

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 8, 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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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

Storms In Our Lives

"When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified, but immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'" —Mark 6:49-50

In these August days when the oppressive heat is usually the primary topic of our weather conversations, we don't think or speak much of storms. But such was not the case for me 46 years ago when, on August 3, 1970, Hurricane Celia furiously arrived in Corpus Christi bringing with it sustained winds of 180 miles per hour and gusts even higher. Home from my freshman year at TCU, my father and I had installed the 3/4-inch plywood over all of our windows - when the electricity and telephones went out, we found our way around inside with the aid of a Coleman lantern and flashlights. Our transistor radio was our only contact with the outside world. Needless to say, we were terrified - our greatest fear was that the wind would literally rip the roof off of the house. Now, all of these years later, I cannot think of a day when I was more afraid. Fortunately, the roof held and in the following days we realized how fortunate we were compared to so many who lost their homes and several who lost their lives. We gave thanks to God that day, for we, once again, knew we lived under the shelter of His grace.

In the 6th chapter of Mark's gospel, Jesus sent the disciples ahead of Him to Bethsaida while He went off by Himself to pray. It wasn't a long trip by boat, but they were blown off course by a storm, and when Jesus saw them struggling against the wind in the middle of the lake, He came to their aid.

We all encounter storms in our lives - not just physical, weather-related storms, but events and circumstances that blow us off course. We're blown off course by situations that are beyond our control. Our plans and our dreams are side-tracked by various storms and, at times, we are tempted to give up hope of getting to where we had hoped to go. We just want to get back to safety.

What does Jesus do when we're at our moments of desperation? When the disciples were afraid, Jesus came towards them, walking on the sea. Notice He didn't tell the disciples to come to Him. He knew they couldn't get to Him. He went to them. When we're at that point of desperation, Jesus will come to us!

In reading this story, it is very assuring to me that Jesus did not stand on the shore and shout instructions. When we are in the midst of one of our life storms, we don't need advice. We need a miracle. We need someone to show up, and that is what Jesus did. He intervened in the disciples' storm.

This is the good news of the Gospel - that God doesn't stand on the shoreline telling us what to do. He comes out and meets us in the midst of our storms - in the midst of our pain, our fears, our depression and our discouragement. He comes to us. Thank God!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/24/16
General Fund	1,886.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	602.00
CLOTH Fund	8.00

OFFERING	07/31/16
General Fund	3,503.00
FCC-Local Only	330.00
Building Fund	1,457.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 31, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	62
August 7, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	63



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Michelle Nieman in the Chapel Service.

James Dennis; Greta Eller; Kristin Prather; Charlie Kuehlem; Wanda Crowder; John & Dottie Mehaffey; Jake & Lauren Wichterich; JoAnn Mason; Ann Miller; Ken, Bobbi, Lexi, Shay & Kodi Korneychuk; 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.

Thanks to all who shared our 60th Wedding Anniversary reception with us. Your cards, good wishes, and tacky comments were enjoyed and appreciated. What a joy to have our family, friends and church family all together! We are truly blessed!

Burt & Barbara Bond



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
6:30 PM Disciples Women Dinner & Swim Party (Linda Cronenberg's Home)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

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 Sandwich Luncheon Provided (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

6:30 AM First day of FCCLC 2016-2017 School Year
6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

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 22, 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



LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

The Learning Center 2016-2017 school year begins on Monday, August 15, 2016. The Learning Center hours are Monday-Friday, 6:30 am-5:30 pm.



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:

Imogene Cottman
Bonnie DePratter
Genna Edmonds
Wayne English
Tina Gregory-the Gregory's daughter-in-law
Gabby Houghton-Janie Rudolph's granddaughter
Steve McGee's sister-in-law's recovery
Rick-Bill Gunn's friend
Dean-Pene Enochs' son
Friend of Pene Enochs
Peggy-Beverly Sholders' friend
Safety for travelers

We Rejoice With:

Burt & Barbara Bond as they
celebrated their 60 Wedding
Anniversary
The Gunn's have a new great-
granddaughter
Jean Rubis celebrated her 88th
birthday!
Zero Birthday party for Barbara
Bond & Bernice Williams

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SERVING AT THE TABLE SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER, 2016-JANUARY 2017

AUGUST	Wayne English Bill Gunn	NOVEMBER	Richard Bryan Steve Rubis
SEPTEMBER	Mary Bryan Richard Bryan	DECEMBER	Bill Gunn Jack Gregory, Jr.
OCTOBER	Jack Gregory, Jr. Wayne English	JANUARY, 2017	Mary Bryan Wayne English

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEXICAN HAYSTACK SUPPER AND SWIM PARTY

Thursday, August 11, 2016
6:30 p.m. at Linda Cronenberg's Home
3505 Brett Jackson, Crowley
817-201-8074



Meet at the FLC parking lot at 6:00 pm to carpool or if you need a ride, call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

Mary Bryan and Linda are hostesses.

Study and Worship by Mary Bryan and Iris Wilson.

Bring a towel if you plan on swimming.

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH & GUESTS ARE INVITED



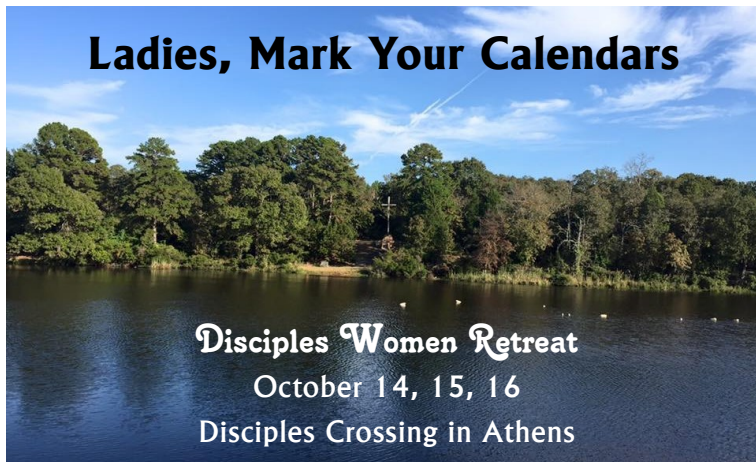
DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, Aug. 11, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

Ladies, Mark Your Calendars



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



From the bottom of our hearts we thank all of you who supported us following the death of our sister and aunt, Patsy McLendon Teague. A very special thanks to Pastor Mike and Joan who drove to Longview for the service and for Mike presenting the closing prayer. Our whole family was most appreciative.

*Love to all,
Margie Lile and Kaye Gregory*



Be Our Guests

At The August Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, August 14, 2016
Following the 11:00 am Worship Service
In the Family Life Center

A sandwich luncheon will be provided.
Please make plans to attend and invite a friend!

