

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 25, 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 lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

-- Romans 12:11-12

Enthusiasm - it's one of the greatest words in the English language! It is a word that is built deeply into the victorious human spirit. The word enthusiasm is derived from two little Greek words "en" and "theos," with "theos" being the Greek word for God. So "enthusiasm" literally means, in its root concept, "full of God". Maybe that's why enthusiastic people are so often creative and joyful!

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great is ever accomplished without enthusiasm." I think that's right. People who work to successfully achieve the personal goals they have set for themselves understand that they must live each day with passion and enthusiasm. In their life experiences they have discovered that positive thinking is not enough. Pulling one's self up by their psychological bootstraps is not enough. Talking one's self into optimism is not enough. Achieving one's goals takes a steadfast commitment to passion and enthusiasm.

In the Bible we find several different words for this idea of being filled with enthusiasm: ardor, zeal, wholeheartedness and eager. When we are eager, we are enthusiastic about our service to God and others. In Peter's first letter we are instructed to be "eager to serve". In the Apostle Paul's letters to the Corinthians we are told to have an "eager willingness" to finish the work of faith we've begun and to be "eager for the gifts of the Spirit".

To "live enthusiastically" as Christians is an intentional choice about how we face what each and every day brings in our lives. The good news is that God will help us maintain our enthusiasm. He will help us overcome our difficulties, our tragedies, our sorrows, our heartaches. The words itself tells us that people with enthusiasm will be full of God. Enthusiasm makes life exciting and creative - enthusiasm helps us accomplish our goals.

In 2 Corinthians we read, "Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing Him". Triumphant people are enthusiastic people! If we really surrender our lives to Jesus Christ and follow Him, we will have enthusiasm. He will keep it going for us so that we can overcome our defeats, so that we can make a real difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

However, sometimes we find ourselves in an environment where our enthusiasm gets siphoned off. For example, if we are constantly in the company of negative people, we will take on a negative aspect of mind and our mental reactions to other people and events will be negative. Which is why we have to practice enthusiasm. We do that by thinking it - by believing it - by praying it - by talking it - until enthusiasm becomes part of our nature. We must give ourselves to our faith with "wholehearted devotion" and when we do, enthusiasm can be just as contagious as negativity!

So practice enthusiasm. Stop saying the depressing things. Stop saying the discouraging things, the hateful things, the negative things, the critical things. Think enthusiasm! Talk it, live it, pray it, act it! And most of all, share it!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/10/16
General Fund	1,470.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	782.00
CLOTH Fund	16.00

OFFERING	04/17/16
General Fund	1,270.00
FCC-Local Only	80.00
Building Fund	782.00

OFFERING	04/24/16
General Fund	2,533.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	512.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 17, 2016	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	45
April 24, 2016	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	69



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Bob Lee & Mary Holt in the Chapel Service.

Charlie Kuehlem; Ann Miller; Hilda Rushing; Rusty & Kellie Huggins; Vernon & Dee Fields; Jack & Sylvia Pape; 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.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

Whew! The month of April has been a busy one in the Learning Center. Our End of Year Program and Pre-K graduation was this past Sunday. The children did a great job on the songs they had been practicing. We also graduated 11 Pre-K students to go to Kindergarten. Our year is winding down, but we still have several fun days to come in May. Our last day of school is Friday, June 3rd.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
No Stewardship Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

7:00 PM Relay for Life (Kerr Middle School)

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

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

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

9:00 AM-3:00 PM - Jr. Optimists Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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, MAY 9, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

Items needed this month include:
Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac n cheese,
canned vegetables & beans,
personal hygiene items, etc.

Harvest
HOUSE

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:

Nelda Boots-Lori King's Mom
James Dennis
Natalie Gunn-the Gunn's great granddaughter
Paul Holton
Kelli Gerstner Love
Richard Yarborough
Those at Trinity Mission

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Wesley Kaker
Richard Kearns

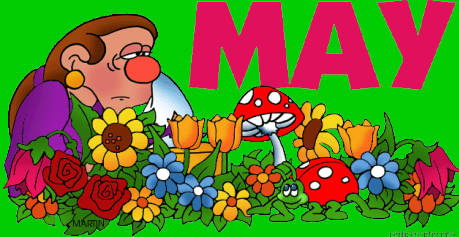
Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham;
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash, O.K. & Jane Neal, 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



BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Kathy Welch
5/11	Hayley Vastine
5/13	Michiel Rubis
5/13	Caisey Yowell
5/19	Carol Findley
5/19	Brett King
5/19	Ky Gregory
5/24	Flora Roe
5/25	Jerry Hay
5/27	Steve McGee
5/29	Mary Bryan



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Margie Lile; Don Welch

Communion Preparation: Donna Huggins

Attendance Registers: Bill & Carol Gunn

Children's Moment:

01 Wayne English
08 Disciples Men
15 Jack Gregory, Jr.
22 Suzanne Barton
29 Ronnie Johnson

Scripture Reading:

01 Karen Willette
08 Kathy Welch
15 Carole Wright
22 Suzanne Barton
29 Don Welch

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
Jim & Georgia Sanders

Serving at the Table: Richard & Mary Bryan

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY 2016

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 pm

**Red's Roadhouse/Galileo
1170 E. Kennedale Pkwy
Kennedale, TX 76060**

**Register at
TBA2016.eventbrite.com
\$15 per person - Includes dinner**

SUMMER CAMP 2016

All grades reflect the grades that have been completed during the 2015-2016 school year.

Grand Camp	May 20-22 (ages 4-10 with a grandparent)
Family Camp 1	May 27-29 (ages 0 to 18 with an adult relative)
Discovery Camp	June 3-5 (1st and 2nd grade with a parent)
Adventure Camp	June 8-11 (Grades 6 to 12)
CYF Conference	June 13-18 (Grades 10-12)
Niner's Youth Conference	June 13-18 (Grade 9)
Chi Rho 1	June 20-25 (Grades 6-7)
Eighter's Youth Conference	June 26-July 1 (Grade 8)
YF 1	July 4-8 (Grades 3-5)
Chi Rho 2	July 4-9 (Grades 6-7)
Water Sports Camp	July 25-28 (Grades 6-12)
JYF 2	August 1-5 (Grades 3-5)
Family Camp 2	August 12-14 (ages 0-18 with an adult relative)

For more information, please call the church office.



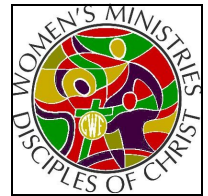
DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH and MEETING



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Thursday ▼ May 12, 2016 ▼ 10:00 a.m.
 Vicki Rubis' Home ▼ 435 W. Bethesda ▼ Burleson ▼ 817-295-8263
 Meet at the Family Life Center parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or if you need a ride,
 call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390 so arrangements can be made.

Onita Holton and Vicki are hostesses.
 Study and Worship by Kaye Gregory and Iris Wilson.
All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.
 Items needed for the First Christian Church Learning Center
 include 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 May 12, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
 344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
 Burleson

ELKS DINER

Looking Ahead...

May 15, 2016



Graduate Recognition

Congratulations to Wesley Kaker who will graduate from Burleson High School this year. We will recognize Wesley during morning worship and during the fellowship luncheon.



MEXICAN FIESTA Fellowship Luncheon

Because Mother's Day is the 2nd Sunday of May, our fellowship luncheon will be on May 15th. Bring your favorite Mexican dishes to share.



HAPPY Mother's Day

Sunday
 May 8, 2016



WEAR PURPLE!

RELAY FOR LIFE OF BURLESON

April 29-30, 2016

7:00 pm - 7:00 am

Kerr Middle School Stadium

UPDATE:

Current Fundraising Total

\$1018⁰⁰

WEAR PURPLE!



Our booth is near the concessions on the west side. Look for us in the end zone part of the field!



OPTIMIST CLUB

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	2	3 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	4	5	6	7 9:00 AM-3:00 PM - Junior Optimist Meeting (FLC)
8 	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	11 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	12 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Meet- ing (Elks Diner) 10:00 AM - Disciples Women Meeting (Vicki Rubis' Home)	13	14 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon
Pentecost Special Offering-5/15 & 22						
15 Pentecost Sunday 12:00 PM - Mexican Fiesta Luncheon & Graduate Recognition (FLC) 3:00 PM - TBA Area Assembly (Red's Roadhouse)	16	17 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	18 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	19	20	21
22 Pentecost Special Offering	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	25 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	26	27	28
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