

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 24, 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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Greatest Gift of Love

"Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." -- Galatians 6:10.

Perhaps the greatest benchmark of our faith is the absolute knowledge of God's immeasurable love for every one of us. That most familiar 16th verse of the 3rd chapter in John's gospel says it best: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."* We know that because of God's love, we have life.

We also know that God's love for us is timeless -- He loves us every moment of every day. -- He continually dwells within us and among us, loving us beyond our ability to comprehend. The psalmist, in the 139th psalm says it this way: *"O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it."* And in the 121st psalm, he says, *"The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."* These words of assurance give us the confidence we need to live each day to the fullest, knowing we reside in God's boundless love.

As Christians, we know Jesus' commandments: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,"* and *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* We hear the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Galatians encourage those early Christians saying, *"Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

So, if we are to love one another, as God has loved us, what is the greatest gift of love? I believe that the greatest gift of love that we can give to another is our time and our attention, because whatever we pay attention to is going to grow. If we pay attention to our garden, it's going to grow. If we pay attention to our work, it is going to grow. If we pay attention to the members of our families, those relationships are going to grow.

The greatest gift of love we can give is focused attention. We can affirm others by offering them our time and attention -- by looking them in the eye -- by telling them that what they have to say to us is important because they matter to us. Giving others our time and attention is saying, "I value you -- I care about you -- and I love you." What others want more than anything else is focused attention. They want to know that their thoughts matter, that their lives matter and that they are valuable and loved in our eyes.

As we continue on our journeys of faith, may we look for opportunities to show attention to the people in our lives -- to freely offer our time and our love to each of them, as it has been so freely given to us.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/16/15
General Fund	1,911.00
FCC-Local Only	535.00
Building Fund	1,212.00

OFFERING	08/23/15
General Fund	1,257.25
FCC-Local Only	390.00
Building Fund	507.00
CLOTH Fund	49.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 16, 2015	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	62
August 23, 2015	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	53



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Debbie Hiller and Roy Fries in the Chapel Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Iris Wilson; Ashley Coontz; Roger Graves; Kristen Prather; James Dennis; Hilda Rushing; Emmy Nash 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.



**STEWARDSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26
6:00 PM - MEETING ROOM**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 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 NO Line Dance Class

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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)
- 4:00 PM NO Line Dance Class

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting - Elks Diner
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting - Mary Bryan's Home

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

- 10:00 AM Set Up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

- 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 Potluck Luncheon (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(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:

Sandy Brown
Ruby Carlton
Roy Cronenberg
Greta Eller
Pene Enochs
Bill Gunn
Rhonda Janusch
Ray Maxon & his daughter
Ronnie Moss
Betty Peterson
Jean Rubis
Bill Sholders
Pat West & Family
Monica Williams
Barbara-Carole Wright's Daughter
Cassidy-a friend of Pene Enochs
The family of Edith-a Trinity Mission Resident
Paula-a friend of Pene Enochs
Reba-mother of Alisha & Patricia

We Rejoice With:

John Higginbotham
Barbara Warren

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; Needra Womack, 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

We are off and running for our 5th year!
We have 44 children currently enrolled
and have some spots still available.
Parents and students are adjusting well,
and we are looking forward to having a
fun and exciting year.

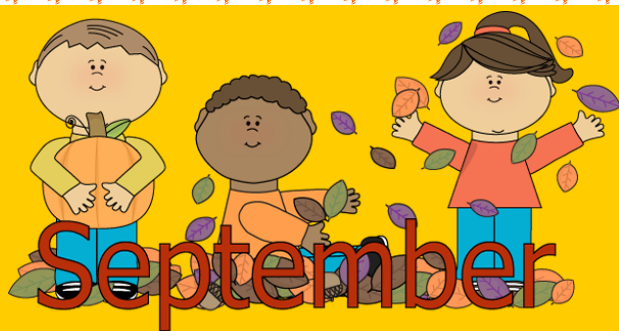


LINE DANCING CLASS

Class will resume on
September 13, 2015.

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Linda Cronenberg
9/5	Jack Gregory, Sr.
9/5	Brandon Ptak
9/6	Clay Robinson
9/12	Maxine Lee
9/13	John Higginbotham
9/17	Tony White
9/23	Wade Bryan
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/24	Scott Vastine
9/24	Steve Hindman
9/25	Dick Nash
9/29	Magunn Carroll



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn
Greeters: Wayne & Anne English
Communion Preparation:
 Steve & Vicki Rubis
Attendance Registers: Carol Gunn
Children's Sermon:
 06 Kaye Gregory
 13 Suzanne Barton
 20 Mary Bryan
 27 Richard Bryan
Scripture Reading:
 06 Bill Gunn
 13 Carol Gunn
 20 Jerry Hay
 27 Marion Higginbotham
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
 Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;
 Marion Higginbotham



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 6TH

Harvest
HOUSE



Items needed include cereal, canned vegetables, canned/dried beans, peanut butter, jelly, Mac 'n cheese, snacks for school lunches such as goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, etc.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING AND LUNCHEON



Thursday • September 10 •

11:30 a.m. at Mary Bryan's Home
216 SW Taylor, Burleson • 817-295-3390

Joan Kearns, Dorothy Nash and Mary are our hostesses.
Dorothy Nash and Iris Wilson will present the Study and Worship.

*If you need a ride to the church, contact Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.
Be at the Family Life Center parking lot at 11:20 p.m. to carpool.*

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH & THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED!

**MEETING TIME IS
11:30 a.m.**

**DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT IN ATHENS
October 16-18**

SERVICE PROJECT for 2015 — 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 - Cheerios*
Socks - Sizes *Baby, 3-6 Months & 6-12 Months*, Toys for Ages *Infants to 24 Months*



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday September 10, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd
Suite B, Burleson

ELKS DINER



**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



**"Make a Joyful
Noise Unto
the Lord"**
Psalm 100

**CHOIR
PRACTICE
BEGINS
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 pm
(Sanctuary)**

THE VISION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

To be a faithful,
growing church,
that demonstrates
true community,
deep Christian
spirituality and a
passion for justice.

Read Micah 6:8



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



September 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)		1	2	3	4	5
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Mtg (MR)	7  Church Office Closed	8	9 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	10 8:30 AM - DMF Meeting - Elks Diner 11:30 AM - DWF Meeting - Mary Bryan's Home	11	12 10:00 AM - Set up for Fellowship Luncheon
13 12:00 PM - Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (MR)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24	25	26
27 Reconciliation Special Offering	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		