

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 28, 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

Celebrating the New Year

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" -- Isaiah 43:18-19.

Thanks to Christmas, we all end the year with new things. Children are busy playing with new toys. Many of us are incorporating our new clothes into our wardrobes. Some of us are realizing we have acquired a few new pounds on our bodies. And we will start the new year 2016 with new things, too -- a new calendar on the wall, new bills to pay, and new resolutions for the days ahead.

Everyone likes new things, including God. Through the prophet Isaiah He tells us, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" In Genesis, the first book of our Bible, we read the story of God creating a new world. And in Revelation, the last book of our Bible, we read of His plans to make a new heaven and a new earth.

Our heavenly Father wants to do new things in the lives of His children. He desires to teach us new truths about Himself, to provide new opportunities for ministering to others, to take us to higher levels of worship and deeper levels of trust. But, too often, we're like the Israelites when they were traveling in the wilderness.

God promised to provide for them by raining down bread from heaven six days a week. He instructed them to gather only enough manna for each day, except for the day before the Sabbath when they were allowed to store up two days' worth. When some of the people disobeyed and tried to hoard extra manna, it became rotten and full of worms by the next morning.

We can be like that sometimes. God wants to do new, fresh things in our lives and in our ministries for Him. But often we try to hold on to yesterday's stale manna. We don't want to let go of what is comfortable and familiar -- some old way of thinking, a certain way of doing things, our usual area of service to Him. We may miss new and exciting things God has planned for us if we don't fully trust His guidance, even when He seems to be leading us down unfamiliar paths.

One of the best ways to keep our faith fresh and new is to develop a habit of daily Bible study. God's word is timeless -- old and anew at the same time. Just as God's steadfast love never ceases and His mercies are new every morning, a daily dose of His word can give us new understanding, fresh insights, and renewed strength.

We can drink in the Psalms to help us "sing to Him a new song." We can read in Ezekiel about God's promise to give us "a new heart and a new spirit." We can rejoice along with the Apostle Paul as he declares, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

A good way for us to celebrate the New Year is to let go of anything that has gone stale or rotten. Then we'll be free to live each day expecting new, fresh things from the One who promises, "I am making everything new!" Happy New Year!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/20/15
General Fund	2,061.00
FCC-Local Only	245.00
Building Fund	852.00
Christmas Offering	22.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 20, 2015	
Chapel Service	6
Traditional	72
December 24, 2015	
Christmas Eve Service	105
December 27, 2015	
Chapel Service	0
Traditional	41



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

Pat Powell; Linda Slater; Andy Prather; Brittani Selman; James Dennis; Gabriel & Maya McGee; Joel & Annette Abt; Charlie Kuehlem; A'ishah Amatulah 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 30, 2015

No Wednesday Meetings or Activities-Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

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)
- 3:00 PM Boar's Head Festival-University Christian Church-We will carpool from the FLC parking lot at 1:30 pm)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

- 6:30 AM FCC Learning Center Open

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

- 10:00 AM Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations and set up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 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 Potluck Luncheon (FLC)
- No Line Dance Class

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



We want to express our heartfelt thank you's to everyone for the outpouring of love during our health issues. The prayers, cards, phone calls, food, visits and caroling have all been greatly appreciated.

We love you all!
Larry & Needra Womack

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

During the holidays the church office will be closed on December 30th & 31st. If you have an emergency, please contact an Elder or Rev Mike Kearns at (214) 364-6453.



Holiday Hours

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:

Diane Chilton
Collin Gregory
Pat Guinty-Sue Bannister's sister
The family of Rhonda Janusch's co-worker's husband
Sholders' neighbors
The family of Tony White's grandfather, who passed away
Larry Womack
Bonnie, Doreen Lewis' cousin
Deployed Troops during the Holidays
Storm & Blizzard Victims

We Rejoice With:

The Roland Family
Richard Yarborough & Pat West
Christmas Eve Service
John Higginbotham,
Linda Robinson, & Barbara
Warren who were in worship

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham,
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash,
Troy Smith; Larry & 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



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SAVE THE DATE
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5.7.16
LACY & CHAD
BLUM, TEXAS



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts to each of us this Christmas. We also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day. Thank you again for your generous gifts!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Mary Bourland
 1/9 Lolly Ellis
 1/10 Richard Bryan
 1/10 Paul Holton
 1/13 Karen Willette
 1/18 Linda Robinson
 1/20 Jane Rudolph
 1/26 Elizabeth Gamb
 1/27 Ronnie Johnson

HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY



2016 CHURCH OFFICERS

Board Chair	Steve Rubis
Board Vice Chair	Ronnie Johnson
Secretary	Vicki Rubis
Treasurer	Peggy Johnson

JANUARY



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Communion Preparation:

Juanice Wichterich/Carole Wright

Attendance Registers: Carol Gunn

Children's Sermon:

03 Jack Gregory, Jr.

10 Kaye Gregory

17 Diana McGee

24 Dorothy Nash

31 Jim Sanders

Scripture Reading:

03 Kim Bonds

10 Mary Bryan

17 Richard Bryan

24 Kaye Gregory

31 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Serving at the Table: Wayne English;

Steve Rubis



JOINT BOARD/ CABINET MEETING



THURSDAY
 JANUARY 28
 6:00 PM
 FAMILY LIFE CENTER

DISCIPLES WOMEN

DINNER and INSTALLATION MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Spring Creek Barbeque
13125 S. I-35, Burleson

**ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH AND
THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED!**

President: Mary Bryan
Vice President: Juanice Wichterich
Secretary: Kathy Welch
Treasurer: Lolly Ellis
Hospitality: Sandra Hay
Parliamentarian: Marion Higginbotham
Study and Worship: Barbara Bond and Iris Wilson



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday Jan. 14, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO
PUT AWAY THE
DECORATIONS!**

Saturday, January 9
10:00 a.m.

We need everyone's help
putting away Advent and
Christmas decorations.

We will also set up for the
January Potluck Luncheon
at that time. Thanks!



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service**





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 2016



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)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		1 	2	
3 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 PM - Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival-University Christian Church	4	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 AM - Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations & Set up for January Luncheon
10 12:00 PM - Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	11 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	12	13 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	14 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg- Elks Diner 6:00 PM - Disciples Women Installation - Spring Creek Barbeque	15	16
17	18	19	20 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	21	22	23
24	25 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	26	27 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	28 6:00 PM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	29	30
31 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)						