

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 14, 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

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

He Is Risen Indeed!

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth." -- Job 19:25

Our Lenten season journey on the road to Jerusalem with Jesus continues as this Sunday we observe His arrival in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with His disciples - the Sunday we identify as Palm Sunday. Sunday is also the beginning of Holy Week, and I hope you are planning to participate in the activities of worship and fellowship on our church calendar. On Thursday evening, March 24th, at 6:30 pm we will gather in our sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday communion service to share in the bread and the cup remembering the Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples in the upper room. We will be joined that evening by our brothers and sisters in Christ from New Hope Fellowship. Following the service, we will host a reception in our Family Life Center. On Good Friday evening, March 25th, also at 6:30 pm, we will worship at New Hope Fellowship to remember Jesus' death on the cross, and they will host a reception following that service. At 8:00 pm that evening, our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil will begin here at the church. If you have not signed up for an hour of prayer and meditation, please call the church office to see what times are available. And then, on Easter Sunday morning we will gather, first for our Easter Sunday Brunch at 9:00 am in the Family Life Center, and for worship at 11:00 am to proclaim and celebrate together, He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

What a thrill to know that our Redeemer lives! Jesus Christ is just as alive today as He was right after the resurrection. In fact, He is just as much alive today as He was before the crucifixion, and even before He came to earth and was laid in the manger.

Our living God knows right where we are day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. He sees our every need, hears our every cry, and longs to hold us close to Himself. He is present to walk with us through the valley. He provides a song in the night. He takes our feet from the muck and mire and plants them on a rock. He blesses us with hope and gives joy for life's journey.

Our God is alive! The joy and the assurance that we celebrate on Easter doesn't end when the Lenten Season is over. Why? Because Christ is alive. So rejoice and live each day with the hope and joy that Easter brings. Walk with Christ. Talk with Him, and allow His joy to penetrate your heart and fill your soul. Don't live in defeat as if Christ is still on the cross, or in the tomb. He is alive! He IS alive! He is ALIVE!

I hope you are planning to celebrate with us as we come together as the one body of Christ on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. I look forward to seeing you as we join our voices together to proclaim, "He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!"

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	02/07/16
General Fund	2,720.00
Building Fund	427.00
CLOTH Fund	21.00
Building Fund-Memorial-Marion Higginbotham	25.00
OFFERING	02/14/16
General Fund	3,559.00
FCC-Local Only	450.00
Building Fund	1,002.00
CLOTH Fund	3.00
Building Fund-Memorial-Marion Higginbotham	75.00
OFFERING	02/21/16
General Fund	1,736.00
FCC-Local Only	165.00
Building Fund	612.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00
Building Fund-Memorial for Dick Nash	75.00
Week Of Compassion	245.00
OFFERING	02/28/16
General Fund	3,559.00
FCC-Local Only	450.00
Building Fund	1,002.00
CLOTH Fund	3.00
Building Fund-Memorial-Marion Higginbotham	75.00
OFFERING	03/06/16
General Fund	5,945.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	1,152.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00
Building Fund-Memorial-Marion Higginbotham	25.00
The WARM Place	60.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Hilda Rushing; Haylie Long; Linda Galbreath; Don & Carolyn Vardeman; James Dennis; Kristin Prather; Iris Wilson; John Barrett; Dr. O.K & Jane Neal; Jack & Sylvia Pape; David & Kathy Sinzinger; Charlie Kuehlem; Ann Miller 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, MARCH 16, 2016

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Palm Processional (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

3:00 PM Easter Eggstravaganza for Learning Center (FLC)
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Fellowship with New Hope Fellowship (S & FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016

6:30 PM Good Friday Service & Fellowship with New Hope Fellowship (New Hope Fellowship)
8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (C)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

10:00 AM Set up for Easter Brunch (FLC)
8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends (C)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

(No Chapel Service, Sunday Classes or Prayer Group)

9:00 AM Easter Brunch
11:00 AM Worship (S)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published



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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 28, 2016

Chapel Service 3
Traditional 61

March 6, 2016

Chapel Service 4
Traditional 63

March 13, 2016

Chapel Service 2
Traditional 78

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:

Linda Cronenberg
The family of Pat Guinty who passed away 3/9/16-Sue Bannister's sister
The family of Deana McCoy who passed away 3/6/16
Pam Moss-friend of Bryan's, Cronenberg's, Findley's & Gregory's
Carol Knowles-Marilyn Murray's daughter
The family of Yvonne Queen who passed away
Beverly Sholders friend, Maudie
Kevin Campo's mother-Kevin is Tommy Kaker's co-worker

We Rejoice With:

Marion Higginbotham 1st Annual
Memorial Chili Cook-Off
Jaxon Earl Lenz-new Great-
Grandson of Flora Roe

First Christian Church members who are ill:
Joan Kearns, Vicki Rubis and Mike Toole

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham; Chance & Wesley Kaker,
Karen Milburn, Dorothy Nash, Needra Womack

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

Harvest
HOUSE

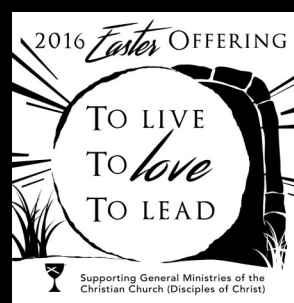
**MARCH HARVEST
HOUSE**

92 Pounds of food

\$235.00 in monetary donations

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

We have opened registration to the community, and we still have limited spots available. Dr. Seuss' birthday was in March and we celebrated by trying green eggs and ham, wearing "wacky" clothes, and other fun activities. We are looking forward to the Easter Eggstravaganza this month and learning all about how Jesus Is Alive!



**March 20 &
March 27, 2016**

Your gift to the Easter Offering brings life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter fund include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communications Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund/Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and Treasury Services. For more information on special offerings, go to the disciplesmissionfund.org webpage.



The WARM Place®
Grief Support Center for Children

DONATION FORM TO REMEMBER AND HONOR LOVED ONES

In lieu of donations for Easter lilies again this year, we are asking for contributions to help support The WARM Place in Fort Worth. The WARM Place helps children who are grieving the loss of someone they love by providing a safe environment for them to express feeling and emotions as well as the opportunity to meet with children and families who are experiencing situations similar to their own. For more information see their website at www.thewarmplace.org. As usual, your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin on Easter and in the newsletter. Thank you for your willingness to support children when they need it most.

DONATION FOR THE WARM PLACE

Name

Phone

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:

Make checks payable to First Christian Church and designate The WARM Place. Put forms and checks in the offering plate or mail to First Christian Church P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097, by Sunday, March 20th.

Holy week



Sunday, March 20 PALM SUNDAY

Easter Special Offering
11:00 am Parade of Palms

Thursday, March 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY

3:00 pm
Eggstravaganza for FCC Learning Center (FLC)
6:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service
New Hope Fellowship will be our guests.
Reception will follow (FLC)

Friday, March 25 GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm
Good Friday Service at New Hope Fellowship
6410 S. Freeway, Fort Worth
Carpool from FLC Parking Lot at 6 pm
8:00 pm
24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (Chapel)

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am Set Up for Easter Brunch (FLC)
8:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

Sunday, March 27 EASTER MORNING

9:00 am Easter Brunch (FLC)
No Chapel Service, Prayer Group, Morning Classes

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

March 25 – March 26

Come and be a part of our annual prayer vigil beginning on Good Friday at 8:00 pm. Our prayer vigil links our congregation with a continuous Chain of Prayer with other Disciples of Christ congregations from New Year's to Easter.

Time slots are for an hour. Come alone or share a time slot. The building will be open and supervised during the 24 hours. Use the double glass doors off Gregory Street and come to the Chapel.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - MARCH 13, 2016



THE CHILI CHALLENGERS!
Mike, Roy, Kaye, Jerry, Janie,
Tommy, Valerie, Mary, Ralph

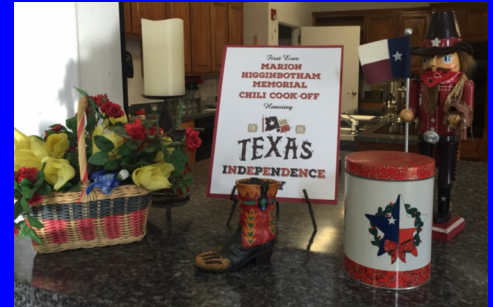


COUNTING THE VOTES
\$105 Raised for the Kitchen
Fund

First Ever **MARION HIGGINBOTHAM MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

Honoring

18 |  | 36
**TEXAS
INDEPENDENCE
DAY**



THE WINNERS

- 1st Place - Janie Rudolph
- 2nd Place - Roy Cronenberg
- 3rd Place - Tommy Kaker



Photos by Pene Enochs,
Beth Hindman and
Kaye Gregory

