

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 13, 2017



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: 6:30 am-5:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Valentine's Day

"Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." - Psalm 143:8

On our calendars, today is Valentine's Day. However, here at First Christian Church, Valentine's Day is Saturday, February 18th, as we will gather for our Valentine's Day Party hosted by the Disciples Men's Fellowship beginning at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. I hope you are planning to attend. Lots of good food, fun and love will abound.

Signs of the season are all around us. From the mall to the restaurant to the florist to the grocery store, merchants are making every effort to focus our attention on that one four-letter word, "Love". As the people of God, we truly do want to make the most of every opportunity to act in love towards others - whether spouse, children or grandchildren, neighbors or friends, co-workers or sweethearts.

But even as we share in the fun of the cards, flowers and chocolates, we might also want to stop for a moment to consider those who may feel unloved or even abandoned at this time of year: the young, single mom who can't make ends meet; our service men and women who are serving thousands of miles from home; the frail resident of a nursing home or assisted living facility; or the elderly men and women who have outlived their spouses and many of their friends. No matter what our stage or condition in life, all of us crave love. Without it, life is empty and often painful.

What a blessing, then to know the unfailing love of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Scripture uses the term translated, "unfailing love", nearly three dozen times. Each time, it describes the love of God, not that of any person. Our love often flickers and sometimes even fails. Yet, despite our failures to love, despite our refusal to act in love at times, the love of our Lord toward us never, ever fails.

That unfailing love carried Jesus all the way to the cross, there to die for us. Now, that love flows through us, like a perpetual fountain. Refreshed day by day through the forgiveness and acceptance we enjoy in Christ, we become people who refresh others through the unconditional acceptance and love we show them. In our love, others come to know the love of Jesus. This is exactly what our Lord himself promised.

May our prayer in this season of love be that the Spirit of Christ continue to lead us to love one another, just as He has loved us. Happy Valentine's Day!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/29/17
General Fund	1,805.00
FCC-Local Only	300.00
Building Fund	1,132.00
CLOTH Fund	27.00

OFFERING	02/05/17
General Fund	6,134.00
FCC-Local Only	250.00
Building Fund	1,132.00
Week of Compassion	10.00

OFFERING	02/12/17
General Fund	2,705.00
Building Fund	212.00
CLOTH Fund	51.00
Gas Royalties	252.62

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 29, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	58
February 5, 2017	
Chapel Service	6
Traditional	60
February 12, 2017	
Chapel Service	6
Traditional	60



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Jennifer Thomas, & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Kaitlyn Wilson; Mary Dalton; Carol Black; Darrell Tolliver; Ted Thayer; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Patti, Maya & Gabriel McGee; Will Davies; Lesley Baker; Emmy Nash; Sylvia Simonsen 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

7:00 PM Valentine's Party-Sponsored by Disciples Men (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

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)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

1:30 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

8:00 AM FCCLC Training (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Wednesday ♦ February 15, 2017
6:00 PM ♦ Family Life Center

FEBRUARY HARVEST HOUSE

105 Pounds of Food

\$243.00 in Cash Donations



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:

Jim Bailey
The family of Anne English who passed away Saturday
Francine Foreman-Joan Kearns' daughter
Melissa Goelner-Valerie Stuart's housemate
Maydell Griffith-Bonnie DePratter's cousin
Tommy Kaker
Jeannette McDermott-Pat Sartori's mom
Frenda & Don Tolliver-Angela Tolliver's in-laws
Dora Ussery
Don Vardeman-Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law
Val Joe Walker-Richard Bryan's cousin
Kaitlyn Wilson-Sandie Wilson's daughter
Don Wirsdorfer
Barbara & her friend Pat-Barbara is Carole Wright's daughter
Riley-Pene Enochs' grandson
Virginia Popiel's employer's mother

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Richard & Mary Bryan on the birth of their 4th grandson, Graysen. Parents are Austin & Juanna Bryan & big brother is Braylen!
Dee Fields-Happy Birthday!
Carol Gunn-Happy Birthday!
Mary Kenny joined our church family on January 29, 2017
Flora Roe was back in worship
Bill Sholders-Happy Birthday!
Bill & Beverly Sholders celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on February 6, 2017!
Heinz & Juanice Wichterich celebrated their 57th Wedding On February 12, 2017!
Bonnie DePratter was back in worship

FCC Folks who have been ill:

Burt & Barbara Bond, Richard Bryan, Roy & Linda Cronenberg, Genna Edmonds, Joan Kearns, Mary Kenny, Steve McGee, Marilyn Murray, Juanice Wichterich, Iris Wilson, Carole Wright

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, 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



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

It's a busy time in the Learning Center. Valentine's Day is here and enrollment of current students is taking place this month. We will open enrollment to the community in March. Our journey through the Bible include the Bible stories: Jesus Calms the Storm, Five Loaves & Two Fish, Jesus Walks on Water, Mary & Martha and The Lost Sheep. We are studying the letters U, C & Z, the number 7, the color pink and the heart shape. Take a tour down the hallway to see all of our artwork!!

A Valentine's Party

Saturday ♥ February 18 ♥ 7:00 - 9:30 pm (or so) ♥ FLC

DISCIPLES MEN GOT TALENT (?)

EVERYONE is invited to partake of the good food, to be entertained by the "great talent", and to participate in the fun, games, & fellowship.

There is no admission charge, but we ask that you bring a dessert, chips & dip, OR other light finger food to be shared and spread for refreshments.

Iced tea, coffee, lemonade, etc., along with table favors, and prizes will be provided.

Get to know others, as they get to know you!

Join us on

"Valentine's Day ... the 18th" !!!

Hosted by
Disciples Men

**YOU ARE
INVITED!**



SPECIAL OFFERING

February 19 & 26, 2017

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Just since the beginning of this year alone, Week of Compassion has responded with Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance to Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Europe, North America and Southern Asia. In 2017 Week of Compassion has also responded with Development and Long Term Recovery and Rehabilitation to Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Europe, North America and Southern Asia.