APRIL UPDATE FOR HARVEST HOUSE

69 Pounds of Food
\$229.00 in Cash Donations

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON and MEETING

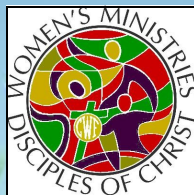
Thursday, April 14, 2016
11:30 a.m. at Kaye Gregory's Home
525 Berkshire Court, Burleson
817-295-0009

*Meet at the Family Life Center parking lot at 11:15 am
to carpool or if you need a ride, call Kaye Gregory
so arrangements can be made.*

Tiffanie Gregory, Sandra Hay & Kaye are hostesses.
Study & Worship by Tiffanie Gregory & Iris Wilson.
All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, reams of paper, and
healthy snacks. Bring items to the
meeting or take to the church office.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday April 14, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

10:00 am

Children's Class

Meets across from the Chapel

Adult Class

Meets in the Family Life Center



RELAY FOR LIFE OF BURLESON

April 29-30, 2016

7:00 pm - 7:00 am

Kerr Middle School Stadium

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement
symbolizes hope and our shared goal to end a disease
that threatens the lives of so many people
we love. If cancer has touched your life,
participating in a Relay For Life event is a
way to take action and help finish the fight.
This is your opportunity to honor cancer
survivors, remember those you have lost,
and raise funds and awareness to fight back
and help end cancer forever.



First Christian Church and Chisholm Trail
Optimist Club are joining forces and partici-
pating in this year's Relay for Life. A sign up
sheet is in the church foyer across from the
sanctuary or contact Jim or Georgia Sanders
at 713-775-1012.

Sunday, April 10, was our
first fundraiser - a Silent
Auction - and it was a great
success. **WE RAISED \$738!**
Thank you to everyone who
donated items and who bid.



WEEK OF COMPASSION DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE Some Responses During 2016

Africa

DR Congo, Flood Relief
Ethiopia, Drought Relief
Mozambique, Drought Relief
South Sudan, Crisis Relief
Tanzania, Refugee Response
Zimbabwe, Drought Relief

East Asia and the Pacific

Fiji, Cyclone Relief (2)
Taiwan, Earthquake Relief

Middle East and Europe

Israel/Palestine, Fire Recovery
Jordan, Syrian Refugee Response
Lebanon, Syrian Refugee Response (3)
Syria, Internally Displaced Response

North America

Indiana, Fire Recovery
Michigan, Flint Water Crisis
Mississippi, Flood Relief (2)
Missouri, Flood Relief
Pennsylvania, Spiritual and Emotional Support
South Carolina, Flood Relief (2)
Texas, Tornado Recovery (2)
West Virginia, Flood Relief

Southern Asia

Nepal, Earthquake Recovery

