

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 14, 2014



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

Humility and Thankfulness

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you." -- James 4:10

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -- I Thessalonians 5:18

As I consider these two important instructions from James and Paul, to humble ourselves and to give thanks in all circumstances, I have come to realize how strongly they are linked. We cannot exhibit one without also exhibiting the other. As we grow in one, we grow in the other. In order to be truly thankful and humble, we must resist our natural tendency to exaggerate what we deserve, particularly in the area of material possessions.

The Bible is full of reminders that inflated pride and a lack of appreciation of the blessings we receive from God inhibit intimacy with Him. The Psalmist tells us, "In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

Pride, arrogance, greed and selfishness continue to challenge the teachings of Jesus regarding how we should faithfully live our lives. These traits truly contradict His commands to love God with all our hearts, minds and strength and to love one another as ourselves. Too often, our culture encourages us to look out for ourselves and fight for what we believe we are entitled to. More emphasis is placed on self-fulfillment than on following Jesus. Too often, our children and grandchildren are taught that it's more important to feel good than to do good. Pride, arrogance, greed and selfishness prevent us from living in a healthy, Christian environment that is conducive to humility and gratefulness.

Notice carefully what James tells us. His command is to "humble yourself". In a similar way, Paul tells us to "give thanks". They are not telling us what "to be",— they are telling us what "to do." They are encouraging us to do something tangible, instead of trying to be something intangible.

Though we may not succeed in becoming humble and thankful by striving for that directly, by humbling ourselves, we will become humble and by giving thanks, we will become thankful.

Every day, there are opportunities to humble ourselves which we may overlook. Those opportunities often present themselves when we can choose to respond to the needs of others rather than focusing our attention on ourselves. We "humble ourselves" each time we share Christ's love with another — sometimes as simply as offering a listening ear, a kind word, or a gentle touch. Jesus tells us to love one another as He has loved us.

Giving thanks is likewise a conscious decision we can make each and every day of our lives. As part of our regular prayer time, we need to thank God for the abundant and rich blessings in our lives, and taking a moment to truly appreciate each one of them. In time, we will evolve from one who gives thanks to one who is truly thankful.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	06/22/14
Gen. Fund	925.00
Build. Fund	382.00
Faith Matters	285.00
Harvest House	5.00

Offering	06/29/14
Gen. Fund	1,788.00
Build. Fund	722.00
Faith Matters	160.00

Offering	07/06/14
Gen. Fund	4,482.00
Build. Fund	1,547.00
Faith Matters	645.00
Harvest House	25.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 29, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	50
July 6, 2014	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	60
July 13, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	68



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger
in the Chapel Service.

Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Lauren Wichterich;
Joe Gamb; Charlie Kuehlem; Brandon Bruce;
Beverly Turner; Elvie Stanley; Iris Wilson; Ralph &
Mariel Biggs; Bob & Janet Evans; Emmy Nash;
Marc Govea; Danny Cooper 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 16, 2014

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
No Board Meeting in July

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014

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 23, 2014

9:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014

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 28 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING FOR THE
MONTH OF JULY. Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00 pm in the
Family Life Center.**

JULY HARVEST HOUSE

101 Pounds of Food

\$250.00 Cash Donations



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:

Deana McCoy
Needra Womack
Richard Yarborough
James McGee
Families Traveling
Flora Roe
Suzy Gaines
Rose Platt
Lori Chernosky's daughter
The family of Gerald Perkins
Mary Ann Banks
Lola Bierig

We Rejoice With:

Brandon Bruce
Wichterich's great grandson
John Higginbotham
Flora Roe
Valerie Stuart
James McGee-Home
Paul & Onita Holton
Audrey Cronenberg here

Continued Prayers for:

Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle DePratter, Cyndy Garrett, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Danny Rubis, Jean Rubis, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, Carole Wright, Greg Wright, Roseann 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

LINE DANCING CLASS



SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Families are welcome
too!

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful food, beautiful cards, prayers and telephone calls. Thank you to DWF for supplying the wonderful lunch. This has been a difficult year and a half, and I thank you all for being there for me.

All my love to each
one of you!

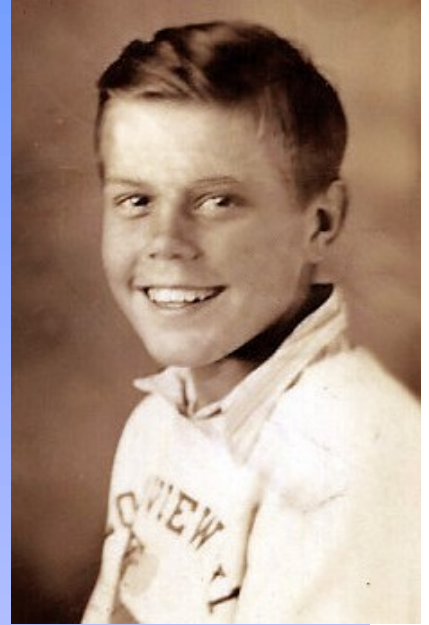
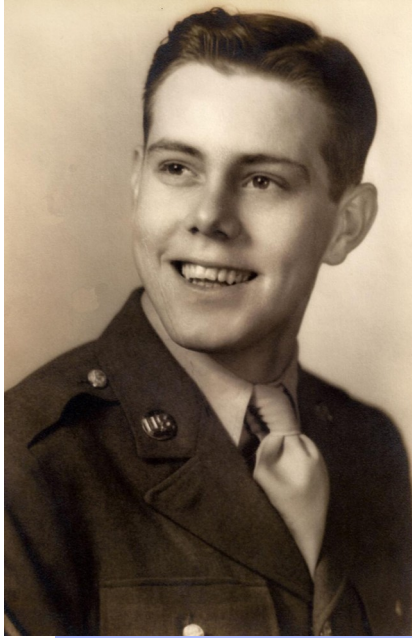
Penny Enochs



LEARNING CENTER NEWS



The Learning Center is closed for the summer, however, we are continuing to enroll for next year and there are still spots available. If you know of someone who is looking for childcare, please have them call us!



SAVE THE DATE

JACK GREGORY, SR.

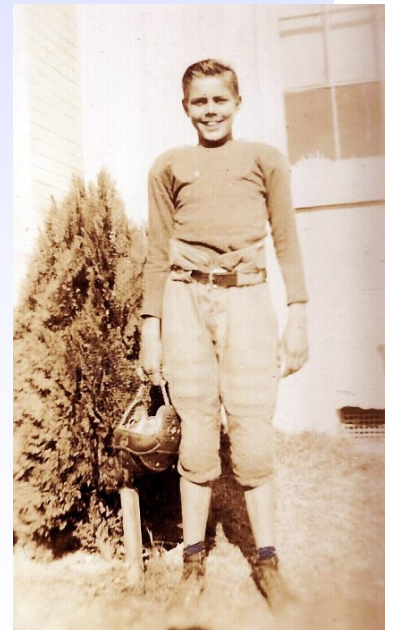
turns 90 years old on September 5, 2014

Join us to celebrate on Saturday, September 6th.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
601 SW Johnson Avenue, Burleson, TX 76028

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Come and Go - No Presents, Please



For more information, contact Jack, Jr. at JackGregoryJr@aol.com or 817-295-0009.