

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 23, 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: Monday-Friday 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Listening to the Lord

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the lord, our Maker! For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!"
-- Psalm 95: 6-7.

As we observe the liturgical calendar of the church, the Lenten Season began last Wednesday, February 18th. Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. It is a season for each of us to reflect on our lives as they are and as they could be.

The season of Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. The Lenten season spans 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not counting Sundays as they are the day of the resurrection. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness.

During Lent, we are not only called to a time of repentance and introspection, but to a time of listening for God's voice, for He is continually working to break into our lives anew, bringing each of us into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him. The Lenten Season marries repentance of sins and renewal of faith. This season is a rich opportunity to pursue God, to stir our hunger for Him and press our ears against the heavens so He can direct our paths. This is the time to slough off the excesses in our lives that we may live lighter and holier lives. These 40 days give us the opportunity to live in gentle receptivity of God and create habits that we'll carry on throughout the year.

So, if we commit ourselves to "press our ears against the heavens," where might we turn to hear His word for our lives? I believe the answer is to turn to the scriptures -- to the Bible. Many Christians regularly practice the discipline of reading from the Bible each and every day. Many others do not. Although we might be hard-pressed to find a Christian who does not own a Bible, some only hear the word of God when it is shared in worship services. If spending some time each day reading from the scriptures is not a part of your faith practices, there is no better time to begin than now -- during this Lenten Season.

God wants to speak to each of us through the scriptures. He has words that are written for each of our hearts, just for this time, and just for what's coming around the next corner in our lives. If you don't know where to begin, begin with the gospels -- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. During this season of preparation, through the gospels, we travel with Jesus, our Lord on the road to Jerusalem -- toward the cross and the forthcoming celebration of the resurrection on Easter morn. As we spend time each day with the scriptures we can draw close to Him and hear His words of assurance and love -- His words of mercy and grace. Make time today, and every day to listen for God's voice, for He is speaking.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 15, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	61
February 22, 2015	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	62



It's that time already!!
Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday morning, March 8th.
Don't forget to set your
clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour before
going to bed Saturday night!!



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Marilyn Murray; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller;
Beverly Turner; Hilda Rushing; James Dennis; Edyn
Nelson; Mike Toole; Iris Wilson; Charlie Kuehlem;
Rev. Dr. Mike & Marla Wills 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.*



**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 25
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE
CENTER**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
SECOND 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 Elders' Meeting (MR)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

- 7:00 PM Intermediate Square Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon
- 2:00 PM Zero Birthday Party for Onita Holton &
Carole Wright-Vicki Rubis' Home

Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2:00 am tomorrow.
Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour before
going to bed tonight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 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 (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



LEARNING CENTER NEWS

We are continuing to learn the letters of the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes. We have many fun activities to help us learn. We have just completed enrollment for our current students, and now we are focusing on working on our waiting list to fill any open spots. After we work through the waiting list, we will open enrollment to the community on March 1st. If you have any questions about the Learning Center, please call the church office at 817-295-4123.



The Power of Prayer



Because our newsletter is now online, we will no longer be listing specific medical conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

Randy Gunn, the Gunn's son
Peggy Johnson
Steve McGee's sister, Cheryl and her husband
Dick Nash
Yvonne Queen
Barbara Warren
Juanice Wichterich

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Valerie Stuart's friend, Dusty
Thank You from the McGee's
Mike & Marla Wills Visiting-Mike
was our pastor from 1977-1988
Donna Huggins

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton; Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cindy Cox,
Penny Enochs, Cyndy Garrett; Betty Grisham; Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Deana
McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dick Nash, Flora Roe, 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

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY



MARCH 1, 2015

Bring canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, mac n cheese, etc to fill up the shelves of Harvest House.

A huge THANK YOU to my church family for your concern, prayers, cards, visits and calls during my recent health issues.



I love you all!

Needra Womack



LINE DANCING

LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

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



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Larry Womack
Greeters: Wayne & Anne English
Communion Preparation: Elizabeth Gamb
Attendance Registers: John Higginbotham
Children's Sermon:
01 Diana McGee
08 Dorothy Nash
15 Jim Sanders
22 Larry Womack
29 Suzanne Barton
Scripture Reading:
01 Richard Bryan
08 Elizabeth Gamb
15 Jack Gregory, Jr.
22 Kaye Gregory
29 Bill Gunn
Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis;
Mary Bryan; Lolly Ellis
Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;
Marion Higginbotham

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Saturday, March 7th, 2:00 pm
Honoring Onita Holton & Carole Wright
At Vicki Rubis' home
435 W. Bethesda Road, Burleson
817-295-8263

Bring a snack to share, a birthday card
for both ladies and a contribution for a
local church need.

All ladies of the church and their guests
are invited.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 am
*Meet at the Family Life Center parking area
at 11:15 am to carpool to Kaye Gregory's home.*
525 Berkshire Court, Burleson - 817-295-0009
Tiffanie Gregory, Margie Lile and Kaye are
our hostesses.
Kathy Welch will give the Study and Worship.
*If you need a ride to the church, contact
Mary Bryan so arrangements can be made.*
(817-295-3390)

All ladies of the church & their guests
are invited.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR) Second Sunday in Lent	2	3 7:00 PM - Intermediate Square Dance (FLC)	4	5	6	7 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Luncheon 2:00 PM - Zero Birthday Party Honoring Onita Holton & Carole Wright-Vicki Rubis' Home
8 2:00 AM-Daylight Saving Time Begins 12:00 PM – Fellowship Luncheon (FLC) Third Sunday in Lent	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10 7:00 PM - Intermediate Square Dance (FLC)	11 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	12 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting-Kaye Gregory's Home 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	13	14
15 Fourth Sunday in Lent	16	17 7:00 PM - Intermediate Square Dance (FLC) 	18 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	19	20	21 9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Church Workday
22 Fifth Sunday in Lent	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24 7:00 PM - Intermediate Square Dance (FLC)	25 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 11:00 AM - Palm Processional (S) EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING	30	31 3:00 PM - Egg-stravaganza for Learning Center (FLC) 7:00 PM - Intermediate Square Dance (FLC)	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 (S)	