

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 16, 2013



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.

Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

Website: www.fccburleson.org

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817-295-4123	817-295-0750

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

What Will We Give?

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" - Ephesians 5:1-2

In O. Henry's classic story, *The Gift of the Magi*, a young man and woman, deeply in love, give each other gifts from the heart at Christmas. The young woman sells her beautiful, long hair to pay for a chain for the man's prized watch, while he sells the watch to pay for combs for her hair. The selfless acts of this young couple have touched many hearts since O. Henry penned those words in 1906.

In today's busy world, even at Yuletide, too many of us think first of ourselves and then of others. The Apostle Paul's words in Ephesians remind us that we are to "walk in love" after the example that Christ himself set for us in the sacrifice of His very life for our salvation. Walking in love with those around us does not have to involve extensive time or financial commitment, as it is not the size of the gift that Paul and O. Henry were referring to. It is the condition of the heart that matters.

What motivates us during this holiday season? Think about the gifts on which we spend so much money and time. Is our intention to impress the receiver with the amazing gift we have chosen, or to sacrifice a part of ourselves through the act of giving? Paul suggests that our Savior has provided the model of sacrifice and gift-giving that we are to follow.

Perhaps we should take the time to consider what we can truly give of ourselves. Instead of rushing around to seven different stores to buy the "perfect" gift, we should spend some time with God to ask how He can use us to talk in love with those around us. Let us listen to Paul's words and make an offering of ourselves to others in ways we have never done before.

This Christmas season, let us challenge ourselves to give gifts of the heart - gifts of sacrifice and selflessness. Give the gift of the magi, and marvel at what God can do when we truly give of ourselves in His service.

May we all experience a Merry and a Blessed Christmas!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	11/24/13
Gen. Fund	316.00
Build. Fund	242.00
CLOTH Fund	400.00

Offering	12/01/13
Gen. Fund	4,061.00
Build. Fund	1,467.00
CLOTH Fund	25.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 1, 2013	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	47
December 8, 2013	
Chapel Service-No service due to inclement weather	
Traditional	6
December 15, 2013	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	67



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Charlie Kuehlem; Ralph & Marie Biggs; Jim & Georgia Sanders; Linda Robinson; Barbara Warren; Maya McGee; Imogene Cottman; Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam; Micaela & Emily Cronenberg; Tracy & Seth Sargent 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 NEWS

Wow!! We have been busy during the 3 weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas break. During December, we are learning about the letters I and S, the number 5, the color yellow and the star shape. Our Bible story is of course about the birth of Jesus! We are working on a lot of Christmas crafts and projects. A very special visitor came during our Polar Express day! All those who would sit on Santa's lap had their picture made with him. We will have our Christmas party this Thursday, at 4 pm and then we will be closed from December 23-January 5 for the holidays.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2013

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (E)

3:00 PM Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival
(University Christian Church)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (Meeting Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014

6:30 PM Disciples Women Installation Dinner

7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014

10:00 AM Set-up for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2014

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

During the holidays the church office will be closed from

December 24-December 27. And from December 31-January 2. We will resume our normal office hours of 6:30 am-4:30 pm on January 6. If you have any emergency during this time, please call Pastor Mike at (214) 364-6453 or an Elder.

The Power of Prayer



CONCERNS:

Roseann Wright is having medical issues.

Carole Wright is still having knee and back pain.

Burleson boys burned by an accident in a backyard before Thanksgiving.

Rob English's brother-in-law was killed in a car accident going home for Thanksgiving.

Ben Thompson, the brother-in-law of Tommy Kaker's boss, passed away. He was 38 years old.

Edna McQueen Shelton is at home in hospice care.

Lee Glazer passed away from cancer.

John Hill, one of our members at Trinity Mission, passed away. His Memorial Service is Saturday, January 4 at 2:00 pm at Trinity Mission. Terry Williams and Mike Kearns will lead the service.

Scott Fair passed away on December 15. He graduated from Burleson High School with Ky Gregory and Natalie Findley Argüello.

Susie Gaines' health continues to decline. She is Bonnie DePratter's 59 year old sister.

Valerie Stuart has a personal problem with an extended family member. Prayers for peace.

JOYS:

Congratulations to Burt & Barbara Bond on the birth of their new great grandson. Miles was born on November 25th.

Congratulations to Brian & Gabby Houghton on the birth of their first son, Rylee Damien Houghton, born November 20. He weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz, and was 19 inches long. Lynn Quarzenski is the grandmother and Jane Rudolph is the great grandmother.

Congratulations to Pastor Mike on the birth of his first grandson! Henry A Kearns was born on December 4th and weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 oz. Parents are Robert & Caitlin Kearns of Baltimore, MD.

Congratulations to Bill & Penny Enochs on the birth of their new great grandson, Brandon.

Continued Prayers for:

Dick Nash, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, Doyle DePratter, Brooke Hester (Carol Findley's cousin), Christal McGee, Bobbie Cockerham, Jean Rubis, Roseann Wright, Ruby Carlton, Edna McQueen Shelton, Burt Bond, John Higginbotham, Bryson Bonds, Diane Chilton, Flora Roe, Cyndy Garrett, Greg Wright, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

GySgt Ky B. Gregory and his troops in Afghanistan, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee, Landon Wheeler

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the items that were sent out here to Afghanistan. It didn't take long at all for the stuff to disappear. The Marines were very thankful!

Hope to see you next summer,
Ky Gregory



The choir will not meet for practice again this year!!

We will begin practice sometime after the new year. Watch your newsletter for when our first practice of 2014 will be!



SAVE THE DATE!

The evening of February 15, 2014
A Valentine Celebration hosted by Disciples Men

2014 APPROVED CHURCH OFFICERS

Board Members

Kaye Gregory (3 Year Term)
Linda Cronenberg (3 Year Term)
Rae McGowan (3 Year Term)
Vicki Rubis (3 Year Term)
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 Year Term)
Wesley Kaker, Youth (1 Year Term)

Elders

Mary Bryan (3 Year Term)
Steve Rubis (3 Year Term)

Disciples Women Officers

Marion Higginbotham - President
Mary Bryan - Vice President
Kathy Welch - Secretary
Lolly Ellis - Treasurer
Margie Lile - Study & Worship
Juanice Wichterich - Hospitality



Deacons

Carol Gunn (1 Year Term)
Juanice Wichterich (1 Year Term)
Roy Cronenberg (2 Year Term)
Linda Cronenberg (2 Year Term)
Tommy Kaker (2 Year Term)
Angela Kaker (2 Year Term)
Lolly Ellis (2 Year Term)
Sandra Hay (2 Year Term)
Jerry Hay (2 Year Term)
Wesley Kaker, Youth Deacon (1 Year Term)

Disciples Men Officers

Richard Bryan
Jack Gregory, Jr.
Steve McGee



BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Clint Bourland
1/9	Lolly Ellis
1/10	Richard Bryan
1/10	Onita Holton
1/15	Cynde Bishop
1/20	Janie Rudolph
1/26	Elizabeth Gamb
1/27	Ronnie Johnson



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Wayne & Anne English

Acolyte Attendant: Don Welch

Communion Preparation: Jerry Hay

Attendance Registers: Tommy Kaker

Children's Sermon:

05 Richard Bryan
12 Suzanne Barton
19 Mary Bryan
26 Diana McGee

Scripture Reading:

05 Angela Kaker
12 Tommy Kaker
19 Diana McGee
26 Barbara Bond

Deacon Team: Don & Kathy Welch;
Tommy & Angela Kaker

Serving at the Table: Marion Higginbotham;
Carol Gunn



Poinsettias In Honor Of



In Honor Of

Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Church Family

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Michael, Ashley & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The Extended English Family

Our Parents
Jack Gregory, Sr. & Margie Lile
Our Children & Grandchildren
Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac
Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali
Cody

Our Children & Grandchildren
Beth, Steve, Matthew Hindman
Michelle, Brian & Daniel McCrory

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Tommy, Angela, Chance, Wesley & Jessica Kaker
Steven & Rhonda Janusch
Dewey Struck - Peggy's dad

Our Family

Mother
Imogene Cottman
Our Children & Grandchildren
Kim, Dave & Shea Pulliam
Doug, Beth, Dylan & Aria Welch

Dick & Dorothy Nash

Our Granddaughter & Husband
Chelsea & Josh Paigen and son, our Great Grandson, Blaize Paigen

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne & Anne English

Jack & Kaye Gregory

John & Marion Higginbotham

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Don & Kathy Welch

Pat West

Heinz & Juanice Wichterich





Poinsettias In Memory Of



In Memory Of

Our Parents

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Our Parents:

Buddy & Nell Ellis

Orson & Martha Hendrick

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne R. English. Sr.

Ruby Gregory & Annette Smith

Bert Swan & Annette Whitworth

Frank & Edna Higginbotham

Our Parents:

June & Opal Johnson

Tom & Syble Cloud

Our Brother-in-Law

Jimmy Huggins

Robert & Jo Kearns

Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Charles McCoy

Bob McGowan

Dalton Grisham

Doug Holton

Elmer & Mercedes Newlin

Earl & Mary Sholders

Joseph Leon & Thelma Katherine White

Charles Doyle Leon White

Our Parents

Clarence & Edith Welch

Wilbur Stout

Given By

Bobby & Suzanne Barton

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne & Anne English

Jack & Kaye Gregory

John & Marion Higginbotham

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Deana McCoy

Rae McGowan

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Bill & Bev Sholders

Barbara Warren

Don & Kathy Welch



First Christian Church

2014 Budget

				<u>2014 Adopted</u>	
<u>Account Line</u>					
Total Offerings				169,000.00	
Expenses:					
Building Payments				36,000.00	
Building Maintenance				5,000.00	
Choir Music					
Christian Education:				650.00	
Sunday School Curriculum					400.00
Background Checks					250.00
Computer Software & Upgrades				750.00	
Copier Maintenance & Lease				850.00	
Evangelism Supplies				50.00	
Fellowship				300.00	
Insurance				11,500.00	
Janitor				1,500.00	
Office Supplies				1,500.00	
Outreach*				9,200.00	
Postage				300.00	
Publicity				1,500.00	
Salaries:				65,700.00	
Pastor's Package					40,000.00
Secretary Salary					22,500.00
Nursery Attendants					1,200.00
Payroll Taxes					2,000.00
Capital Savings Reimbursement				9,000.00	
Utilities				23,000.00	
Electricity					15,250.00
Gas					2,600.00
Water					1,600.00
Phone					2,200.00
Garbage					1,350.00
Van				500.00	
Gasoline					
Maintenance					
Worship Ministry				1,500.00	
Youth Events:				200.00	
Total Expenses				\$ 169,000.00	
*These expenses may be adjusted based on offerings					

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
POLAR BEAR CLUB**



ICEMEGGEDON ~ SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 8

Christmas Eve
**CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

Tuesday, December 24th
6:00 pm





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



January 2014

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 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: Choir Practice-Time to be Announced			1	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30	31	