

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 22, 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: 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 Hospitality

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." -- John 13:34-35

"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ." — I Peter 4:9-11

Last Sunday was truly an awesome day at First Christian Church! Beginning with an email we received on Wednesday from West Des Moines Christian Church asking if a mission group from the church on their way to Taylor, Texas might worship with us, we sprung into action. On Thursday morning, we responded not only inviting the group to join us for worship, but that we would organize a pot luck luncheon in order to share a meal and fellowship with them. As we quickly shared our plans among members, the response was overwhelming. By Sunday, the Family Life Center was set up and wonderfully decorated in a "Texas Howdy" theme and abundant food contributions filled the tables.

When our guests arrived before worship, we welcomed them warmly and graciously. As introductions were made, we invited them to sit among us in worship. And during lunch, we shared many of our "stories" with them, and more importantly, we welcomed the "stories" that they chose to share with us. On Sunday, we were at our best! We extended our hospitality, our love and our sense of Christian community to these new friends, and by their own account, we exceeded all expectations. Again, on Sunday, we were at our best!

To everyone who helped make this such a special day in the life of First Christian Church, I say "Thank You!" although "thank you" falls short of my deep appreciation. The compliments that came my way from our guests were sincere and heart-felt. I found myself on several occasions replying to the compliments saying, "This is just who we are at First Christian Church". I could not have been more pleased with the hospitality we extended.

The true lesson that I see in our experience last Sunday is this: Although the preparations were challenging, and at times, a little stressful, our ability to share our Christian hospitality came easily, because we understand how Christ calls us to be cordial, receptive, pleasant and generous. We understand that Christ calls us to be welcoming, loving and gracious. He wants us to show His love to others. Sunday was a blessed day in the life of our church. I'm confident our brothers and sisters from West Des Moines felt blessed for the time shared with us, and without a doubt, we were blessed for the opportunity to serve our Lord with boundless Christian hospitality. Thank God for the blessings He continues to extend to each of us and to this community of faith at First Christian Church.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	02/14/16
General Fund	3,559.00
FCC-Local Only	450.00
Building Fund	1,002.00
CLOTH Fund	3.00
Building Fund-Memorial For Marion Higginbotham	75.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 14, 2016	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	73
February 21, 2016	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	93



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in
the Chapel Service.

Hilda Rushing; Pat Sartori; Iris Wilson; Charlie Kuehlem; Kristin Prather; James Dennis; James Wood; Dr. O.K. & Jane Neal; Rev. Dr. Mike & Marla Wills; Anna & Ashley Antonoff; Jack & Sylvia Pape; West Des Moines Christian Church Visitors- Rochelle Porter; Sue Ehrhardt; Jim Kirkpatrick; Randy Elchardt; Rev. Robyn Bles; Karin Acheson; Jan Moore; Brad, Karyn & Michael Downing; Becky Chaloupecky; Stephanie Murphy; Jan Clark; Larry Wellison; Blaine Burright; Gary Wayer; Janine Wayer; Kent Acheson; Don Elliott; Steve Doty; Roger Nebergall; Steve Wilson; 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016
6:00 PM ♦ Meeting Room**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 1:30 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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, MARCH 2, 2016

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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, MARCH 9, 2016

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting-Margie Lile's Home

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

- 10:00 AM Set Up FLC for Chili Cook-off

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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 & Chili Cook-Off (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PPRC MEETING

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016
1:30 PM ♦ Meeting Room**

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:

Marjorie Armstrong
Candace Curry
Bonnie DePratter
Glen Gibson-friend of Georgia Sanders
Judy Gill-Friend of Georgia Sanders
Jerry & Sandra Hay
John Higginbotham & Family
The family of David Horst who passed away
Steve McGee
Brenda Overstrom
Kathy Powers
Mark Stamp
The family of Lisa Timms' whose son passed away
The family of Gene Wheeler who passed away
Richard Yarborough

We Rejoice With:

John Higginbotham
Ronnie Johnson
Debbie Rubis
Valentine's Party
Pat Sartori-joined FCC on 2/21/16

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, Chance & Wesley Kaker, Deana McCoy,
Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash, Needra Womack

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

Dear First Christian Church,

I would like to thank you for your donation in the amount of \$6,394.09 to Harvest House in 2015. Your faithful support demonstrates your commitment to improving the lives of families in this community. Our commitment to you is to be a good steward of your resources by directly servicing those in need.

With your donation, we were able to serve 18,113 individuals with food, clothing, utility, housing and prescription assistance. We gave out 446,140 pounds of food valued at \$669,210.

Our ministry calls for steady revenue and in order for us to accomplish our mission, we have set up a monthly recurring approach to partnering with us called the Legacy Program, which will help us become sustainable for our community's needs.

Thank you for being one of the few churches that care enough about their community to take the time to give back. Thank you for being such a blessing to all of us here at Your Harvest House.

Blessings,
Carolyn Miller
Executive Director

Harvest
HOUSE

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year has begun! Current students are enrolling until February 26th, and on February 29th we will open registration to the community. A big THANK YOU to Disciples Women for the donation to purchase 3 high chairs that were needed for our babies. We appreciate you all!!



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

3/16	Vicki Rubis
3/19	Juanice Wichterich
3/21	Lynn Quarzenski
3/22	Virginia Reinier
3/23	Deana McCoy
3/23	Cori Anne Yowell
3/28	Tina Gregory
3/29	Tommy Bonds



DONATION FORM TO REMEMBER AND HONOR LOVED ONES

In lieu of donations for Easter lilies again this year, we are asking for contributions to help support The WARM Place in Fort Worth. The WARM Place helps children who are grieving the loss of someone they love by providing a safe environment for them to express feeling and emotions as well as the opportunity to meet with children and families who are experiencing situations similar to their own. For more information see their website at www.thewarmplace.org. Forms will be in March bulletins, and as usual, your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin on Easter and in the newsletter. Thank you for your willingness to support children when they need it most.



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Clint Bourland; Margie Lile
Communion Preparation: Lolly Ellis
Attendance Registers: Barbara Bond
Children's Moment:
 06 Kaye Gregory
 13 Ronnie Johnson
 20 Diana McGee
 27 Dorothy Nash
Scripture Reading:
 06 Paul Holton
 13 Peggy Johnson
 20 Ronnie Johnson
 27 Angela Kaker
Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis;
 Marilyn Murray; Mike Toole
Serving at the Table:
 Wayne English; Bill Gunn

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we write to thank the members of First Christian Church, Burleson for your contribution of \$1,421.51 for the year of 2015 and for your partnership with the Trinity-Brazos Area in 2015. The Trinity-Brazos Area is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. Your financial support helped to fund the following ministries:

- ♦ Assistance for congregations seeking an interim minister or a new pastor
- ♦ Development and continuation of our new Area Shepherd program to offer encouragement and support to pastors in TBA
- ♦ Area Assembly
- ♦ Pastoral care for our Youth Ministry Network
- ♦ Support and continuing education for commissioned ministers

Your gift matters to the mission and ministry of the Trinity-Brazos Area! You faithfully chose to financially support this collaborative ministry, and we are grateful. We're glad to share the path of discipleship with you as we strive to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

We are excited about what's ahead! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 15, and join us for our 2016 Area Assembly. You'll receive more information soon. Come and celebrate the ministry we share across the Trinity-Brazos Area!

With prayers for your ministry,

Rev. Megan Peglar
 TBA Moderator

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON and MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2016
11:30 a.m. at Margie Lile's Home
720 Lisa Street, Burleson
817-229-1803

*Meet at the Family Life Center parking lot at 11:15 am
to carpool or if you need a ride, call Mary Bryan
so arrangements can be made.*

Tiffanie Gregory & Margie are hostesses.
Study & Worship by Margie Lile & Iris Wilson.

*All ladies of the church
and their guests are invited.*

SERVICE PROJECT for LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper,
Healthy Snacks: *Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,
Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-Its,
Animal Crackers, Fruit Loops, Cheerios*
Toys - *Infants to 24 Months*
Bring items to the meeting
or take to the church office.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday March 10, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

The ROADRUNNERS Square Dance Club is offering Basic/
Mainstream/Beginners Square Dance Lessons on Saturdays:
March 19 - April 16 & Graduation on April 23

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Swingtime Center
5100 E Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

A great non-smoking, non-alcoholic family activity.
Teen lessons free with paid adult. Singles welcome.

Questions? Ask Richard & Mary Bryan,
Roy & Linda Cronenberg, Pat & Carol
Findley or Jack & Kaye Gregory.

To sign up, please call:
Diane Carter at 817-296-3965 or
Joann Chambers at 817-860-7637.



WELCOMING OUR GUESTS FROM IOWA WITH SOME TEXAS HOSPITALITY

West Des Moines Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - Feb. 21



Photos by Wayne English,
Vicki Rubis & Kaye Gregory



Our next church luncheon will be Sun-
day, **March 13**, following worship, in
the Family Life Center. We will honor
Marion Higginbotham's wishes of cele-



brating Texas Inde-
pendence Day with a
Chili Cook-Off. So, fine
tune your best recipes
and bring a crock pot
or large pot full of
chili.

The Fellowship Committee headed by
Linda Cronenberg and Angela Kaker
will provide all the fixings and drinks.
If you feel
challenged
in the chili
depart-
ment, bring
a dessert to
share.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



March 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) 4:00 PM - Line Dance Class (FLC)		1	2	3	4	5 Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am tomorrow. Set you clocks FORWARD 1 hour before going to bed. 
6 Fourth Sunday in Lent HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	7	8	9 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	10 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Meeting (Elks Diner) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting (Margie Lile's Home)	11	12 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon & Chili Cook-Off
13 2:00 AM - Daylight Saving Time Begins Fifth Sunday in Lent 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon & Chili Cook-Off (FLC)	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	17	18	19
20 PALM SUNDAY 11:00 AM - Palm Processional (S) Easter Special Offering	21 	22	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24 3:00 PM - Eggstravaganza for Learning Center (FLC) 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service & Fellowship with New Hope Fellow-	25 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service & Fellowship at New Hope Fellowship 8:00 PM-8:00 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil (C)	26 10:00 AM - Set up for Easter Brunch (FLC)
27 EASTER SUNDAY (No Chapel, Sunday Classes or Prayer Group) 9:00 AM - Easter Brunch (FLC) Easter Special Offering	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S) 	