

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 27, 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

Living with the Holy Spirit

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf." -- John 15:26.

For the past two Sundays in Kaye Gregory's absence, I have led the Adult Sunday Morning Class exploring our understanding of the Holy Spirit. This coming Sunday, we will continue those discussions and conversations.

Our Christian teachings speak of God in three persons: God, the Father; God, the Son; and God the Holy Spirit. We speak of these three manifestations of God, taken together, as the Trinity. Each Sunday in worship we sing of the Holy Spirit, or Holy Ghost as we sing the Gloria Patri following the reading of Scripture and again as we sing the Doxology following the receiving of our tithes and offerings. Yet, over the last hundred years or so, a great silence has settled among members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in their quest for a comprehensive meaning of the Holy Spirit.

One minister, speaking of the Holy Spirit said, "The Holy Spirit is God's agent on earth, yet He is the least understood, least preached about, and the least discussed member of the Trinity. And, that is sad because without Him our spiritual lives will always become a dry, mechanical struggle."

As we turn to Scripture in search of knowing the Holy Spirit more fully, we are told that the Holy Spirit is in every way God -- He is all-powerful, all-present, and knows all things. His main purpose is to bear witness to Christ Jesus, as confirmed by the passage from John's gospel noted above.

Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He made several references about the Father sending us another comforter (the Holy Spirit), obviously knowing that we would need all the help we could get if we are going to live a fruitful Christian life. In John 16:7 we hear "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

And in the 14th chapter of John, Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and He will be in you."

As the Holy Spirit dwells among us and within us always, Jesus' promise that he will never leave us alone is fulfilled. As He says at the conclusion of Matthew's gospel, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

I hope you will accept this invitation to join us in the Family Life Center this coming Sunday at 10 a.m. as we continue our study of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/12/15
General Fund	4,095.00
FCC-Local Only	395.00
Building Fund	947.00
CLOTH Fund	17.00

OFFERING	04/19/15
General Fund	1,716.00
FCC-Local Only	125.00
Building Fund	922.00
CLOTH Fund	127.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 19, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	56
April 26, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	58



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; James Dennis; Emmy Nash; Nathan McDowell; Pat West; Maya McGee; Iris Wilson; Smitty & Sandy Schultz; Dan & Sharon Ives 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.

APRIL HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

40 Pounds of Food

\$237.00 in Cash
donations

Harvest
HOUSE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

10:00 AM TBA Assembly-FCC-Arlington

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

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 (MR)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

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)

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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

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:

Mary Jo Coates, Dorothy Nash's Sister
Archie Little, John Higginbotham's brother-in-law
Barbara Warren

We Rejoice With:

The Bryan family on the birth of
their grandson, Andrew Bryan,
born on April 14th

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

Our End of the Year Program and Pre-K Graduation was on April 26, 2015. We had a great turnout and everyone had a good time. It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our 4th year! We still have a few spots available for the 2015-2016 school year. 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 CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



We are asking everyone to take a good look around our buildings and grounds and then take a minute to list things that you would like to see done to improve the appearance of our church. Please have all suggestions in to the church office by Sunday, May 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please call the church office 817-295-4123.



Hello Congregation,

You are invited to attend the **graduation party** of
Elisabeth J. White
and
Brandon K. Ptak

When: Sunday, June 7th, 2015

Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm (Come and Go)

Where: FCC Family Life Center

Elisabeth and Brandon will be graduating this year from
Burleson High School.

You are welcome to come join family and friends in
celebrating this joyous event.

CLASS OF 2015





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: Marion Higginbotham
Greeters: Margie Lile; Sandra Hay
Communion Preparation: Peggy Johnson
Attendance Registers: Ronnie Johnson
Children's Sermon:
 03 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 10 Disciples Men
 17 Kaye Gregory
 24 Diana McGee
 31 Dorothy Nash
Scripture Reading:
 03 Ronnie Johnson
 10 Angela Kaker
 17 Diana McGee
 24 Steve McGee
 31 Steve Rubis
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
 Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.;
 Mary Bryan



2015 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 7

May 6 - 6:30 PM
 Venue 510-Pre-Event Service

May 7 - 6:00 AM
 Free Prayer Breakfast
 First Baptist Church
 Building 317

May 7 - 11:30 AM
 Free Prayer Lunch
 Pathway Church
 (Formerly St. Matthew)

Prayer Station near City Hall - 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Submit Prayer Requests to:
www.burlesonprayer.com

Contact Frank or Patti Pace fpac@flash.net
 817-975-8916

On Facebook at Burleson Christian Ministerial Alliance

DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH AND MEETING

Thursday • May 14 • 10:00 am

Juanice Wichterich's Home • 325 Fox Lane, Burleson • 817-295-1502

Mary Bryan, Carole Wright and Juanice are our hostesses.

Kaye Gregory and Iris Wilson will give the Study and Worship.

If you need a ride to the church, contact Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

We'll carpool from the Family Life Center parking lot at 9:45 am.

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.



SERVICE PROJECT ITEMS for the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper

Healthy Snacks:

Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,

Boxes of Goldfish Crackers - Cheez-Its - Animal Crackers,

Cereal such as Fruit Loops - Cheerios

Socks:

Sizes Baby, 3-6 Mo. & 6-12 Mo.

Toys for 2 New Classrooms:

Ages Infants to 24 Months



You Are Invited to an
80th Birthday Party

Honoring
DOROTHY NASH

Sunday, May 3,
2:00 pm

Your Presence is Your Gift

Nashville Party Barn in Old Town Burleson
Wilson and Bufford Streets



Join Us For
Sunday Morning Classes
10:00 am

Children's Class
Meets across from the Chapel

Adult Class
Meets in the Family Life Center

Adult Fellowship Bible Study
Meets in the Chapel

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Honoring
MICHAELA CRONENBERG

Sunday, May 17
During Worship
and During the
Fellowship Dinner



*...the earth is full of the
goodness of the LORD.*

Psalms 33:5

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship (C) 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S) 4:00 PM - Line Dance Class (FLC)			Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM Choir (S)		1	2 10:00 AM - TBA Assembly - FCC Arlington
3 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR) No Line Dance Class	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 No Line Dance Class 	11 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	12	13 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	14 10:00 AM - DWF Meeting - Juanice Wichterich's Home 7:00 PM - DMF Meeting (C)	15	16 10:00 AM - Set up for Fellowship Luncheon
17 11:00 am - Graduate Recognition (S & FLC) 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC) Pentecost Special Offering	18	19	20 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	21	22	23
24 Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red Pentecost Special Offering	25  Church Office Closed	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	28	29	30
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