

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 25, 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

Waiting on God

"And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise." -- Hebrews 6:15.

When we are waiting on God, remember that we are in good company. Millions of Christians before us have sat in God's waiting room. We are not alone. In fact, if we're in the waiting room right now -- perhaps waiting on God's response to our prayers -- we should remember that there are a lot of other people around us who are in the same situation.

In the letter to the Hebrews, we are told, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." -- And every one of these faithful hearers of God's word had to wait. We get in a hurry. But God is not in a hurry. Waiting is essential to our faith.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Yet we know these promises come to fruition for us on God's time. Often, we have to wait. So, when God has us in a waiting period, we should not put our lives on hold, but rather, we should imitate the habits that strengthen our faith.

The Bible tells us there are many things we should do, even in the waiting period.

First, we should keep on praying. When Jesus says, "Ask, search and knock", He is reminding us to continue to pray.

Second, we should keep on serving. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes, "Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord." We should not worry about having a significant ministry. We should work to make our ministry significant.

Third, we should continue our faith journey through loving and supporting one another. In Hebrews we read "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

Fourth, we should keep on sowing. In Ecclesiastes God tells us, "In the morning, sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good."

And finally, we must keep on believing. In Paul's second letter to Timothy he wrote, "Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

The point is this: Stay active. Don't be passive. In those times when we feel like we're waiting on God, we must continue on our journey of faith by remaining involved in ministry, in service to others, in prayer and in worship -- doing those things we know we can do to develop our skills and habits in order to become more like Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/17/16
General Fund	2,683.00
FCC-Local Only	80.00
Building Fund	1,002.00
CLOTH Fund	41.00
Building Fund-In honor of Juanita Edmonds	200.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 17, 2016	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	76
January 24, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	74



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Hilda Rushing; Eleene Pippin; Marjorie Armstrong; Lyda Speirs; Debbie Cross; Jo Ruth Stone; David Beers; Dr. O.K. & Jane Neal; Jack & Sylvia Pape; Pat Yarborough; Kristin Prather; James Dennis; Austyn Taylor; Pat Sartori; A'ishah Amatullah; Ann Miller; Jill Pippin; Keith Pippin 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.

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY February 7, 2016

Bring cereal, canned vegetables/beans, rice, personal hygiene items, etc.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

6:00 PM Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Church Officer Installation (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published



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

NEW ADDRESSES



Mike & Jean Rubis
Mariposa Apartments
155 Elk Dr., Apt 4312
Burleson, TX 76028

Clint & Mary Bourland
183 St. Clare
Crowley, TX 76036
Phone - 817-423-8755

JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 28**

6:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER



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:

Sue Bannister
Richard Edmonds
Deana McCoy
Valerie Stuart
Carole Wright
Winter Storm Jonah Victims

We Rejoice With:

Flora Roe
Valerie Stuart
Richard & Pat Yarborough were
married Tuesday, February 19

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, 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

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year begins in February with current students enrolling during the month of February and in March we will open registration to the community.

To Our FCC Family,

Genna and I want to thank all of you for your cards, comments, and other expressions of sympathy at the loss of my mother, Juanita Edmonds, earlier in January. We deeply appreciate your compassion and thoughtfulness.

And we want to say a special thank you to Pastor Mike and Joan for making the trip to Chillicothe for the graveside service. As a church family, we are indeed lucky to have both of them as our "minister team".

Again, thanks so much,
Richard Edmonds



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Disciples Crossing would like to thank you for your support through prayer and monetary donations throughout 2015. The \$5,853.04 that you donated to the camp was very much appreciated. Without your kindness and the generosity of the many churches that support the camp, Disciples Crossing, would be hard pressed to keep its doors open.

This past year we had 4,128 campers come through the gates. Were it not for the blessings that you provided, many of these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend a retreat or summer camp at Disciples Crossing.

Again, thank you for your generous financial donation and for your spiritual support. Please continue to keep the camp and its staff in your thoughts and prayers throughout 2016.

Thank you,
Matt Chandler
Executive Director

February

BIRTHDAYS

2/4	Bill Sholders
2/8	Marlene Baysinger
2/8	Kim Bonds
2/10	Bethany Bonds
2/11	Bonnie DePratter
2/12	Carole Wright
2/13	Carol Gunn
2/17	Beth Hindman
2/20	Diana McGee
2/24	Brenda Yowell

Happy Birthday

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 10, 2016
6:00 PM



February

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Marion Higginbotham

Greeters: Bill & Carol Gunn

Communion Preparation: Richard Bryan

Attendance Registers: Burt Bond

Children's Moment:

07 Mary Bryan

14 Richard Bryan

21 Wayne English

28 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Scripture Reading:

07 Bill Gunn

14 Carol Gunn

21 Jerry Hay

28 Marion Higginbotham

Deacon Team: Jerry Hay, Sandra Hay,
Steve Rubis, Vicki Rubis, Bryson Bonds

Serving at the Table:

Richard Bryan, Mary Bryan

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON and MEETING

Thursday, February 11, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Mary Bryan's Home
216 SW Taylor, Burleson
817-295-3390

*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.*

*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*

2016 DISCIPLES WOMEN OFFICERS INSTALLED

Disciples Women met at Spring Creek Barbeque on
January 14 for a meal and installation of officers.

President: Mary Bryan

Vice President: Juanice Wichterich

Secretary: Kathy Welch

Treasurer: Lolly Ellis

Hospitality: Sandra Hay

Study and Worship: Barbara Bond and Iris Wilson

Parliamentarian: Marion Higginbotham



Disciples Women meet the 2nd
Thursday of the month. Times and
places are announced ahead of time.
All women of the church and their
guests are invited to come.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

VALENTINE'S PARTY

Saturday, February 13
7:00 pm (FLC)

Entertainment ♥ Fun ♥ Fellowship

FREE ADMISSION

Bring Light Finger Foods,
Chips/Dips & Desserts to Share
Drinks Provided

Everyone Is Invited!



LOVE

*Sponsored by
Disciples
Men*

Installation of Church Officers

Sunday, January 31

This Sunday during morning worship, please
come and show your appreciation for those
who have agreed to church
leadership roles in 2016.
Those being recognized include
members of the Board of
Directors, Ministry Team Leaders
(Cabinet), Elders, Deacons and
the Pastor Parish Relations
Committee.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

♥ H A P P Y ♥

VALENTINE'S DAY

February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10 6:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service (S)	11 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Meeting (Elks Diner) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting (Mary Bryans' Home)	12	13 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for luncheon 7:00 PM - Valentine's Party (FLC)
14 First Sunday in Lent 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)	15 	16	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18	19	20
21 Second Sunday in Lent Week of Compassion Special Offering	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	25	26	27
28 Third Sunday in Lent Week of Compassion Special Offering	29	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 Practice (S)		