

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 27, 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

The Season of Lent

"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 begins this Wednesday, March 1st. I hope you are planning on attending our Ash Wednesday worship service beginning at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

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.

In Latin, Lent means, "dawning of the sun". Lent is also known as springtime, a fitting imagery for a season of the church year that is intentional about self-examination and preparation. The process of the "dawning of the sun" is both revealing and restorative. The sun pushes back the shadows that have covered the ground and reveals all that has withered. The sun then applies its restorative property, offering nourishment to the ground and vegetation, once again yielding life. The spiritual life is similar. The season of Lent offers a time when we take a closer look at what lurks within us, within the shadows. At the same time, we are offered nourishment and restoration that is found only in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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.

A Prayer for the Lenten Season

Loving and sustaining God, speak to us during this season of Lent, for we, your people, are listening. Let your word shake us out of our easy ways that we may repent and take positive steps in our witness to you. We earnestly pray that this Lenten season may remind us, once again, that we are to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	02/19/17
General Fund	1,375.00
FCC-Local Only	300.00
Building Fund	807.00
CLOTH Fund	53.00
Week of Compassion	87.00

OFFERING	02/26/17
General Fund	2,066.00
FCC-Local Only	557.00
Building Fund	70.00
Week of Compassion	80.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00

Ash
Wednesday



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 19, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	57
February 26, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	59



Visitors and Guests

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

JoAnn Mason; Ann Miller; Damien Sewell; Darb
Dewar & Terri Tipton; John & Dottie Mehaffey; Will
Davies 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, MARCH 1, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)
No Choir Practice

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

FIRST 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 7, 2017

6:30 PM Roadrunner's Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting
(Margie Lile's Home)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Chili Cook-Off (FLC)
Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2:00 am tomorrow
morning. Set your clocks FORWARD 1 hour before
going to bed tonight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

2:00 AM Daylight Savings 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 Chili Cook Off Luncheon (FLC)
3:00 PM Memorial Service for Anne English (S)
Reception to follow in FLC

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

MARCH 5, 2017



Needs for Harvest House this month include canned corn, cream soups (cream of mushroom, cream of celery, cream of chicken, etc) and broths, dried pinto beans, flour, sugar, laundry detergent, house cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, lotion, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

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:

The family of John Andrews who passed away-Pat Sartori's uncle
The family of Ricky Fantroy who passed away-Pene Enochs' son-in-law
The family of Larry Hartman who passed away-Anne English's brother
Tom Kaker-Tommy Kaker's father
The family of Zoetta Struck who passed away-
Peggy Johnson's & Donna Huggins' step-mother
The family of Dora Ussery who passed away
Needra Womack
The family of Bill Sholders' friend who passed away
Tim-Iris Wilson's son-in-law
David-Iris Wilson's brother
Chloe-Iris Wilson's granddaughter

We Rejoice With:

Thank you to Disciples Men for a
fun and fabulous Valentine Party!
Wayne English was in worship!

FCC Folks who have been ill:
Donna Huggins, Peggy Johnson & Mike Toole

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



We've been busy learning our letters, numbers, colors and shapes! March is coming and we're looking forward to several visits. Mary Bryan, is coming to read to us. The Burleson Fire Department is coming to talk to us. And a veterinarian is coming to share about their job.



Jennifer Woods, Executive Director of Harvest House, will be a special guest in worship with us this Sunday.





BIRTHDAYS

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

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact the church office so that we can include you on our list!



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn

Greeters: Burt Bond; Sandra Hay

Communion Preparation: Jerry Hay

Computers during Worship: Angela Tolliver

Attendance Registers: Barbara Bond

Children's Moment:

05 Richard Bryan

12 Wayne English

19 Jack Gregory, Jr.

26 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

05 Diana McGee

12 Angela Kaker

19 Mike Toole

26 Don Welch

Deacon Team: Vernon & Dee Fields;

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Karen Willette



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING



Thursday, March 9, 11:30 a.m.
Margie Lile's Home
720 Lisa Street, Burleson
817-229-1803

*Carpool from the FLC parking lot at 11:15 a.m.
Need a ride? Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

Tiffanie Gregory, Kaye Gregory
and Margie Lile are hostesses.
Study and Worship by Kaye
Gregory and Tiffanie Gregory.



New Service Project for Harvest House
Everyone Bring Bottles of Shampoo & Conditioner

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, March 9
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



The World Day of Prayer
motto is "Informed Prayer &
Prayerful Action." It is celebrated
annually in over 170 countries
on the first Friday in March. This
event aims to bring together
women of various races, cultures
and traditions in a yearly com-
mon day of prayer, as well as in
closer fellowship, understanding
and action throughout the year.



And Second Annual **MARION HIGGINBOTHAM MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

March 12



A sign up sheet is on the
bulletin board across from the
sanctuary for our next fellowship luncheon.

Please volunteer to bring your famous
mouth-watering chili. Just put the word chili
on the sheet - don't include your name.
If making chili is not your thing, sign up
for some of the other items needed.

And Please help set up the FLC on
Saturday, March 11, at 10:00 am.



RELAY FOR LIFE luminaries are now available.
There is a \$10 donation for each.
See Jim or Georgia Sanders for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 1, 2017
7:00 pm
In the Sanctuary



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

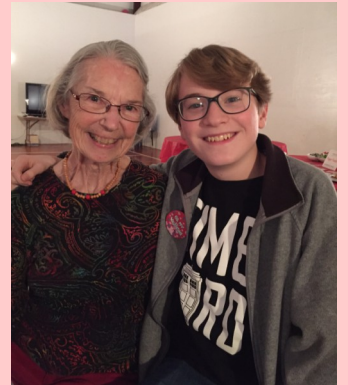
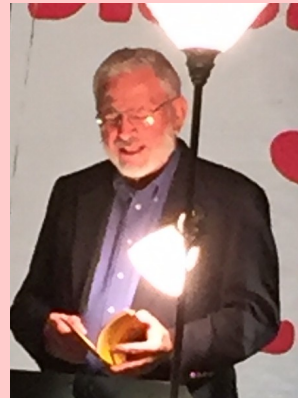
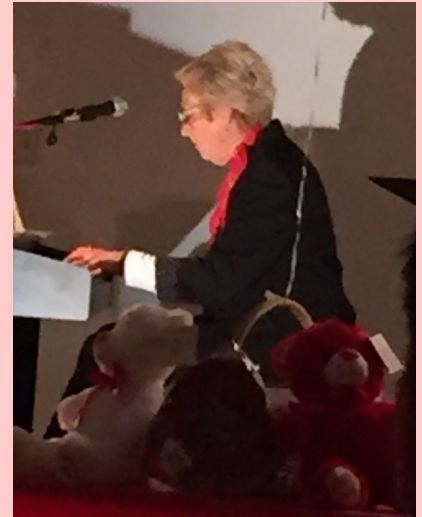
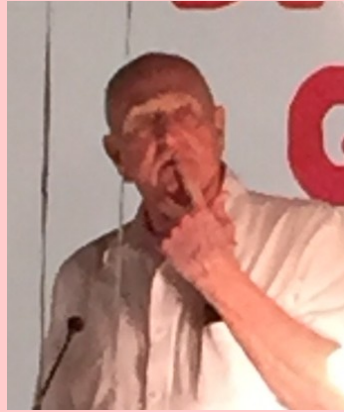


A Memorial Service
honoring Anne English
will be Sunday, March 12,
at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.
A reception will follow the service
in the Family Life Center.

DISCIPLES MEN GOT TALENT ?



A Valentine's Party - Feb. 18, 2017



Photos by
Lolly Ellis & Kaye Gregory





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



March 2017

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19 Third Sunday in Lent	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Fourth Sunday in Lent	27	28	29	30	31	
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