

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 27, 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

The Lord is My Portion

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion', says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'" - Lamentations 3:22-24

When our trials and tribulations strive to overwhelm us - when our world is falling apart - it's so easy to focus on the pain, the problems, the pressure and the difficulties. It's the natural response. But the biblical response is to turn our focus to God's love.

Even if we're mad at God, we need to remind ourselves how much He loves us. Focus on His unconditional love. Remember that we can't make God stop loving us. We can complain, yell at Him and scream at Him, but He will still love us forever.

We can see this biblical approach in Jeremiah's life in Lamentations. Jeremiah starts out focused on his pain: *"The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me."* He was consumed by the devastation around him. It filled his thoughts and made him bitter and depressed.

If we want to change our lives, we must change our thoughts. That's what Jeremiah did. We see the mental switch in the next few verses: *"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion', says my soul 'therefore I will hope in him.'"*

We don't know God is all we need until God is all we have. But that's all we need, because God will take care of us.

We make foolish mistakes when we start doubting God's love. We start to think, "I know better than God, and I'm going to start choosing to do things my way rather than following God's way." Or we begin to think God is looking for ways to make our lives miserable.

We need to change our thinking. We need to remember, *"For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone."*

The undeniable truth is that God loves us! He is not the strict parent that we couldn't please. He is not the imperfect parent with weaknesses and faults who messed up. He is God - the eternal, all-knowing, infallible God who created each of us. He loves us no matter what and He will never leave us.

When the difficult days are upon us and we feel like we've lost everything, we must stop focusing on what's lost and start focusing on what's left - God and His unfailing love for us.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/12/17
General Fund	2,765.00
Building Fund	282.00
CLOTH Fund	73.00
OFFERING	03/19/17
General Fund	1,875.00
FCC-Local Only	50.00
Building Fund	587.00
OFFERING	03/26/17
General Fund	1,740.00
Building Fund	212.00
The WARM Place	40.00
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 19, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	49
March 26, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	64



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Bob Lee & Jennifer Thomas in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Will Davies, Matt Carroll, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Shad Hajecate, Janet Evans, John & Dottie Mehaffey 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 April 2, 2017



Special needs this month include Ramen noodles, mac and cheese and cereal as well as canned vegetables, etc.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Learning Center Oversight Committee Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

- 9:00 AM All Church Workday

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

- 6:30 PM Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



To My Family of FCC,

Much love, gratitude and appreciation for all your prayers, cards with your warm caring thoughts, your concern and prayers for my family, your generosity (God does supply our needs), your phone calls, visits, loving kindnesses and thoughtfulness.



God's abundant love and blessings to you,
Iris Wilson

Jude 1:2
Numbers 6:24-25

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:

Lolly Ellis
Wayne English
Gary Lane
Flora Roe
Valerie Stuart
Heinz Wichterich
Iris Wilson
Betty Jean, Bonnie DePratter's sister
Barbara-Carole Wright's daughter
Susan-Jim Sanders' sister
David-Iris Wilson's brother

We Rejoice With:

Carol Gunn
Ronnie Johnson received the
Hill College Pillar of the
Community Award for 2017!
Bernice Williams' great
granddaughter's marriage
Bernice Williams' family member

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



Just a little more than 2 months left in the 2016-2017 school year. It has gone fast! We have finished current student enrollment and opened enrollment to the community. We now have all spots filled for the 2017-2018 school year, and have a waiting list!



Start saving items for a Silent Auction
benefitting Relay for Life.

Silent Auction will be on Sunday, May 21, 2017, during the Fellowship Luncheon. 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.



You're Invited to a
Bridal Shower Honoring

Elisabeth (White) Danelski

Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 pm
First Christian Church-Family Life Center
601 SW Johnson Avenue
Burleson, TX

Elisabeth is registered at Target & Amazon

Hosted by Laurel, Lynn & Jane

Please RSVP to Jane at
817-925-5177 by April 8th

My family and I really appreciate what the folks at First Christian Church put together for the reception after my mom's memorial. You guys worked very hard and it showed. Thanks for caring, putting that together and also being part of my parents' church family.

Thanks again,
God Speed,
Kenny English



I want to thank everyone who so willingly and lovingly donated food and time to make this reception very special. Since this was my first duty as bereavement meal coordinator, I was over-

whelmed at the generosity and willingness to give that made my job so much easier! A special thank you to the tireless cleaning and coordinating effort of Dee Fields and Terri Tipton...without them, I wouldn't have made it!

Angela Tolliver



WE NEED YOU!!

Good Friday - April 14, 2017
10:00 AM

Please come help set up the Family Life Center for our Good Friday reception with New Hope Fellowship. The more hands we have, the faster the set up will go!

Holy Week

April 9 - April 16

April 9

PALM SUNDAY

Easter Special Offering
11:00 am Parade of Palms

April 13

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:30 am
Disciples Men at The Porch
11:30 am
Disciples Women at Lyda Speirs' Home
3:00 pm
Eggstravaganza for FCC Learning Center (FLC)
6:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service
at New Hope Fellowship
6410 S. Freeway, Fort Worth
Carpool from FLC Parking Lot at 6 pm

April 14

GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am
Set Up for Reception and Easter Brunch (FLC)
6:30 pm
Good Friday Service
New Hope Fellowship will be our guests.
Reception will follow (FLC)
8:00 pm
24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (Chapel)

April 15

8:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

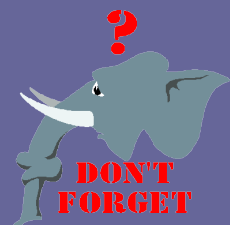
April 16

EASTER MORNING

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

DON'T FORGET....

If you are the last one to leave the church, please make sure all the lights are turned off and the doors are locked before you leave.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/5	Valerie Stuart
4/7	Gabby Houghton
4/7	Kali Gregory
4/10	Lori King
4/11	Kaye Gregory
4/14	Wayne English
4/14	Andrew Bryan
4/16	Mike Kearns
4/18	Angela Kaker
4/19	Jim Sanders
4/22	Dorothy Nash
4/25	Ralph Biggs
4/27	Lori Kiper
4/29	Andrew McGee

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact the church office so that we can include you on our list!

APRIL

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Donna Huggins, Ronnie Johnson

Communion Preparation: Peggy Johnson

Computers during Worship: Steve McGee

Attendance Registers: Vernon Fields

Children's Moment:

02 Ronnie Johnson

09 Dorothy Nash

16 Angela Tolliver

23 Karen Willette

30 Suzanne Barton

Scripture Reading:

02 Kathy Welch

09 Juanice Wichterich

16 Karen Willette

23 Kaye Gregory

30 Suzanne Barton

Deacon Team: Ralph & Mariel Biggs;

Kim Bonds; Mary Bryan; Bryson Bonds;

Serving at the Table: Wayne English;
Dorothy Nash



April 9 & 16, 2017

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication 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.

Are you missing a men's dress jacket? A men's dress jacket was left in the Family Life Center after March 12, 2017. If you are missing one, please call Terri in the church office 817-295-4123.



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING



Thursday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.
Lyda Speirs' Home
641 Horn Street, Crowley
334-703-3510

*Carpool from the FLC parking lot at 11:15 a.m.
Need a ride? Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

Hostesses: Joan Kearns, Kaye Gregory & Lyda
Study & Worship: Margie Lile & Tiffanie Gregory



SERVICE PROJECT FOR HARVEST HOUSE:
Bring Cans of Corn and/or Household Cleaners



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, April 13
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson

THE WAY TO THE CROSS

*24-Hour Prayer Vigil
April 14 - April 15*

Come and be a part of
our annual prayer vigil
beginning on Good Friday at 8:00 pm. 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. A
sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

REMEMBER AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER

Again this year, in lieu of donations for Easter lilies, 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 feelings 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 continue this outreach ministry as we help support children when they need it most.



Donation Form — The WARM Place

Name _____

Phone _____

In Honor Of

In Memory Of

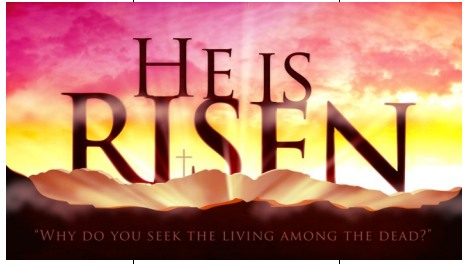
Make checks payable to First Christian Church and designate The WARM Place. Put forms and checks in the offering plate or mail to First Christian Church, PO Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097, by Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



April 2017



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)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		Easter Blessings 		1 9:00 AM - All Church Workday
2 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	3	4 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> PALM SUNDAY EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING 11:00 AM - Palm Processional (S)	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published 	11 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	12 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	13 8:30 AM - Disciples Men at The Porch 11:30 AM - Disciples Women at Lyda Speirs' Home 3:00 PM - Eggstravaganza for FCCLC (FLC) 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service (New Hope Fellowship)	14 10:00 AM - Set up for Easter Brunch 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service & Fellowship (S & FLC) 8:00 PM-8:00 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil (C)	15 1:00 PM - Bridal Shower Honoring Elisabeth (White) Danelski (FLC)
16 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Easter Brunch (FLC) 11:00 AM - Worship Only (S) (No Prayer Group, Sunday Classes or Chapel Service)	17	18 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	19 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22
23	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	26 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	27	28	29
30				Happy Easter! 		