

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, June 22, 2015

Happy
4th of July!

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

Telephone: 817-295-4123
Fax: 817-295-0750

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

A Call to Prayer

Below is a joint pastoral letter from the regional leadership of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina and North Carolina calling their congregations to prayer in response to the church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17th. I ask that you join with me in prayer for all affected by this senseless act of violence.

Dear Church:

As you are aware, late Wednesday evening a young man shot and killed nine members of Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Among those killed was the congregation's senior pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney. Others killed were congregation pastor, the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, a relative of our own Rev. Sekinah Hamlin; the Rev. Daniel Simmons, age 74; Susie Jackson, age 87; Ethel Lance, age 70; Myra Thompson, wife of the Rev. Anthony Thompson, vicar of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church; Rev. Depayne Middleton Doctor, mother of four children; Tywanza Sanders, age 26, and a recent college graduate; and Cynthia Hurd, a Charleston County Public Library employee. We were all devastated to learn of this tragic and horrible event.

All murder is tragic. Mass murder bears much more horror when so many victims are senselessly killed so quickly. When mass murder happens in a place of worship and prayer our sense of well-being is threatened. But, our hope for humanity is at stake when murder is motivated by racism!

With tender hearts and deepest pain, we hear the words of the Hebrew prophet, Jeremiah:
I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. Is there no medicine...? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people? If only my head were a pool of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for all my people who have been slaughtered. (Jeremiah 8:24-25 - 9:1)

The congregation of Mother Emanuel AME Church is a precious expression of the body of Christ and as it is written, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26) Right now we suffer with them and extend our compassion towards them with open hearts knowing that as the Church we have traveled a similar road in the early and later decades of the 20th century when racism tore apart our country and churches. We learned then that silence and inaction was not helpful or faithful.

As Disciples of Christ we must take bolder steps to become the anti-racist/pro-reconciling church we are called to be, and end the systemic racism that causes such hatred and violence. There is no easy fix to racism. We must start--NOW! We cannot wait.

Therefore, we call upon all Disciples of Christ congregations in the regions of the Carolinas to enter into a period of eight days of prayer, June 21-28, as we petition the Creator of every human life.

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OFFERING	06/14/15
General Fund	2,767.00
FCC-Local Only	210.00
Building Fund	707.00
CLOTH Fund	21.00

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General Fund	1,331.00
FCC-Local Only	215.00
Building Fund	322.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 14, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	65
June 21, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	86



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the
Chapel Service.

Iris Wilson; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Charlie Kuehlem; James Dennis; Janet Evans; Claudia Moreno, Angelica & Anna Sophia; David, Iker & Matias Argüello; Joe Gamb; Beth Gregory; Richard, Stacie & Sam Kearns; Ed & Karen Willette; Emmy Nash; Hilda Rushing; Erika Silberman; Jeanie Phillips; Bruce Carlton; Gracie Carlton; Pam Carlton; Shirley, Blake & Jarrett Becker; Paul Carlton; Chandler Carlton; William Carlton; Kevin Carlton; Danny Olson 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, JUNE 24, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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 1, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015

HAPPY JULY 4TH!

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015

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)
- NO ELDERS' MEETING
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- NO CABINET MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Meeting-Elks Diner
- 10:00 AM Disciples Women Meeting-Jean Crawford's Home

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

- 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 & New Member Recognition (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

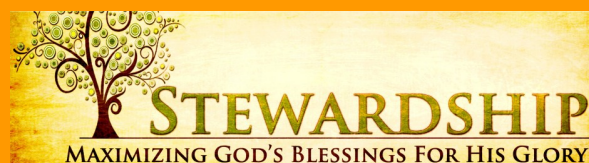
(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center
(MR) Meeting Room



STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

As we move into Summer, the Stewardship Committee says "Thank You!" for your faithful and sustained giving to First Christian Church. Through the first 4 months of the year, our giving has been strong and our expenses are within our budget projections. However, Vacation Time is coming, and just a reminder: "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:

The family of Larry Bailey-Steve Rubis' cousin
Bill Carlton
Margaret Dickens
Cyndy Mauldin-Dorothy Nash's niece
Beverly Turner's daughter, Suzanne
Betty Wallis-Juanice Wichterich's sister-in-law
Barbara Warren
Needra Womack
Gabby
Flora Roe's daughter, Kim
Tragedy in Charleston, SC

We Rejoice With:

Argüello Family visiting
Jack & Lolly Ellis' 50th Wedding
Anniversary-June 20th
Penny Enochs'

Continued Prayers for:

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

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During these eight days of prayer, we urge each congregation to pray during worship services, classes, meetings, small group gatherings, and as families and individuals, for the Charleston families who grieve the death of loved ones; the leaders and members of the Mother Emanuel AME Church; the leaders of the AME Denomination; all African American churches; the City of Charleston; the political leaders of our cities, states and country, the leaders of our congregational, regional and general expressions of church.

We pray for boldness in naming the sin of racism in our lives, our church and our country; boldness in confronting racism, in all its manifestations; boldness in confronting hatred and violence, in all its manifestations.

We pray for peace and forgiveness and for guidance and fortitude in following God's leading our next steps. Please join the church in these eight days of prayer.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ,

South Carolina
Rev. Sotello Long, regional minister
Eleanor Davis, regional moderator
Harold Samuel, vice moderator

North Carolina
Rev. John M. Richardson, regional minister
Reginald Stroud, regional moderator
Rev. Dr. William Barber II, moderator elect

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

LINE DANCING CLASS



Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

JUNE HARVEST HOUSE

54 Pounds of Food

\$210.00 Cash Donations

Harvest
HOUSE

Our next Harvest House Sunday is July 5, 2015.
Please bring cereal, Mac n cheese, canned goods,
snacks such as fun fruits, goldfish crackers,
pretzels , etc.

Dear Linda & Members of First Christian Church,

Thank you SO much for your recent gift to The WARM Place! Because of your support, we are able to continue supporting hundreds of children every year at no cost who experience the biggest loss of their life - the death of a loved one.

Exciting things continue to happen around here! In April, we finished the beautiful kitchen and dining room renovation. As one of our most generous supporters, we'd like to invite you to stop by some time to see the space.

On behalf of myself, other board members, staff, and most of all, the children, **thank you for keeping The WARM Place close to your heart.**

Sincerely,
Bill Hallgren

Board Member, The WARM Place



The WARM Place®
Grief Support Center for Children

FELLOWSHIP & NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Sunday ♦ July 12th ♦ 12:00 PM

Please bring a dish to share at our pot-luck luncheon and come join us as we fellowship together and recognize new members Rick Nelson, Barbara Warren, Clay & Linda Robinson, Ralph & Mariel Biggs, Marilyn Murray and Mike Toole.

We will meet in the Family Life Center on Saturday, July 11th, at 10:00 am to set up for the luncheon.

PLEASE NOTE



There will be no Elders' Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, Board Meeting or Stewardship Committee Meeting for the month of July. We will meet again at our regularly scheduled times in August. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



BIRTHDAYS

7/3	Ky Gregory, Jr.
7/9	Natalie (Rubis) Wood
7/17	Jack Ellis
7/17	Sharon Matzner
7/18	Richard Edmonds
7/19	Bernice Williams
7/21	Jean Rubis
7/26	Barbara Bond
7/29	Tommy Kaker
8/30	Caden Vastine



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Gamb

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Communion Preparation: Angela Kaker

Attendance Registers: Bill Gunn

Children's Sermon:

05 Mary Bryan

12 Richard Bryan

19 Wayne English

26 Elizabeth Gamb

Scripture Reading:

05 Carol Wright

12 Suzanne Barton

19 Barbara Bond

26 Kim Bonds

Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis;

Mary Bryan; Lolly Ellis

Serving at the Table: Marion Higginbotham;
Richard Bryan



DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH AND MEETING

Thursday • July 9 • 10:00 a.m.

Jean Crawford's Home • 713 Pecan Street, Burleson • 817-253-0424

Elizabeth Gamb, Joan Kearns, Margie Lile and Jean are our hostesses.
Juanice Wichterich and Iris Wilson will present the Study and Worship.

If you need a ride to the church, contact Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

We'll carpool from the Family Life Center parking lot at 9:50 a.m.

Remember to bring Blessing Box money - check or cash, no coins.

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED!

SERVICE PROJECT ITEMS for the LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper

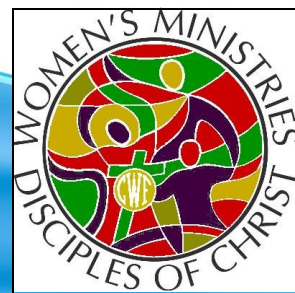
Socks

Sizes - Baby, 3-6 Months & 6-12 Months

Toys for 2 New Classrooms

Ages Infants to 24 Months

**THE MEETING TIME
FOR THIS MONTH
IS 10:00 a.m.**

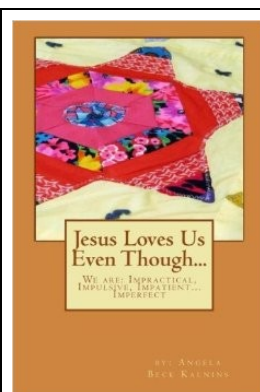


DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday July 9, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd
Suite B, Burleson

ELKS DINER



Angie Beck Kalnins will be in Burleson for her first book signing events. Books will also be available for purchase.

**THE MARKET
EMPORIUM
GIFT SHOPS**
July 8, 2-4 pm

**BLESSINGS
BOUTIQUE**
July 9, 6-8 pm



**Join Us For
Sunday
Morning
Classes**
10:00 am

Children's Class
Meets across from
the Chapel

Adult Class
Meets in the
Family Life Center

**Adult Fellowship
Bible Study**
Meets in the
Chapel



ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring Dorothy Nash
Sunday, June 28, 3:00 pm

Margie Lile's Home - 720 Lisa, Burleson
Bring a snack to share, a birthday card and a
monetary contribution for a church need.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

July 2015

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	2	3	
	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) No Choir Practice for the Summer					
5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY No Elders' Meeting	6	7	8 No Cabinet Meeting	9 8:30 PM - DMF Meeting - Elks Diner 10:00 AM - DWF Meeting - Jean Crawford's Home	10	11 10:00 AM - Set up for Fellowship Luncheon
12 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon & New Member Recognition (FLC)	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14	15 No Board Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 No Stewardship Meeting	23	24	25
26	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30		