

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 22, 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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817-295-0750

Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship 8:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours (beginning 8/15/16): Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: 6:30 am-5:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Importance of Meditation

"Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper."

—Psalm 1:2-3

Here, in the very first Psalm, we find an important key for our lives as believers to be fruitful and prosperous. And that key is meditation. The psalmist describes the one who prospers as one who meditates "day and night". The spiritual discipline of meditation goes beyond simply reading or hearing the scriptures - it is the intentional quieting of the heart and the mind so that we can be fully receptive to God's word as it speaks to our lives anew each day. Meditation is not just hearing God's word, but fully receiving it in our minds, our hearts and surely, our souls.

We know how our thoughts influence our behavior, so what we think about is very important. That is why God wants us not to just hear His word, but to meditate upon it. Author Jim Downing says God considers meditation a "vital exercise of the minds of His children".

Author and preacher Rick Warren describes meditation this way - "Meditation is focused thinking. It takes serious effort. You select a verse and reflect on it over and over in your mind...if you know how to worry, you already know how to meditate." Warren goes on to say, "No other habit can do more to transform your life and make you more like Jesus than daily reflection on Scripture...If you look up all the times God speaks about meditation in the Bible, you will be amazed at the benefits He has promised to those who take the time to reflect on His word throughout the day."

The spiritual discipline of meditation on the word of God brings its truth and light to bear powerfully upon our minds and souls. Since we are made in the image of God, we are not shallow creatures, but are very profound ones. We have the opportunity to be deeply affected and beautifully transformed by the living word of God. As we contemplate and reflect on His word, allowing it to expose, redefine and transform every area of our lives, we will flourish like a tree planted by a river, and whatever we do will prosper. Yet, we must remember, it all begins with meditation.

Speaking about meditation, Charles Spurgeon said, "He is not the best student, who reads the most books, but he who meditates the most upon them; He shall not learn most of divinity who hears the greatest number of sermons, but he who meditates the most devoutly upon what he does hear; nor shall he be so profound a scholar who takes down ponderous volumes one after the other, as he who, reading little by little, precept upon precept, and line upon line, digests what he learns, and assimilates each sentiment to his heart by meditation."

And finally, Dr. Bruce Demarest writes, "A quieted heart is our best preparation for all this work of God...Meditation refocuses us from ourselves and from the world so that we reflect on God's Word. His nature, His abilities, and His works...so we prayerfully ponder, muse and 'chew' the words of Scripture...The goal is simply to permit the Holy Spirit to activate the life-giving Word of God."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/07/16
General Fund	2,720.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	382.00

OFFERING	08/14/16
General Fund	3,788.00
FCC-Local Only	355.00
Building Fund	957.00
CLOTH Fund	14.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 14, 2016	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	66
August 21, 2016	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	64



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Michelle Nieman in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Charlie Kuehlem; Jim & Barbara Smith; John & Dottie Mehaffey; James Dennis; Radmehr Mosheim; Ann Miller; Edyn, Micah, & Quinn Nelson; Vincent Laurange; Andrew Bryan; Steve Lafleur; Cindy Rio; Sharon Jennings; 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.

LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

We are off and running on the 2016-2017 school year. All of the students are settling into their routines. A BIG thank you goes to the women of FCC for the treat bags that were given to all of the teachers. They were greatly appreciated. Also another thank you goes to Mary Bryan for making her fabulous sopapilla cheesecake for dessert the first day of teacher training. Look for more updates in the newsletter as the year progresses!



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)
- No Choir Practice

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 11:00 AM Special Offering for Wings of Hope (S)
- No Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

- 6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- No Choir Practice

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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)
- 11:00 AM Special Offering for Wings of Hope (S)
- 12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)
- No Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Janie Rudolph's Home)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

- No Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Hymn Service (S)
- 12:00 PM Potluck Luncheon (FLC)
- No Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published
- 6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

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



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:

John Callison
Imogene Cottman
Wayne English
Pat Fischer-Carole Wright's friend
Steve Hindman
Rae McGowan
Shea Pulliam-the Welch's granddaughter
Flood Victims in Louisiana
Teachers, students & parents-new school year

We Rejoice With:

Dewey Struck-Peggy Johnson &
Donna Huggins' dad celebrated
his 95th birthday Saturday,
August 20.

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Annie Cromwell, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales,
John Higginbotham, Karen Milburn, 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

AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



47 Pounds of Food

\$281.00 in Cash Donations

Our next Harvest House Sunday is
September 4th. Please bring canned fruit
and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, mac n
cheese, snacks such as goldfish crackers,
Cheez-Its, cereals, etc.

Choir Practice Resumes

Wednesday,
September 7.
We need you!
Please join us!!



Southwest Regional Assembly
"Faith WITH Works is ALIVE!"

Saturday and Sunday
October 29-October 30, 2016

Northway Christian Church in Dallas

You can register online or by PDF that can be
completed on your computer or by hand.

You can find further information at ccsw.org/ra2016
or you can call the church office.





BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Linda Cronenberg
9/4	Lyda Speirs
9/5	Jack Gregory, Sr.
9/5	Brandon Ptak
9/6	Clay Robinson
9/6	David Argüello
9/12	Maxine Lee
9/13	John Higginbotham
9/17	Tony White
9/19	Angela Tolliver
9/23	Wade Bryan
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/24	Scott Vastine
9/24	Steve Hindman
9/26	Felicity Gregory
9/29	Magunn Carroll



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn

Greeters: Ed & Karen Willette

Communion Preparation:

Tommy Kaker

Attendance Registers: Angela Kaker

Children's Moment:

04 Dorothy Nash

11 Angela Tolliver

18 Karen Willette

25 Suzanne Barton

Scripture Reading:

04 Ronnie Johnson

11 Angela Kaker

18 Tommy Kaker

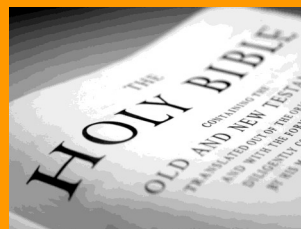
25 Angela Tolliver

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela

Kaker; Jim & Georgia Sanders

Serving at the Table:

Richard & Mary Bryan



O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

We need your help! We are planning a very special worship service for Sunday, September 11th. With Pastor Mike and Joan out of town that day, our 11 a.m. service will provide the opportunity to sing together several of our favorite hymns. You will find an insert in our worship bulletins for the next two Sundays inviting you to suggest some of your favorite hymns to be considered for the service. Of course, we likely will not be able to honor every request, but we will do our best to include the most popular requests. So plan to share your favorites and let us sing to the Lord together. And plan to stay for our monthly Potluck Luncheon immediately following the service in the Family Life Center.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday,
September 8, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Janie Rudolph's Home
416 Hudson, Burleson
817-925-5177



Meet at the FLC parking lot at 11:15 am to carpool or if you need a ride, call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

Barbara Bond, Dorothy Nash and Janie are hostesses.
Study and Worship by Janie Rudolph and Iris Wilson.

SERVICE PROJECT for LEARNING CENTER

Unscented Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper,
Healthy Snacks Including: *Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits, Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-Its, Animal Crackers, Fruit Loops and Cheerios (Please no snacks with nuts)*
Bring items to the meeting or take to the church office.



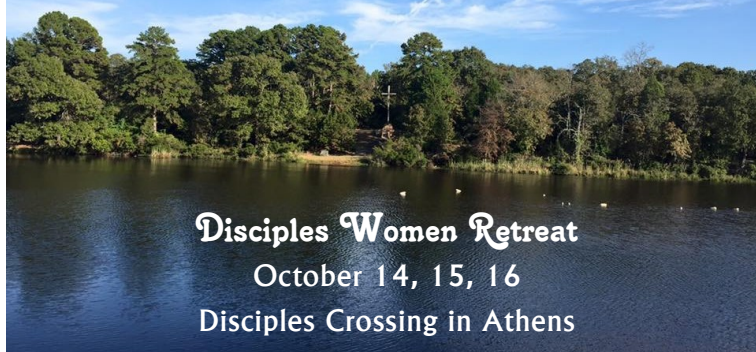
DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

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Ladies, Mark Your Calendars



Disciples Women Retreat
October 14, 15, 16
Disciples Crossing in Athens

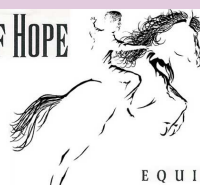


16 ladies attended the DISCIPLES WOMEN MEXICAN
HAYSTACK SUPPER AND SWIM PARTY in August.

11 ladies stayed to enjoy the pool and Perseid Meteor Shower!



WINGS OF HOPE



EQUITHERAPY

Special Offering
Aug. 28 and
Sept. 4

On August 28 and September 4, we will PASS THE BASKET and collect a special offering to help support the mission of Wings of Hope.

Wings of Hope is a local equitherapy organization celebrating its 20th year of ministry. Its mission is to provide equine-assisted activities to children and adults with unique physical, mental and emotional challenges. Their core purpose is to provide hope and healing through gentle horses and the love of God.

Additionally, they have a dedicated program for military service members, veterans and family members through Operation Hoofbeat.

Several of our church members or their families have benefitted from Wings of Hope. Others have volunteered as walkers or served on their Board of Directors.

Write checks to First Christian Church and note in the memo — Wings of Hope.





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



September 2016

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) No Line Dance Class (FLC)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		1	2	3
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18	19 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	20	21 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (MR)	22	23	24
25	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)	27	28 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	29	30	