

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 23, 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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

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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 (beginning 8/15/16): 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

Living Enthusiastically

"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." - Romans 12:11-12

One of the important experiential lessons we learn in life is that in order for us to reach our goals, we have to figure out how to maintain our enthusiasm over the long haul.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great is ever accomplished without enthusiasm." I think that is right! I have found it to be true in my life. We must have passion - we must have enthusiasm - or we are never going to make it to the finish line. It's one thing to get excited or passionate about a project or a goal for a short period of time. When we can see short-term results, it's easy to maintain an enthusiastic attitude. But maintaining enthusiasm over weeks and months and sometimes over many years is another challenge indeed.

So how do we do that? How do we stay enthusiastic day after day in spite of delays and difficulties and dead ends and problems and pressures and criticisms? How do we stay enthusiastic not just for a brief period of time but for the span of our lives? Positive thinking is not enough. Pulling ourselves up by our psychological bootstraps is not enough. Talking ourselves into optimism is not enough.

The way we stay enthusiastic for a lifetime is found in the word "enthusiasm". The word "enthusiasm" comes from the Greek phrase *en theos*. *En* is the Greek word for the English word "in". *Theos* is the Greek word for "God". So *en theos* means to be "in God".

When we get *in* God, we will be enthusiastic. It's the kind of enthusiasm that isn't affected by the economy or the weather or our circumstances. It's eternal because we are tied to the eternal God. We are in Christ.

Paul tells us how to do this in his letter to the Romans. He says, *"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."* If we want to reach our goals, we need to get God's power by being joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

So here is a prayer for us to offer to God:

Dear God, I don't want to go another day without you in my life, controlling every part of my heart. I rededicate myself to you. In light of all you've done for me, I give myself as a living sacrifice to you as a spiritual act of worship. I humbly admit that I need you close to me, I ask for your help to renew my mind. Help me to think the way you want me to think. Forgive me for my pride. I don't want to think more highly of myself than I should. My faith needs to grow, and I need your help to set goals that can be measured so I can manage them. Forgive me for trying to change on my own. I want to fill my life with love. I want to fill my life with you. Help me to take delight in honoring other people, to focus on giving my life away so that you can take care of my needs. I want to nurture my enthusiasm by being *in you*. Help me to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, my Lord and my Savior Amen.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/08/17
General Fund	3,983.00
Building Fund	482.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Gas Royalties	91.93

OFFERING	01/15/17
General Fund	2,350.00
FCC-Local Only	300.00
Building Fund	1,157.00

OFFERING	01/22/17
General Fund	2,190.00
Building Fund	482.00
CLOTH Fund	25.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 15, 2017	
Chapel Service	8
Traditional	61
January 22, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	63



Visitors and Guests

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

JoAnn Mason; Karen Mason; Doreen Lewis; Lana Perkins; Patti Shirley; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Kaci Bishop; Rob English; Mary Kenny; Cassandra & Kaitlyn 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.

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

February 5, 2017

Please bring canned goods, rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, mac n cheese, cereal, personal hygiene items, etc.

Harvest
HOUSE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM No Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

- 10:00 AM Chisholm Trail Optimist Meeting (FLC)
- 2:00 PM McCrory Family Going Away Party (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

- 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 1, 2017

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

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)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting & Luncheon (Kaye Gregory's Home)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

- 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

M.J. Barfield-friend of several members
Francine Forman, Joan Kearns' daughter
The family of Paul Harding, Stacie Kearns' grandfather
Jeannette McDermott, Pat Sartori's mother
Diana McGee
Chloe McRay, Iris Wilson's granddaughter
Family & friends of Steve Nash who passed away
Flora Roe
Justin & Jacob, grandsons of Iris Wilson
Robert, father of Valerie Stuart's co-worker

We Rejoice With:

Abigail-Vernon & Dee Fields'
granddaughter
Lexie Hobby, Angela Tolliver's
daughter
Lacy Oldham, McGee's daughter
Cassandra Wilson (Sandie) joined
our church family on Sunday,
January 22, 2017. Her daughter,
Kaitlyn, will also be baptized
Thank you to Disciples Men who
had a workday at the church on
January 21, 2017.

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, 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

JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING



THURSDAY
JANUARY 26
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

To our Dear Church Family,

We so appreciate your kindness to our family during the illness and loss of my brother, Jim. Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and for filling in to do our church responsibilities while we were in Oklahoma.

Thank you

In Christian love,
Don and Kathy Welch

To Our Church Family,

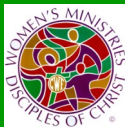
Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts to each of us this Christmas. We also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day.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

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri



Disciples Women Giving 2016

Church Finance Council (Blessing Boxes)	\$ 168.80
Week of Compassion	\$ 500.00
Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 500.00
First Christian Church CLOTH Fund	\$ 400.00
First Christian Church Lunch Fund	\$ 115.00
First Christian Church Learning Center	\$ 311.00
Harvest House	\$1,000.00
Holiday Friends	\$ 250.00
Burleson Fire Dept	\$ 51.00
DFW Chaplaincy	\$ 150.00
Heifer International	\$ 250.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 300.00
SOS (Support our Soldiers)	\$ 100.00
Salvation Army	\$ 200.00
Disciples Crossing	\$ 325.00
(materials for new flooring in dorm room in memory of Marion Higginbotham)	
Staff Gifts	\$ 160.00
Bereavement Meals	\$ 152.80
Total	\$4,933.60



February

BIRTHDAYS

2/4	Bill Sholders
2/6	Virginia Popiel
2/7	Georgia Sanders
2/7	JoAnn Mason
2/8	Marlene Baysinger
2/8	Kim Bonds
2/10	Bethany Bonds
2/10	Terri Tipton
2/11	Bonnie DePratter
2/11	Ann Miller
2/12	Carole Wright
2/12	Dee Fields
2/13	Carol Gunn
2/17	Beth Hindman
2/20	Diana McGee
2/24	Brenda Yowell



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Mary Bryan, Wayne English

Communion Preparation: Lolly Ellis

Computers during Worship: Steve McGee

Attendance Registers: Burt Bond

Children's Moment:

05 Angela Tolliver

12 Karen Willette

19 Suzanne Barton

26 Mary Bryan

Scripture Reading:

05 Peggy Johnson

12 Ronnie Johnson

19 Angela Kaker

26 Tommy Kaker

Deacon Team: Marilyn Murray; Mike Toole;

Don Welch; Kathy Welch

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;

Bill Gunn

Save the Date



Valentine's Party
February 18, 2017
7:00-9:30 pm
Family Life Center

Sponsored by
Disciples Men

GOING AWAY PARTY FOR THE MCCRORY'S



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017
2:00-4:00 PM - Come and Go
First Christian Church
Family Life Center

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 11:30 a.m.

Kaye Gregory's Home

525 Berkshire Court, Burleson

817-295-0009

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

Tiffanie Gregory, Margie Lile
and Terri Tipton are hostesses.

Study and Worship by
Barbara Bond and Iris Wilson.



DISCIPLES WOMEN ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT for the LEARNING CENTER

Unscented Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper,
Healthy Snacks Including: *Pudding Cups,*
Fun Fruits, Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-Its,
Animal Crackers, Fruit Loops
and Cheerios (No snacks with nuts)

Bring items to the meeting or take to
the church office.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, Feb. 12
Noon (FLC)

Come help set up
the Family Life
Center on
February 11,
at 10:00 a.m.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, February 9
8:30 a.m.

NEW MEETING PLACE

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson

Burleson

Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 29, 2017
During the 11:00 am Worship Service

Those being installed include:

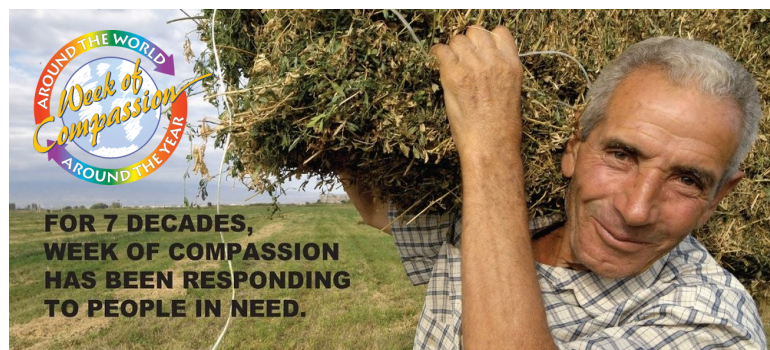
Board of Directors

Cabinet (Ministry Team Leaders)

Deacons / Youth Deacon

Elders

Pastor Parish Relations Committee



SPECIAL OFFERING - February 19 & 26

Through your support to Week of Compassion,
in 2016 alone, we were present in many places
where communities were impacted by disaster
such as:

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| 📍 Mozambique | 📍 Lebanon | 📍 Papua New Guinea |
| 📍 South Sudan | 📍 Syria | 📍 Haiti |
| 📍 Ethiopia | 📍 Pakistan | 📍 Iraq |
| 📍 South Carolina | 📍 West Virginia | 📍 Chad |
| 📍 Tanzania | 📍 Ecuador | 📍 Louisiana |
| 📍 Nepal | 📍 Burundi | 📍 Texas |

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

♥ HAPPY ♥
VALENTINE'S DAY

February 2017



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		3	4
5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	6	7	8 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg- (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Meeting & Luncheon (Kaye Gregory's Home)	10	11 10:00 AM - Set up for January Luncheon
12 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17	18 7:00 PM - Valentine's Party- Sponsored by Disciples Men (FLC)
19 Week of Compassion Special Offering	20 	21	22 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	23	24	25 8:00 AM-1:00 PM - FCCLC Training (FLC)
26 Week of Compassion Special Offering	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)			