

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 13, 2015



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: Monday-Friday 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Spring Cleaning

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." -- Psalm 51:10.

As the well-worn saying goes, "Spring Has Sprung". We see the signs all around us. Everything outside is singing with new life. Springtime is also the season when many of us engage in "spring cleaning" our homes - making everything clean and in order. We clean out closets and garages and clean and scour those areas that have been neglected, making everything fresh and new.

Sometimes we need to do the same thing with our spiritual homes. We need to take stock and clean up and give them a good strong scrubbing. We often grow stale and need a spiritual freshening up. Things always get tucked back in the recesses of our spiritual closets that aren't needed. We accumulate grime and dirt on our spiritual floors and walls. From time to time we need to turn our spiritual homes upside down and clean them inside and out in order to present ourselves as "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God".

So, how do we go about the process of "spring cleaning" our spiritual homes?

First, we evaluate. We need to determine what areas of our individual lives need cleaning and repair. We can identify those areas of our lives that need to be improved. We should evaluate everything we do and say and ask ourselves, "Is it pleasing to the Lord?"

Second, we need to get rid of junk. We need to search ourselves to determine what things are just junk, cluttering up our lives - things that are getting in our way of serving Christ to our greatest potential. Perhaps we are cluttering up our lives with worry, anger, gossip and bad habits. If so, we can work to eliminate the clutter as we spring clean our spiritual homes. The Apostle Paul reminds us of what is important to keep in our lives as he wrote to the Philippians, *"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise think about these things"*.

Third, we need to gather our cleaning tools and cleaners. When we clean our homes, we gather together our cleaning tools, such as scrub brushes, mops and brooms. All we need to clean our spiritual home is one thing - the Word of God. It is our all-purpose cleaning tool and contains everything we'll need. Spring cleaning our homes usually involves window cleaners, waxes, floor cleaners, bleaches and disinfectants. When it comes to cleaning our spiritual home, all we need is one all-purpose agent - the forgiveness of God. It is guaranteed to cleanse away all the grime and dirt of our sins and shortcomings.

Finally, we need to actually roll up our sleeves and get to work - using the cleaning tools and supplies we have gathered to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves. Likewise, spring cleaning our spiritual homes requires that we actually commit ourselves to the work required to strengthen and deepen our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. God gives us His Word and His precious forgiveness, but we have to claim them and use them in our daily lives "Spring has sprung". Let's get to work!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/22/15
General Fund	1,983.00
FCC-Local Only	785.00
Building Fund	1,092.00
CLOTH Fund	16.00
The WARM Place	205.00

OFFERING	03/29/15
General Fund	2,037.00
FCC-Local Only	210.00
Building Fund	932.00
Easter Offering	100.00
The WARM Place	20.00

OFFERING	04/05/15
General Fund	2,776.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	422.00
Easter Offering	71.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 29, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	62
April 5, 2015-Easter Sunday	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	102
April 12, 2015	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	65



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; Betty Grisham; Iris Wilson; James Dennis; Joe Gamb; Marlene Baysinger; Jeff Baysinger; Hyla Finlayson; Austyn Taylor; Deb, Jake & Lauren Wichterich; Heinz Wichterich; Chad Oldham; Brian, Michelle & Daniel McCrory; Claudia Moreno, Angelica & Sophia; Charlie Kuehlem; Mindy Fugarino; Marla Wills; Kristin Prather; Pat West; Adams family 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 15, 2015

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

9:00 AM Flower Bed Clean Up

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

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 22, 2015

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

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 27, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Board Meeting

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15TH
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE
CENTER**

The Power of Prayer



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

Those in Need of Prayer:

Francine Foreman-Joan Kearns' Daughter
Karen Parker-Kaye Gregory's sister
Doug Pride-Joann Chambers' nephew
Dwight Purvis-DePratter's nephew
M'Lee Rodriquez
The Rowe family
Jean Rubis
Sheena's family-Penny Enochs' granddaughter
Betty Wallace
Needra Womack
Warren Wright
Richard Yarborough & his granddaughter

We Rejoice With:

Tommy Bonds
The Bryan Family
Penny Enochs
Betty Grisham
Bill Gunn
Karen Milburn
Those who participated in all the
Holy Week & Easter activities

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Mary Jo Coates, Bobbie Cockerham, Penny Enochs, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Chance Kaker, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dick Nash, Flora Roe, Dave & Cheryl Tinker, Greg 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

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

We are busy getting ready for our End of the Year program, which is on Sunday, April 26th, at 2:00 pm. We invite everyone to come hear some songs sung by sweet voices and see a slide show of pictures throughout the year. We have a few limited spots available. If you have any questions about the Learning Center or know of someone who does, please call the church office at 817-295-4123.



LINE DANCING

LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!



First Christian Church, Arlington
910 S. Collins St., Arlington, TX

Registration is \$15.00 in advance (through April 24) and \$20.00 at the door and this includes lunch. You can register online at www.tbaccsw.org or call the Trinity-Brazos Area office at 817-831-4442. Registration forms are also available in the church office.

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Newell Williams

IT'S A PARTY!

The family of Dorothy Nash invite you to an
80th Birthday Party in her honor.

Sunday, May 3, 2015
2:00 pm

Nashville Party Barn in Old Town Burleson
Wilson and Bufford Street across from
"The Porch" restaurant.

Your Presence is your Gift!!!





FLOWER BED CLEAN UP

Thursday, April 16, 9 am
Bring your gloves, gardening tools and trash bags and help clean out the flower beds next to the front sanctuary doors on Gregory Street. All help is greatly appreciated!

Beginning Sunday, April 19, Pastor Mike Kearns will lead a three week study on the Holy Spirit during the Sunday Morning Adult Class that meets in the Family Life Center. Class begins at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome.



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday Learning Center Eggstravaganza Maundy Thursday Good Friday Prayer Vigil Easter Morning

