

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 11, 2014



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

Making Time For Prayer

"And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray.

When evening came, He was there alone." -- Matthew 14:23

"Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He will hear my voice." — Psalm 55:17

It can simply be too much. Life, that is. Work, people, the media, the noise, the demands, the stress can squeeze out the energy and enthusiasm that should characterize the wonder all around us. We feel life has become like an old, lumpy, overstuffed chair that has long since lost its ability to provide comfort. We search about for an escape, a change, a way to turn the craziness into some semblance of order and peace.

It was the same for Jesus. He had spent hours teaching, listening, touching, healing. He had not had any lunch break, no respite at the local Starbucks, no time to share the concerns of His own heart, no relaxing moments in a quiet place. It was just people and their needs, people and their needs, people and their needs. What was different for Him, however, was that He was not afraid to step away from stress into solitude.

While we may be adept at claiming an hour here or there for being "alone," we rarely hear and respond to the inner need to be absolutely and completely apart. Such solitude is not escape from something, but entry into Someone. We send the world away in order to create a space where we can pray to the God who waits for us in the sheer silence of our own solitude.

The good news is that God is always ready to hear our prayer. There are no rims or borders that can block the ears of God. Even time — that earthly reality which we order and live our lives — has no jurisdiction over heaven. We know those rims and borders all too well in human life. We "do" our lives by following the hands or digits on the clock.

So often we feel like there's more to do than there are hours in a day, and our time for prayer gets pushed farther down on the "to do" list. We reserve our prayer time for when we are in church, or when we are in some crisis, or before we eat our meals. We are sure that God listens to us then, and we feel good about dedicating those times to prayer.

We might do well to take the Psalmist's advice, however. Imagine speaking with God in the evening when the shades of day are drawn and we are preparing for sleep. Imagine praying when our eyes open to see the shades of night pulled back to give us a new day of life, a new day filled with untold opportunities and possibilities. Imagine stopping for a few moments in the heat of noontime — the heat of activity — to pray our way into the remainder of the day. We would find our hearts quieted, our spirits surging with gratitude, our souls centered in the breath of God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	07/27/14
Gen. Fund	1,578.00
Build. Fund	377.00
Faith Matters	215.00
"0" Birthday	5.00

Offering	08/03/14
Gen. Fund	2,373.00
Build. Fund	1,202.00
Faith Matters	390.00

Offering	08/10/14
Gen. Fund	1,984.00
Build. Fund	402.00
Faith Matters	730.00
CLOTH Fund	7.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 3, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	56
August 10, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	52



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger
in the Chapel Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Elvie Stanley; Barbara Warren;
Linda Robinson; Maya McGee; Ralph & Mariel
Biggs; Pat West; Katie Christiansen; Suzanne
Sanderson; Charlie Kuehlem 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.*



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

7.8 Pounds
\$165.00 in cash donations

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014

11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting-
Jean Crawford's Home
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

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 18, 2014

6:30 AM FCCLC First Day of 2014-2015
School Year

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014

10:00 AM Trinity-Brazos Area Board Meeting-
Riverside Disciples Ministry Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

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 25, 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Well summer is almost over and the church of-
fice will go back to the fall and winter hours.
Beginning on Monday, August 18, 2014, the
church office will be open Monday-Thursday
from 6:30 am-4:30
pm and closed on
Fridays.



**Church
Office
Hours**

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:

The family of Richard Allen
Patricia Caldwell
Wayne & Anne English
Elizabeth Gamb
Deana McCoy
Flora Roe
The family of Elvie Stanley
Barbara Tucker
Needra Womack
Carole Wright
Cheryl Tinkler-Steve McGee's sister
Teresa & Simon
Unspoken Prayer Concern
Victims of violence around the world

We Rejoice With:

Bill Carlton
Roy & Linda Cronenberg

Continued Prayers for:

Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Cindy Cox, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle DePratter, Anne English, Cyndy Garrett, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Danny Rubis, Jean Rubis, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, Greg Wright, Roseann 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



LINE DANCING CLASS

SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Families are welcome too!

LEARNING CENTER NEWS



The Learning Center will open for the 2014-2015 school year on Monday, August 18, 2014. We open the year with 40 children on roll, and still have a few spots available.



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 11:30 am

Jean Crawford's Home

713 Pecan Street, Burleson - 817-253-0424

Mary Bryan and Kaye Gregory are hostesses.

Dorothy Nash will present the Study and Worship.

*Need a ride? Call Marion at 817-454-0736
or carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:25 am.*

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

Bring Your Offering & Personal Items for Harvest House

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Women's Retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens
October 24-25-26**



TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA HABITAT CARTER WORK PROJECT

If you would like to volunteer to work on the Habitat Carter Work Project, you must pre-register by Friday, August 15, 2014. If you would like to volunteer to work, there is a registration process that must be followed. Please call the church office before August 15th for more information.