

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 13, 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

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

The Blessing of Kindness

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." -- Ephesians 4:32.

A true story: Several years ago now, there was an 85-year-old man who ate breakfast in a Kroger supermarket every morning. He was bossy, very particular, and even remarked that the female employees could stand to lose weight. A few weeks after the elderly man died of cancer, several of the clerks were shocked when they received checks for \$10,000 from his estate. Why? Even when the man had been cranky and insulting, the staff waiting on him had treated him pleasantly and tried to cheer him up with a little tender care. They even went beyond the call of duty by taking turns to visit him in the hospital. Clearly, none of them expected anything in return.

There's a word for what the Kroger staff extended to him -- kindness. What a refreshing story in a world where kindness has often become a lost commodity. Yet, as Christians, we know kindness is what we are called to share on a regular basis. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted." We also know that in Galatians, kindness is one of the fruits of the spirit. Kindness is thinking of others and extending our love and resources to meet their needs and concerns.

However, we should remember that kindness is a two-way street. In Proverbs we hear, "Those who are kind reward themselves." So often, when we extend kindness to others, it comes back to us many times over.

Treating others with kindness keeps our hearts and attitudes running in the right direction. If we're not careful, we can easily fall prey to selfishness and indifference in our dealings with others. Planning to be kind gets us out of the "what will they do for us" world and gets our hearts in tune with "what can we do for them?" Intentional acts of kindness train our hearts to be loving and helpful. Acts of kindness bless us with the privilege of better friendships and more fulfilling relationships. And, most importantly, acts of kindness will make us more like Jesus, who was kind to each of us all the way to the cross.

Acts of kindness don't have to be a major event. It doesn't take a lot of time to hold a door open for the mom with her arms full, or to offer a smile to those we pass in the grocery store aisles. Even if we only encounter the convenience store clerk for a few seconds, if it is our intention to bless him or her with an encouraging word and a smile, we will be remembered as friendly and pleasant. Maybe he or she will sense that we are different from their other customers and many even want to know what it is that makes us different -- a wide open door to let them know that Jesus taught us to be kind.

And if we sometimes think that others do not show kindness to us, keep in mind that it may just be that they have never been blessed by us being kind to them. When we show kindness to others, they usually look for ways to return the favor. Remember Jesus' words from Matthew's gospel, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you."

Be kind, and watch the blessings flow!

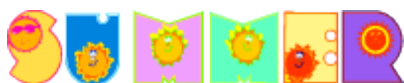
Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	06/28/15
General Fund	1,389.00
FCC-Local Only	445.00
Building Fund	822.00

OFFERING	07/05/15
General Fund	4,178.00
FCC-Local Only	140.00
Building Fund	617.00

OFFERING	07/12/15
General Fund	2,362.00
FCC-Local Only	160.00
Building Fund	252.00
CLOTH Fund	11.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2015	
Chapel Service	0
Traditional	59
July 5, 2015	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	59
July 12, 2015	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	66



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; Erika Silberman; Beverly Turner; Iris Wilson; Ed & Karen Willette; Kristin Prather; James Dennis; Mary Ann Erickson; Daniel Weems; Jeanie Phillips; Betty Grisham; Charlie Kuehlem; 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 15, 2015

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 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)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 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, JULY 27, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Many Thanks to the Disciples Women Fellowship and the Wednesday Morning Bible Study class for the \$700.00 donation to the Learning Center. It is going to be used to help open up 2 new class rooms for this coming year!



"When You're Gone...Our Bills Go On."
We still need everyone's help through the year...even when you are on vacation.

Your Stewardship Committee

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:

Jeff Baysinger
Cyndy Garrett
Len Gerstner
Bill Gunn
The family of Brooke Hester
John & Marion Higginbotham
Ray Madsen-Bernice Williams' neighbor
Cyndy Mauldin-Dorothy Nash's niece
Dorothy Nash
Flora Roe
Family of Betty Wallis-Juanice Wichterich's sister-in-law
Needra Womack
Carole Wright's daughter, Barbara

We Rejoice With:

Burt & Barbara Bond's 59th
Wedding Anniversary
Richard & Mary Bryan's 45th
Wedding Anniversary
Donna Kaker's son
Joan Kearns' Birthday
Richard & Stacy Kearns
Lyle Rudolph
Iris Wilson's Grandson
Suzanne-Beverly Turner's
Daughter
Bonnie DePratter's friend

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Higginbotham,
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dick Nash,
Dave & Cheryl Tinker, Barbara Warren; 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

Thank You!

To the Members and Congregation of First Christian Church Burleson,

Elisabeth J. White and Brandon K. Ptak would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to each of you who attended our graduation party, and to thank the Board and Congregation for the use of the Family Life Center facilities. The party was a great success and we love that we were able to share this joyous occasion with our First Christian Church Burleson family.

Thank You,
Elisabeth & Brandon



LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP CELEBRATE
OUR JOURNEY OF 50 YEARS - 1965-2015**



**United Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
1401 North Main Street
Euless, Texas 76039-2931
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Celebrating through the Decades
Sunday, August 2 thru Sunday, August 30

All events are free except for the Banquet on Saturday, August 29
Reservations are required by August 1

If you are unable to attend, but have a special memory or blessing, please send it in an email through the website, www.christianchurcheuless.org or you can mail it to the above address.

For more information on the services and times, please see the flyer on bulletin board outside Terri's office or call Terri in the church office at 817-295-4123.



Remember Elders, Board, Cabinet & Stewardship Committee Meetings
will not be held during July unless there is a called meeting.

JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

23 Pounds of Food

\$243.00 Cash Donations

Harvest
HOUSE