

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 19, 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

The Choices We Make

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying 'Glory to God, in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.'" - Luke 2:13-14

Tis' the season to be merry - and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, these days leading up to Christmas often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights. Some people dread the hustle, bustle and emotional rustle that this time of year brings, knowing that irritability, loneliness or depression may threaten. While there are others who may love the Christmas season, but worry, busyness, family conflicts and unmet expectations take their toll. In either case, we have a decision to make. We can choose to get bogged down with the stress or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in the second chapter of Luke's gospel. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God. That's not the only place the Bible records angels worshipping the Lord. In the first chapter of Hebrews we find, "And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'"

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God. Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had.

When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace and joy. This prompts us to be His hands and feet to others in need. When worship fills our hearts, it leaves little room for aggravation in long lines at the store. We focus on what Christmas is truly about - the amazing gift of a Savior - rather than stressing out over buying the perfect presents. We exhibit grace to someone when we'd rather do otherwise.

Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts. And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune! The holidays can bring a flurry of heightened emotions and can often result in an unhealthy level of stress which can prevent us from engaging in worship and praising the one we are supposed to be celebrating.

There will be choices to be made this week - where to serve, what gifts to buy, and which events to attend. The most important choice we can make is to worship and sing praises to our Lord - for His gift - for His love - for His peace. And when our hearts are at peace, our holidays can be too.

I hope to see you in worship on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm for our Candlelight Service and on Christmas morning at 11:00 am.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/04/16
General Fund	5,395.00
FCC-Local Only	355.00
Building Fund	1,607.00
OFFERING	12/11/16
General Fund	2,041.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	752.00
Christmas Offering	210.00
Gas Royalties	64.90
OFFERING	12/18/16
General Fund	2,414.00
FCC-Local Only	155.00
Building Fund	827.00
Christmas Offering	45.00
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 4, 2016	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	61
December 11, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	59
December 18, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	58



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Virginia Popiel; Charlie Kuehlem; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; James Dennis; Kim & Shea Pulliam; Melissa Goelner; Emmy Nash; Doreen Lewis; Skylar Hutto; Bob & Janet Evans; 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.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

6:00 PM Candlelight Service (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

11:00 AM Worship (S)

No Chapel Service, Prayer Group or Sunday Morning Classes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM No Choir Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

11:00 AM Worship (S)

No Chapel Service, Prayer Group or Sunday Morning Classes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

10:00 AM Take down Christmas & Advent Decorations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

97 Pounds of Food

\$312.00 in Cash Donations

Harvest
HOUSE

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:

Roy Cronenberg
Wanda Crowder-Marilyn Murray's friend
Pene Enochs
Carol Gunn
Tommy Kaker
Eleene Pippin-Angela Tolliver's mom
Flora Roe
Frank Sargent-Vernon Field's friend
Iris Wilson
Needra Womack
Michelle-Virginia Popiel's boss
Ellen-Pene Enochs' cousin
The family of Nina who passed away-a friend of the Sanders from Waco
Tragedy in Crowley
Bill & Beverly Sholders' granddaughter
Barbara-Carole Wright's daughter

We Rejoice With:

Bill Gunn
Karen Willette's Granddaughter

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales,
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

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open December 19-22, 2016, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The church office will be closed from December 26-30, 2016.

If you have an emergency after hours, please call Pastor Mike on his cell phone 214-364-6453 or contact your Elder.



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 25, 2016, and Sunday January 1, 2017, there will only be an 11:00 am Worship Service. The Chapel Service, Prayer Group and Sunday Morning Classes will all resume meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at their regular times. If you have any questions please call the church office.

2017 BOARD MEMBERS

Marilyn Murray (3 year term)
Janie Rudolph (3 year term)
Kathy Welch (3 year term)
Juanice Wichterich (3 year term)
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2017 DEACONS

Kim Bonds (2 year term)
Mary Bryan (2 year term)
Vernon Fields (2 year term)
Cordelia Fields (2 year term)
Carol Gunn (2 year term)
Diana McGee (2 year term)
Don Welch (2 year term)
Kathy Welch (2 year term)

2017 YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds (1 year term)

2017 ELDERS

Mary Bryan
Richard Bryan
Lolly Ellis
Wayne English
Jack Gregory, Jr.
Kaye Gregory
Bill Gunn
Dorothy Nash
Juanice Wichterich
Karen Willette

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Mary Bourland
1/9	Lolly Ellis
1/10	Richard Bryan
1/10	Onita Holton
1/12	Marilyn Murray
1/13	Karen Willette
1/18	Linda Robinson
1/20	Janie Rudolph
1/27	Ronnie Johnson
1/28	Nancy Taylor

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole
Greeters: Donna Huggins
Communion Preparation: Kathy Welch
Attendance Registers: Don Welch
Children's Moment:
01 Wayne English
08 Jack Gregory, Jr.
15 Kaye Gregory
22 Ronnie Johnson
29 Diana McGee
Scripture Reading:
01 Kaye Gregory
08 Bill Gunn
15 Carol Gunn
22 Jerry Hay
29 Juanice Wichterich
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;
Wayne English



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve

♦ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)

December 25th - Christmas Sunday &

January 1st - New Year's Day

♦ 11:00 am Worship Service Only

No Prayer Group, Chapel Service or
Sunday Morning Classes



Please take a moment to review the below listings, and if you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri in the church office (817) 295-4123.

Poinsettias In Honor Of

In Honor Of

The Bryan Family

Our Children & Grandchildren:

Michael & Zach Ellis

Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The English Family Children

Matthew & Samantha Findley

Spencer, Leann, Walker & Findley Maxwell

Hernan, Natalie, David, Iker & Matias Argüello

Ivan Walker

Jack Gregory, Sr.

Margie Lile

Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity Gregory

Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali Gregory

Cody Gregory

Our Children & Grandchildren:

Tommy, Angela, Chance, Wesley & Jessica Kaker

Steven & Rhonda Janusch

Father

Dewey Struck

My First Christian Church Family

Christ our Lord

Kevin, Nancy & Austyn Taylor

Nick & Missy Brown

Mother

Imogene Cottman

Pastor Mike & Joan Kearns

Terri Lester

My Angel Caretakers

Phanice, Michelle, Vicki, Patricia and Jennifer

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne & Anne English

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Terri Lester

Virginia Popiel

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Don & Kathy Welch

Carole Wright

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Diane Chilton
Annie Cromwell

Our Parents
Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Louise & Wayne English Sr.-Wayne's Parents

Vernon Fields' Mom
Helen Swint Fields
Cordelia Field's Dad
Alan C. Nelson

Our Dear Friends & Family we are missing this Christmas Season

Ruby Gregory
Annelle Smith
Pat Teague

Our Parents
June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Our Brother-in-law
Jimmy Huggins

Our Parents
Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Gary Matzner

Bob McGowan

Parents I never knew

Robert R. Powell

Our Parents
Beatrice & Georgia Sanders
Dean & Bruce Sanders

My Son
Gary T. Speirs II

Our Parents
Clarence & Edith Welch
Wilbur Stout

My Mother
Marie Wallis
My Grandmother
Beulah

My Husband
Warren C. Wright
My Sons
Greg C. Wright
Warren T. Wright

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne & Anne English

Vernon & Cordelia Fields

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Sharon Matzner

Rae McGowan

Virginia Popiel

Patricia Powell

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Lyda Speirs

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich

Carole Wright

DISCIPLES WOMEN DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:00 p.m.
Location to be announced.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burlleson

ELKS DINER



Mark Your Calendar We Need Your Help

We will put away the Advent and Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 7th, at 10:00 am. It will go quickly with everyone's help! Thanks!

DECEMBER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS DAY
and
NEW YEAR'S DAY**
are on Sunday this
year. On both days
we will have the
11:00 a.m.
service only.



**Four Sundays in Advent
HOPE - PEACE - JOY - LOVE**
Disciples Women Christmas Party
Christmas Potluck Luncheon
Disciples Men Caroling
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

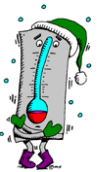


Pictures by Joan Kearns & Kaye Gregory



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY Happy New Year 2017	2 6:30 AM - FCC Learning Center Reopens	3	4	5	6 Season of Epiphany Begins	7 10:00 AM - Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations
8 3:00 PM - Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival- University Christian Church	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11 No Cabinet Meeting	12 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg- Elks Diner 6:00 PM - Disciples Dinner & Installation Mtg. (Location to be Announced)	13	14 10:00 AM - Set up for January Luncheon
15 12:00 PM - Soup/Stew Luncheon (FLC)	16	17	18 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	19	20	21
22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	26 6:00 PM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	27	28
29 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)	30	31	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)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)	