

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 10, 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](http://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

### Trusting God

*"He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" -- Romans 8:32.*

One of the significant challenges we all face day in and day out is recognizing and managing the stress that we experience in our lives. Our days are filled with more and more responsibilities and seemingly less and less time and resources to "get it all done." None of us are immune to stressful times and situations in life; we all know the gut-wrenching feeling that comes when stress becomes so intense that it is, in fact, paralyzing.

Medical research tells us that 43% of all adults suffer adverse health effects from stress; that over 75% of all doctor's office visits are for stress-related ailments and complaints; that stress is often a major contributor to headaches, high blood pressure, heart problems, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, depression and anxiety. In short, stress is dangerous to our health.

Some studies have shown that the major cause of stress in our lives is worry. We worry because we wonder if we will have what we need when we need it. Some worry about job security; others about their marriage; others about their children; others about their financial security; others about their health. And those worries manifest themselves in our lives as stress.

I believe that in order to effectively manage the stress in our lives, we must call upon our faith in God as revealed to us through his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We must look to God to meet our needs. As we hear the Apostle Paul's words to the church at Rome, then let us ask ourselves, "If God loves us enough to send Jesus Christ to die on the cross, don't we think He loves us enough to take care of every other need in our lives?" Yes, of course he does. God will provide. He will take care of us. Instead of stressing out, we need to look to Him to meet our needs. And how do we do that?

We have to regularly study the Word -- to spend time reading and meditating on the Scriptures. As we do, we can hear God speaking to our heart -- where He dwells in us -- and we can make decisions based upon what He's leading us to do, not just what we may think, feel or want.

When we go beyond what we want, what we think and what we feel and do what the Word and the Spirit of God tells us to do, we are able to develop good habits and break bad ones. We come to a place where the blessings of God -- His righteousness, peace and joy -- overflow in our lives.

Life is simple and peaceful when we come to God like little children and say, "God, I don't want to live on my own. I want to trust You. When I don't know what to do, I'll trust You. When I don't understand why, I'll trust You. I'll do my part with Your help, and when I'm done, I'll trust You to do the rest."

Every time we start to get stressed out, we need to pause and say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

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| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>07/26/15</b> |
| General Fund    | 2,333.00        |
| FCC-Local Only  | 420.00          |
| Building Fund   | 807.00          |

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| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>08/02/15</b> |
| General Fund    | 4,863.00        |
| FCC-Local Only  | 195.00          |
| Building Fund   | 1,627.00        |

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| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>08/09/15</b> |
| General Fund    | 2,148.00        |
| FCC-Local Only  | 170.00          |
| Building Fund   | 187.00          |
| CLOTH Fund      | 24.00           |

**Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00**



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                |    |
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| August 2, 2015 |    |
| Chapel Service | 2  |
| Traditional    | 54 |

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| August 9, 2015 |    |
| Chapel Service | 4  |
| Traditional    | 56 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger and Debbie Hiller in the Chapel Service.

Hilda Rushing; Erika Silberman; Iris Wilson; James Dennis; Betty Grisham; Marjorie Armstrong; Kristin Prather; Beth Gregory; Austyn Taylor; Dylan & Aria Welch 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.*



**"When You're Gone...Our Bills Go On."**  
We still need everyone's help through the year...even when you are on vacation.

**Your Stewardship Committee**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015**

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

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
- 6:00 PM Disciples Women Pool Party & Baby Shower honoring Tiffanie Gregory-Linda Cronenberg's Home

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 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, AUGUST 19, 2015**

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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, AUGUST 24, 2015**

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Effective Monday, August 17, 2015, the church office hours will be 6:30 am-4:30 pm, and closed on Fridays. If you have an emergency on a Friday, please call Pastor Mike's cell phone 214-364-6453.



### **AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE**

**65 Pounds of Food**

**\$222.00 in cash donations**

# 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:

Alton Dollar  
Bill Gunn  
John Higginbotham  
Angela Kaker's friend's Son  
Cyndy Mauldin  
Deana McCoy  
Monica Price-friend of Ruby Carlton  
Jean Rubis  
Valerie Stuart's friends-Brian & Jennifer  
Barbara Warren  
Needra Womack  
Jeff-Andrew McGee's Manager at AT&T  
Stephen-Karen Willette's brother  
Fran-Kristin Prather's friend  
Safe travel for vacationers

## We Rejoice With:

Ruby Carlton  
Trip to visit Annie Cromwell  
Andrew McGee's Wedding  
Rae McGowan's Birthday  
Flora Roe  
Linda Swan  
Ed & Karen Willette joined our family of faith on August 2nd

## Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,  
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Higginbotham,  
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dick Nash,  
Dave & Cheryl Tinker, Barbara Warren; 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



2015-2016 First Day  
Monday, August 17  
6:30 am

We are excited to begin the 2015-2016 new school year. We are starting the year with 44 children enrolled and have several spaces still available.



## LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM  
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

# DISCIPLES WOMEN EVENING POOL PARTY AND BABY SHOWER HONORING TIFFANIE GREGORY

Thursday ♦ August 13 ♦ 6:00 pm at Linda Cronenberg's Home  
3505 Brett Jackson, Crowley ♦ 817-201-8074

Hostesses are Lolly Ellis, Marion Higginbotham, Joan Kearns and Linda Cronenberg.

Janie Rudolph and Iris Wilson will present the Study and Worship

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

*Carpool at 5:30 pm from FLC.*

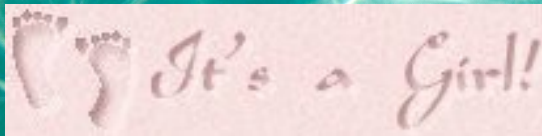
Bring a salad or a dessert with a serving spoon. Bring a towel if you swim.

ALL LADES OF THE CHURCH AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED!

## Ideas for Felicity Kaye Gregory

Items most used and needed include:

Disposable Diapers, Unscented Wipes, Baby  
Laundry Detergent, Baby Toiletries, Bibs, Burp  
Cloths, Receiving Blankets, Avent Bottles,  
Dr. Brown Bottles, Diaper Genie Refills,  
Sleepers (any size), Gift Cards



## ITEMS for the LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper,  
Healthy Snacks: Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,  
Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-Its,  
Animal Crackers  
Cereal such as Fruit Loops,  
Cinnamon Toast Crunch  
Socks Sizes - Baby, 3-6 Mo., 6-12 Mo.  
Toys - Ages Infant to 24 Months

## DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, August 13  
8:30 pm

Elks Diner  
344 SW Wilshire Blvd Suite B  
Burleson

## ELKS DINER

