

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 13, 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.

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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: 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

Meeting the Needs of Others

"The time is surely coming says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it." - Amos 8:11-12

As John's gospel is accounting for the time when Jesus hung on the cross, we hear, "When Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth."

The phrase "I thirst" was the life verse and the theme of Mother Teresa, who founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity and Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying. In every Home for the Dying around the world, where they take in the poorest of the poor, there is a picture of Jesus hanging on the cross and underneath, the words "I thirst," because Mother Teresa said that is our duty - to quench the thirst of Christ by helping those in need.

We cannot help Jesus on the cross. That's long past. Can you imagine being that soldier who gave Jesus the drink? What a privilege! We can't do that. But we can help those around us. The aim of our existence is to satiate the thirst of Jesus on the cross for every person, and it is shown by our love in action. Love in action happens when we meet the needs of other people in their thirst - physical, emotional or spiritual - out of love for Christ, who was thirsty for us.

There are people all around us who are spiritually thirsty, but no one ever uses that term. Some of the synonyms for spiritual thirst are boredom, unhappiness, dissatisfaction, stress and desperation. People who are spiritually thirsty have a need for meaning, purpose, and significance. They want to hear a word from God. They want to know what to do with their lives.

The prophet Amos tells us *"The time is surely coming says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it."*

Is that not a meaningful description of many in our society today? People look good on the outside, but they're empty on the inside. They're depressed, discouraged, defeated, in despair, unsatisfied, hopping from thing to thing, looking for what's going to give them fulfillment and quench their thirst.

Therefore, the question for us as believers and followers of Jesus is, "What is our responsibility to these people, to the world? In Mark's gospel we find Jesus' commandment, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* We serve God by serving and helping others in His name. We help quench their thirst by sharing with them what God has done and continues to do to make them whole.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/05/17
General Fund	5,084.00
FCC-Local Only	25.00
Building Fund	1,052.00
CLOTH Fund	72.00
Week of Compassion	125.00
Harvest House	20.00
Gas Royalties	331.34
Week of Compassion	80.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 5, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	63
March 12, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	63



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Maria McAfee, & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Jennifer Woods, JoAnn & Karen Mason, Doreen Lewis, Walt & Reesa Stubblefield, Emmy Nash, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, James Dennis, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Jennifer Thomas, 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.

MARCH HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



88 Pounds of Food

\$232.00 in Cash Donations



STEWARDSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

6:30 PM Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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, MARCH 27, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday ♦ March 15, 2017
6:00 PM
Family Life Center

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:

Hernan Argüello's father-Hernan is Natalie (Findley) Argüello's husband
The English family
The family of Sloan Everett who passed away
Bill Gunn
Terri Lester
The family of Jeff Mesius
Ronnie Moss
Journie Newbury-3 year old friend of the Gregory's
Flora Roe
Craig Stanton-Angie Stanton's husband
Iris Wilson
Claire & Molly-Iris Wilson's granddaughters

We Rejoice With:

Lexie Hobbie-Angela Tolliver's daughter
Sholders' oldest granddaughter & her mom
Bill & Carol Gunn
Jennifer Woods, Harvest House Director, for being with us
Sue Bannister, Bonnie DePratter, & Carole Wright in worship!
Congratulations to Pat Sartori on the birth of a new grandson, Dominick Arthur George Laurange!

Continued Prayers for:

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

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



The Learning Center is closed for Spring Break the week of March 13-17, 2017.



Start saving items for a Silent Auction
benefitting Relay for Life.
Date to be Announced.



Luminaries are now available.
There is a \$10.00 donation for each one.
Please contact Jim or Georgia Sanders for more information.
Jim's Cell: 713-775-1012.

