

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 15, 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

The God Who Dreamed

"In the beginning was the Word, . . . And the Word became flesh and lived among us."-- John 1:1, 14

Seated at the great desk, the Author opens the large book. It has no words. It has no words because no words exist. No words exist because no words are needed. There are no ears to hear them, no eyes to read them. The Author is alone. And so he takes the great pen and begins to write. Like an artist gathers his colors and a woodcarver his tools, the Author assembles his words.

He takes his quill and spells the first. T-i-m-e. Time did not exist until he wrote it. He, himself, is timeless, but his story would be encased in time. The story would have a first rising of the sun, a first shifting of the sand. A beginning...and an end. A final chapter. He knows it before he writes it. Time. A foot span on eternity's trail.

Slowly, tenderly, the Author wrote the second word. A name. A-d-a-m. As he writes, he sees him, the first Adam. Then he sees all the others. In a thousand eras in a thousand lands, the Author sees them. Each Adam. Each child. Instantly loved. Permanently loved. To each he appoints a place. No accidents. No coincidences...Just design.

The Author makes a promise to these unborn: *In my image, I will make you. You will be like me. You will laugh. You will create. You will never die. And you will write.* They must. For each life is a book, not to be read, but rather a story to be written. The Author starts each life story, but each life will write his or her ending. What a dangerous liberty. How much safer it would have been to finish the story for each Adam. To script every option. It would have been simpler. It would have been safer. But it would not have been love. Love is only love if chosen. So the Author decides to give each child a pen. "Write carefully," he whispers.

Lovingly, deliberately, he writes the third word, already feeling the pain. E-m-m-a-n-u-e-l. The greatest mind in the universe imagined time. The truest judge granted Adam a choice. But it was love that gave Emmanuel, God with us. The Author would enter his own story. The Word would become flesh. He, too, would be born. He, too, would be human. He, too, would have feet and hands. He, too, would have tears and trials. And most importantly, he, too, would have a choice. Emmanuel would stand at the crossroads of life and death and make a choice.

The Author knows well the weight of that decision. He pauses as he writes the page of his own pain. He could stop. Even the Author has a choice. But how can a Creator not create? How can a Writer not write? And how can Love not love? So he chooses life, though it means death, with hope that his children will do the same.

And so the Author of Life completes the story. He drives the spike in the flesh and rolls the stone over the grave. Knowing the choice he will make, knowing the choice all Adams will make, he pens, "The End," then closes the book and proclaims the beginning.

"Let there be light!"

Max Lucado - - "A Gentle Thunder"

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	11/23/14
Gen. Fund	1,497.00
Build. Fund	917.00
Faith Matters	10.00
Thanksgiving Offering	80.00

Offering	11/30/14
Gen. Fund	1,745.00
Build. Fund	1,057.00
Faith Matters	135.00

Offering	12/07/14
Gen. Fund	4,028.00
Build. Fund	635.00
Faith Matters	610.00
Gas Royalties	641.42

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 30, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	65
December 7, 2014	
Chapel Service	0
Traditional	74
December 14, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	72



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Rick Nelson; Marilyn Murray; Barbara Warren; Linda Robinson; Ann Gartman; Kevin, Nancy & Austyn Taylor; Sharon Jennings; Emma, Mallory, Shelby, Kelly, Kathy & Terry Peterson; Ralph & Mariel Biggs; Charlie Kuehlem; Marlene Baysinger; Mike Toole; James Dennis; Tina Klein; Brian, Michelle & Daniel McCrory; Walker & Findley Maxwell; Ray Maxim; Greta Eller; Joe Gamb; Mary Black; Carol Dalton; & Mary Jo Coates in the Traditional Service.

We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT-LOVE

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
No Line Dance Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

6:00 PM Candlelight Service (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
No Line Dance Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014

New Year's Eve!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 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 Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

Disciples Women Installation of
Officers - Time to be Determined
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 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 medical conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

Ricky Arnold
Evelyn Capps
Cindy Cox
Ronnie Eager
Jimmy, Elizabeth Gamb's Grandson
Rae McGowan
Dorothy Nash
Yvonne Queen
Andrew, Flora Roe's Grandson
The family of Debbie Rubis' father
Brandi Sharpe, the Gamb's granddaughter
Kevin Taylor
Don Vardeman
Braxton, Carole Wright's great grandson
Richard Yarborough

We Rejoice With:

Advent Season
35th Wedding Anniversary of
Steve & Diana McGee
Rick Nelson transferred his
membership to our church.
Jeff & Sharon (Yowell) Rowe
Wedding on Dec. 13, 2014
Thanks to everyone who stayed
and decorated the church for
Advent and Christmas.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton; Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cindy Cox,
Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Flora Roe,
Danny Rubis, Juanita Stewart, 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

LINE DANCING CLASS



Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LINE
DANCING ON DECEMBER 21 AND
DECEMBER 28.

DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE



36 Pounds of Food
\$255.00 in Cash
Donations

January Harvest House Sunday is
January 4th!

Please bring items to restock the shelves.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BURLESON
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:00 PM



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Mary Bourland
1/9 Lolly Ellis
1/10 Richard Bryan
1/10 Onita Holton
1/20 Jane Rudolph
1/26 Elizabeth Gamb
1/27 Ronnie Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 21st is the deadline to contribute to the Staff Love Offering. Please give offerings to Peggy Johnson.

Congratulations to Jeff & Sharon (Yowell) Rowe who were married Saturday, December 13, 2014 at First Christian Church Burleson!



JANUARY



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Steve McGee
Greeters: Angela Kaker; Beverly Sholders
Acolyte Attendant: Marion Higginbotham
Communion Preparation: Don Welch
Attendance Registers: Ronnie Johnson
Children's Sermon:
04 Kaye Gregory
11 Diana McGee
18 Mary Bryan
25 Richard Bryan
Scripture Reading:
04 Marion Higginbotham
11 Rhonda Janusch
18 Angela Kaker
25 Diana McGee
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
Don & Kathy Welch
Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;
Bill Gunn

BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2015

6:00 PM

**All Current and New Members;
need to attend this meeting.**

Please take a moment to look over the Poinsettia-In Honor Of and In Memory Of that are in this newsletter. If you have any changes, please call the church office (817-295-0589) and let Terri know as soon as possible.

