

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 12, 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

How 'Bout Those New Year's Resolutions

"One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." -- Philippians 3:13-14

Now that we are, for all intents and purposes, two weeks into the new year, I wonder how many of our new year's resolutions are still unbroken. Experience tells me that we are able to maintain the new course set by our new year's resolutions only for a brief time before we fall back into more comfortable, predictable routines. If that is the case for you, don't go on a guilt trip for it's the case for most of us, including me.

With that being said, consider this: every day we depend on the memory of things we have learned about in the past. Without memory none of us could ever function. We would constantly be asking the same people what their name is, but then we wouldn't be able to remember our own name either! And we would be permanently lost, not knowing where places are -- and we could never go out, because we would never be able to remember where we lived in order to get back home! Life would be totally chaotic. It doesn't take much thought to realize that memory is one of the most important facets of our God-created humanity. We cannot, literally, forget what lies in the past for, if we did, life would become intolerable.

So, in this very important scripture from Paul's letter to the Philippians, he cannot be telling us to forget the past by wiping our brain clean of its memories. But he is telling us not to so dwell on the events of the past, that we fail to live in the present and we miss God's best for our future.

Perhaps you are among the many who begin the new year by making new year's resolutions. These resolutions almost always focus on things we want to change -- such as our weight -- or things we would like to do in the new year. But, as I noted earlier, most of these resolutions are long forgotten within a short period of time. Shallow enthusiasm for something new will never stand the test of time.

But what would happen if we approached the new year with a different question and asked God what were His plans for us? And then we spent some time with God waiting on Him so that we could listen to His still small voice? We would then have a fresh vision for the year ahead -- and if it is vision from Him, then we wouldn't run out of energy and enthusiasm, but we would discover his sustaining power, enabling us to press on toward the goal He has put before us.

For Paul, his days on earth were coming to an end, but even in those conditions he wanted to make the most of whatever time he had left, so that he would not be found wanting when his call heavenward finally came. What an encouragement Paul is to us to redeem all the years that are to come, not dwelling on what has been, but rejoicing in what is to come, knowing that what He envisions, He will also enable!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 21, 2014	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	82
December 28, 2014	
Chapel Service	6
Traditional	57
January 4, 2015	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	72
January 11, 2015	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	36
Christmas Eve Service	95

Penny Enochs fell and broke her hip on Saturday morning in Galveston. She will have hip surgery on Tuesday in Galveston. She is in significant pain. If you would like to send her a card, you can send it to the address below:

John Sealy Hospital
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77555

She is currently in room 109.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
9:30 AM-12:30 PM Carter Bloodcare Blood Drive (FLC)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Ray Maxim; James Dennis; Payton Criswell; Marjorie Armstrong; Marilyn Murray; Sharon Jennings; Shelby Schott; Kelly, Emma & Mallory Peterson; Kevin, Nancy & Austyn Taylor; Kristin Prather; Charlie Kuehlem; Kay Dawson; Roy Fries; Andrew Tvardzik & Ronnie & Pam Moss in the Traditional Service.

We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

Thank You!

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts to each of us this Christmas. We

also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day. Thank you again for your generous gifts!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri

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:

Mary Jo Coates
Linda Cronenberg
Ann Gartman
Linda Gordon
Betty Grisham
Melba Joy
Dana Kilmer
Gina Lively
Karen Milburn
Dale Parmley
The family of Nelwyn Parker
The family of Danny Rubis
Friends of Beverly Sholders
The family of Don Vardeman's brother
Sandy Brown Wallace
Ray, Penny Enochs' friend
Jane, Caroline Bryan's Aunt
Members who are ill-Burt Bond, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Richard Edmonds, Wayne English, Penny Enochs, Jack Gregory, Sr., Margie Lile & Needra Womack

We Rejoice With:

Penny Enochs
Samantha Kearns
Dana Kilmer
Lacy McGee & Bud Oldham
Steve & Diana McGee
Brenda Yowell-Codi Dawn Yowell
Families visiting during holidays
Welcome to Clay & Linda Robinson
who joined our fellowship on Dec.
28, 2014.
Welcome to Barbara Warren who
joined our fellowship on Dec. 28,
2014.
Welcome to Ralph & Marial Biggs
who joined our fellowship on Jan.
4, 2015.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton; Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cindy Cox,
Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Flora Roe,
Juanita Stewart, 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

JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015 ♦ 6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



LINE DANCING

LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!



**BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015**

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BURLESON
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER ON THE TABLE
NEXT TO THE RESTROOMS OR YOU CAN CALL
TERRI LESTER IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR A TIME.
OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE 15 PEOPLE SIGN UP. WE
CURRENTLY HAVE 7 SIGNED UP.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU CAN GIVE BLOOD, OR NEED
MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL TERRI LESTER
817-295-4123 IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



JANUARY HARVEST HOUSE

**47 Pounds of Food
\$256.00 in Monetary Donations**

