

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 23, 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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817-295-0750

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: Monday-Friday 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Listen For God's Leading

"Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve." --

Mark 11: 7-11.

As we continue on our journey with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem during this season of Lent, we draw closer to the day when he entered the city in order to celebrate the Passover, the day we have come to know as Palm Sunday. We will join with Christians around the world this coming Sunday to again remember and celebrate Palm Sunday in worship.

It has been said that Palm Sunday shows us how often we misinterpret God's love, as well as our love for God. The true measure of our love must comprise the capacity to extend ourselves in real acts of compassion toward the afflicted, forcing us to come out of ourselves. So Jesus got on a donkey and paraded among palms toward Jerusalem. This act required the greatest love. The 20th century French writer Simone Weil wrote, "Those who are unhappy have no need for anything in this world but people capable of giving them their attention. The capacity to give one's attention is a very rare and difficult thing; it is almost a miracle: it is a miracle." Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding humbly on a donkey, is the miracle of God's complete attention. In Jesus, the world recognizes how different the world's kind of love is from God's kind of love, and in this recognition -- in Jesus -- we are transformed from fighting God tooth and nail into creatures who actually love God."

Living as followers of Jesus demands that we learn to pay attention to the people and events around us. The opportunity to share God's love with one in need lives within each one of us. When we share that love with others we participate in God's transforming power. Opportunities are all around us. God is at work all around us. When we open our hearts and minds to see it, God steps in and helps give us the opportunity to share. The eyes to see where God needs us come from a discipline of prayer. The more we ask God to show us where we are to go, the more opportunities will come. But we have to do more than keeping our eyes open; we have to listen for God's leading, that gentle nudge we feel to reach out to someone. The more we listen for God's leading, the more we can sense where we are to go. It is a practice that takes time to discern; sometimes we see it best after the moment is past. Taking the time to think about moments when we were sure God was present with us can help us discern what the experience feels like. In time, we can sense it more quickly and can respond trusting that God is at work in our lives.

So, as we continue on our journey of faith with Jesus as he draws closer and closer to the cross, let us listen closely for God's leading,

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/15/15
General Fund	1,843.00
FCC-Local Only	125.00
Building Fund	867.00
CLOTH Fund	21.00
The WARM Place	235.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 15, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	56
March 22, 2015	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	61



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Marjorie Armstrong; James Dennis;
Greta Eller; Dylan Welch; Kevin, Nancy & Austyn
Taylor; Charlie Kuehlem; Hilda Rushing; Ben &
Melissa Fambrough 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.*



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

Since Easter Sunday falls on our tradi-
tional Harvest House Sunday, we are
moving Harvest House
Sunday to April 12th.
Please bring canned
goods, cereal, mac n
cheese, etc.

Harvest
HOUSE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

- 3:00 PM Easter Eggstravaganza for Learning
Center (FLC)

- 7:00 PM Intermediate Square Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Fellowship
-New Hope Fellowship

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

- 6:30 PM Good Friday Service & Fellowship-
(S & FLC)

- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (C)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Easter Brunch

- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

No Chapel Service, Sunday School or Prayer Group

- 9:00 AM Easter Brunch (FLC)

- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

- 6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

- 10:00 AM Disciples Women Brunch and Meeting-
Kathy Welch's Home

- 7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 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)

- 12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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:

Midge Allen-the Sholders' Friend
Molly Booth-the Gunn's Friend
Lynn Davis-the Kaker's Friend
The family of Myrna Dollar-Marion Higginbotham's Aunt
Randy Gunn-the Gunn's Son
Beth Hindman
M'Lee-Michelle McCrory's friend
Steve McGee
Marilyn Murray
Amber-friend of Valerie Stuart
Carole Wright
Needra Womack
The family of Cindy Cox-Richard Yarborough's daughter

We Rejoice With:

Ben & Melissa Fambrough
Collin & Tiffanie Gregory
Juanice Wichterich
Successful church clean up day

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Mary Jo Coates, Bobbie Cockerham, Penny Enochs, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Chance Kaker, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn, Dick Nash, Flora Roe, 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

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

We are back open and looking forward to experiment week, Holy Week, and Easter. We are excited about our Eggstravaganza and Egg Hunt next week. We are continuing to enroll, by working through our waiting list. We have a few limited spots available. If you have any questions about the Learning Center, please call the church office at 817-295-4123.



LINE DANCING

LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/05	Valerie Stuart
4/07	Kali Gregory
4/10	Lori King
4/11	Kaye Gregory
4/14	Wayne English
4/16	Mike Kearns
4/18	Angela Kaker
4/22	Dorothy Nash
4/25	Ralph Biggs
4/27	Lori Kiper
4/29	Andrew McGee



April

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Bill & Carol Gunn
Communion Preparation: Jerry Hay
Attendance Registers: Carol Gunn
Children's Sermon:
 05 Mary Bryan
 12 Richard Bryan
 19 Wayne English
 26 Elizabeth Gamb
Scripture Reading:
 05 Carol Gunn
 12 Jerry Hay
 19 Marion Higginbotham
 26 Peggy Johnson
Deacon Team: John & Marion
 Higginbotham; Ronnie & Peggy Johnson
Serving at the Table: Wayne English;
 Steve Rubis



TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 2
 10:00 am-3:00 pm
 First Christian Church, Arlington
 910 S. Collins St.
 Arlington, TX

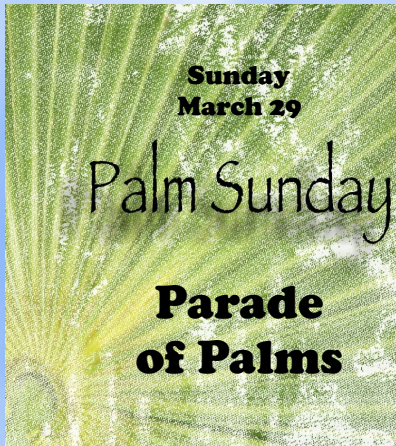
Registration is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door and this includes lunch. You can register online at www.tbaccsw.org or call the Trinity-Brazos Area office at 817-831-4442.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Newell Williams

PLEASE NOTE

Pastor Mike Kearns will be out of the office from April 8th-April 12th on vacation. In addition, our Church Secretary, Terri Lester, will be out of the office on vacation from April 7th-April 10th. If you have an emergency, please contact your Elder or if you don't know who your Elder is, contact Kaye Gregory, Elder Chair, 817-295-0009.

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 29
PALM SUNDAY**

11:00 am Parade of Palms

Tuesday, March 31

3:00 pm Eggstravaganza for First Christian Church Learning Center (FLC)

**Thursday, April 2
MAUNDY THURSDAY**

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
at New Hope Fellowship
6410 S. Freeway, Fort Worth
Carpool from FLC Parking Lot at 6 pm

**Friday, April 3
GOOD FRIDAY**

6:30 pm Good Friday Service
New Hope Fellowship will be our guests.
Dessert fellowship will follow (FLC)
8:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins
(Chapel)

Saturday, April 4

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

**Sunday, April 5
EASTER MORNING**

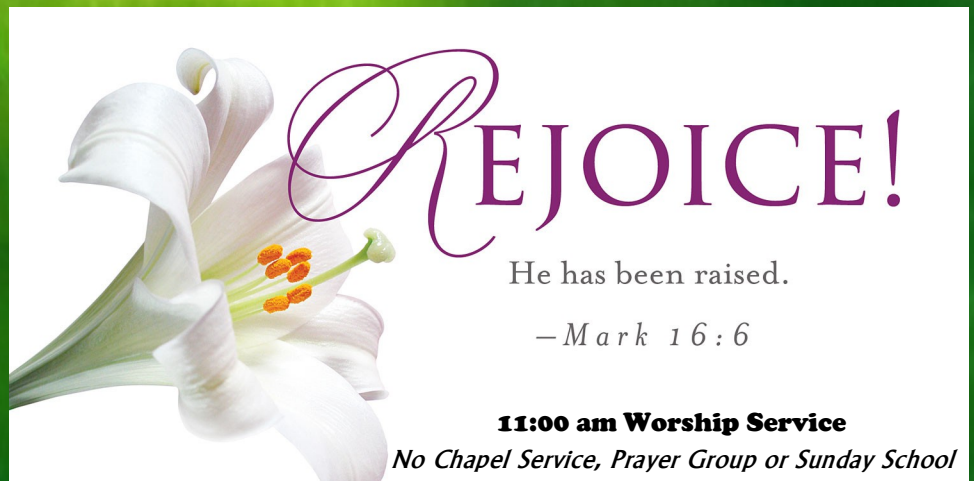
9:00 am Easter Brunch (FLC)
No Chapel Service, Prayer Group, Morning Classes
11:00 am Easter Worship



8 pm Good Friday thru 8 pm Saturday



In the Chapel. Sign up sheets in the foyer.



MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR WORK DAY HELPERS!



About 30 volunteers pitched in and helped clean up the church on March 21.

Photos by Vicki Rubis and Kaye Gregory



EGGSTRAVAGANZA FOR THE LEARNING CENTER

Tuesday, March 31, 3 pm

*Come to the Family Life
Center about 2:45 pm.*

*We appreciate everyone's
help!*



DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH & MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 10:00 am

*Meet at the Family Life Center parking area
at 11:15 am to carpool to Kathy Welch's home.*

213 Hillside Drive West, Burleson 817-447-6349

Carole Wright, Marion Higginbotham
and Kathy are our hostesses.

Elizabeth Gamb and Iris Wilson
will give the Study and Worship.

*If you need a ride to the church, contact Mary Bryan
so arrangements can be made. (817-295-3390)*

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.



Please check your In Honor of or In Memory of information. If you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri at 817-295-4123. Please note that this only includes those who turned in their information by March 15, 2015. If you turned yours in after March 15, 2015, it will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



The WARM Place *Grief Support Center for Children* *Donations In Honor Of*



In Honor Of

Our Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

Our Children and Grandsons

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Michael, Ashley & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The English Children & Extended English Families

Jack Gregory, Sr.
Margie Lile
Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac
Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt, Kali
Cody

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Angela, Tommy, Chance, Wesley & Jessica Kaker
Rhonda & Steven Janusch

Our Dad:
Dewey Struck

Betty Grisham
Mike & Jean Rubis

Our Family

My Grandchildren: Shawn, Bruce, JD, Melissa, Brandon
Brock, Brent, Marshall, Pearce, Hunter & Barrett
My Great Grandchildren: Brianna, Brandon, Joshua, Ericka, EJ,
Skyler, Damitrius, Tristan, Braxton, Kalissa, Ella, Katelyn,
Dylan, Bailey & Lexi

Given By

Burt & Barbara Bond

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne & Anne English

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Don & Kathy Welch

Carole Wright



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In Memory Of

Our Parents

Our Parents:

Orson & Martha Hendrick
Buddy & Nell Ellis

Louise & Wayne English, Sr.

Our Parents:

Herman & Katherine Gamb
Hjalmer & Berdell Mork

Ruby Gregory
Annelle Smith

Steven Hay

Our Parents:

June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Jimmy Huggins

Our Parents:

Bob & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Bob McGowan

Dalton Grisham
Doug Holton
Tempa Larsen

Warren C. Wright

Given By

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Joe & Elizabeth Gamb

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Jerry & Sandra Hay

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Rae McGowan

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Carole Wright



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April 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	4
				6:30 PM- Maundy Thursday Service & Fellowship (New Hope Fellowship)	6:30 PM-Good Friday Service & Fellowship (S)	10:00 AM - Set up for Easter Brunch
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published		6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)			
26	27	28	29	30		
	9:00 AM - Newsletter Published				Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM Choir (S)	