

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 11, 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](http://www.fccburleson.org)

**Summer Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
Closed Fridays

**Learning Center Hours:** Closed for the Summer

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

### Trusting in God's Goodness

The Truth be told, I'm still trying to process the horrific scene that unfolded in downtown Dallas last Thursday evening where 14 innocent people were shot - 12 of them law enforcement officers, killing 5. I'm left exhausted, numb, confused and frightened in the face of evil. As I shared in my message yesterday in worship, the power of evil is that it binds people - it destroys lives - it wreaks havoc - and often leaves our communities destroyed. Evil is real.

So where do we turn? I believe we must depend on our faith in God - that God is love - and our understanding that although evil is always present, God's power is always greater. In the face of evil in our world, we must turn to God as revealed to us through His Son Jesus, and place our hope and our trust in Him. By trusting in God's goodness, we can respond by reflecting His love as we continue to pray for the victims, their families and all whose lives were changed forever by the shootings in Dallas last Thursday night.

The motto "In God We Trust" is familiar to us as we find it on our currency and our coins. It certainly is one of the cornerstones upon which our nation stands. However, more importantly, it is perhaps the most important cornerstone of my Christian faith. As a Christian, as one who has professed my belief that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that I have accepted Him as my personal Lord and Savior is to confirm that I place my ultimate trust in God for all things at all times.

One of my very favorite Psalms is Psalm 121 for it assures me that my trust in God is not a misplaced trust. The Psalm reassures me that no matter what circumstance threatens to overwhelm me, I am secure in the palm of God's hand. Each time I turn to Psalm 121, I experience God's peace through Christ flowing back into my heart and mind. I share the Psalm with you here and encourage you to allow these words of assurance to speak to you as they so often do to me.

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth..  
He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."*

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

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| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>07/03/16</b> |
| General Fund    | 5,269.00        |
| FCC-Local Only  | 80.00           |
| Building Fund   | 957.00          |

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| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>07/10/16</b> |
| General Fund    | 2,003.00        |
| FCC-Local Only  | 55.00           |
| Building Fund   | 307.00          |
| CLOTH Fund      | 14.00           |

**Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00**



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| July 3, 2016   |    |
| Chapel Service | 4  |
| Traditional    | 66 |
| July 10, 2016  |    |
| Chapel Service | 1  |
| Traditional    | 83 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger & Michelle Nieman in the Chapel Service.

Ann Miller; Kristin Prather; Nola West; Elizabeth Ramey; Guillaume Armauld; Ky Gregory Jr.; Keith & Jill Pippin; Greta Eller; John & Dottie Mahaffey; Ken, Konnie Clark & Bobbi Cornecheck; Emmy Nash; Daniel & Catherine Weems; Andrew Bryan; Walt & Ressa Stubblefield; Billie Herring; Karen Bruge 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, JULY 13, 2016**

No Ladies Bible Study  
No Cabinet Meeting

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 14:**

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Dinner)  
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Lolly Ellis' Home)

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 16:**

10:30 AM Disciples Women Zero Birthday Brunch honoring Barbara Bond & Bernice Williams (Lolly Ellis' Home)

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016**

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, JULY 18, 2016**

6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

No Ladies Bible Study  
No Board Meeting

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**

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, JULY 25, 2016**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published  
6:30 PM Roadrunners Square Dance Practice (FLC)

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



### ***Wedding Anniversary Reception***

*Honoring*

***Burt and Barbara Bond***

*July 24, 2016*

*Immediately following 11:00 am worship*

*Family Life Center*

*Everyone is welcome*

*No gifts please, cards only*

***Celebrating***

**60**



***Years...***

# 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:

Chris Barker-Kaye Gregory's half brother  
Len Gerstner  
Kali Gregory  
John Higginbotham  
Karen Milburn-Linda Cronenberg's sister  
Karen Parmley-Diana McGee's sister  
Lacy McGee Oldham  
Betty Jean Purvis  
Flora Roe  
The family of Lyda Speirs' daughter-in-law, whose mother passed away  
The family of Pat Teague who passed away-Pat is Margie Lile's sister  
Carole Wright's daughter  
The tragedy of the police shootings in Dallas

## We Rejoice With:

Bill Carlton  
Dee Fields  
The Gunn's daughters visiting  
Ky Gregory, Jr. visiting  
Richard & Pat Yarborough moved  
to a new facility

## Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,  
Bobbie Cockerham, Annie Cromwell, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham,  
Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash, 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, Landon Wheeler

## JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

65 Pounds

\$125.00 in donations



There will be no PPRC Meeting,  
Elder Meeting, Cabinet Meeting,  
Board Meeting or Stewardship Meeting  
during the month of July

## DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON and MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2016  
11:30 a.m. at Lolly Ellis' Home  
2020 Trailwood Drive, Burleson  
817-295-5705

*Meet at the FLC parking lot at 11:00 am to carpool or if you need a ride, call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

*If you drive, park at Lolly's in the driveway or on the grass to the right of the entrance drive.*

Janie Rudolph and Lolly are hostesses.  
Study and Worship by Juanice Wicherich  
and Iris Wilson.

This is your last chance to turn in Blessing  
Box money for 2016.



**ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH & GUESTS ARE INVITED**

## DISCIPLES WOMEN **ZERO** Birthday Brunch

**Honoring**  
**Barbara Bond & Bernice Williams**  
**Saturday, July 16, 10:30 am**

Lolly Ellis' Home  
2020 Trailwood Drive  
Burleson, 817-295-5705

*Meet at the FLC parking lot at 10:00 am to carpool. If you drive, park at Lolly's in the driveway or on the grass to the right of the entrance drive.*

Ladies, bring a brunch dish, a funny card and a money gift for First Christian Church in honor of each birthday girl.



## DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner  
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B  
Burleson

**ELKS DINER**



# FAITHFUL STEWARDS

**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING TO GIVE YOUR  
TITHES AND OFFERINGS WHEN YOU ARE GONE  
THIS SUMMER.**



The identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) states: *"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*



### West Virginia Flood Update - June 29, 2016

"The main focus is still accounting for everybody; rescue is the first priority now" said one West Virginia pastor during a conversation with Week of Compassion staff. When over 10 inches of rain fell in a very brief period, rivers and streams breached their banks and deadly flash flooding created a state of emergency in 44 counties. Now, as residents and assessment crews are able to survey the damage, the true scope of the disaster is becoming evident. In Kanawha County alone, almost 1000 homes were affected, of which approximately 400 have been destroyed.

Within 24 hours of the flooding, Week of Compassion was in contact with the West Virginia Regional staff, offering prayers and solidarity along with financial support. Disciples congregations are offering support by providing cleaning supplies, water, and helping hands. Friends, relatives, and neighbors have lost their homes and possessions. Communities are grieving for these losses as well as for the 23 individuals who died in the floods, yet the people of West Virginia are resilient and are looking toward rebuilding. Week of Compassion will continue to offer support every step of the way.

