

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 9, 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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Fax: 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

Victory Through Christ

"This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" -- 1 John 5:4-5.

Next Tuesday, March 17th, we once again celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Here at First Christian Church, we got a jump on the celebration last Sunday at our Potluck Luncheon in the Family Life Center as the decorations were all St. Patrick's Day appropriate. We mark St. Patrick's Day each year to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland by wearing green, decorating with leprechauns and shamrocks, and often holding parades in locations where many Irish have settled.

St. Patrick's story is a story of victory over bitterness, victory over the lies of a pagan culture. Patrick was a young man of sixteen years when kidnapped from his home in England around 400 A.D. and taken to Ireland. There he was sold to a chieftain who forced Patrick to tend his sheep. It was during this captivity that Patrick remembered his Christian upbringing, which he had formerly rejected. As he wrote in his "Confessions", "I would pray constantly during the daylight hours" and "the love of God . . . surrounded me more and more." His understanding and love for God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit grew during these lonely years of survival in the cold, rain and snow. His writings do not show bitterness because he used his time to grow in new love and faith. After six years as a slave-shepherd, Patrick escaped and returned to his home in England, a changed man.

Feeling called to return to Ireland and proclaim the Gospel to the pagan and barbaric culture which he had left, Patrick began to study and prepare. Eventually he was ordained as a priest, and then a bishop. When he did return, he brought new hope to the land where he had been held captive, all because of his bold and faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ as Savior of the world. He even used the shamrock to explain the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He served in Ireland for 29 years, baptizing thousands and planting hundreds of churches. Besides individual lives redeemed, their new Christian faith gave the Irish people a revived love of learning -- which then fostered literacy. The Irish monks were instrumental in copying books, including the Bible, which were in danger of being looted and destroyed during the final days of the Roman Empire as it crumbled.

St. Patrick maintained a deep prayer life as seen in the writing called "The Breastplate," attributed to him: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

On this St. Patrick's Day we celebrate victory, the ultimate victory through Jesus Christ. As Christians, we celebrate His life in us every day of the year. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/01/15
General Fund	3,745.00
FCC	290.00
Building Fund	1,317.00
CLOTH Fund	5.00

OFFERING	03/08/15
General Fund	2,976.00
Local Only	230.00
Building Fund	342.00
Week of Compassion	10.00
The WARM Place	70.00
CLOTH Fund	20.00

Happy St. Patrick's Day

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 1, 2015	
Chapel Service	0
Traditional	44
March 8, 2015	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	61



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Marilyn Murray; Mike Toole; Claudia Moreno; Anna Sophia; Janet Evans; Joe Gamb; James Dennis; Marjorie Armstrong 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18
6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM**



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting-Kaye Gregory's Home
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

7:00 PM Intermediate Square Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

9:00 AM Church Workday

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015

FIFTH 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 23, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Board Meeting

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 25
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE
CENTER**

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The Learning Center is closed for Spring Break this 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.



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:

Sue Bannister
Myrna Dollar
Randy Gunn, the Gunn's son
Dave & Cheryl Tinker, Steve McGee's sister & her husband
Juanice Wichterich
Carole Wright
Kevin, the Bond's grandson
Paula & family, friend of Marilyn Murray

We Rejoice With:

Cyndy Garrett
Marilyn Murray transferred her
church membership to our church
family on March 8, 2015
Dick Nash

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton; Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cindy Cox,
Penny Enochs, Cyndy Garrett; Betty Grisham; Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, 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

HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



**45 Pounds of Food
\$203.00 in Cash
Donations**

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, letters, visits,
phone calls and prayers while I was recovering from
my surgery. I love and appreciate everyone of you!

THANK YOU!!!

Love,
Penny Enochs

Thank you to all my dear friends at FCC for
your prayers, cards and calls during my
recent recovery from shoulder surgery. I
hope to be back in worship soon.

Love in Christ,
Juanice Wichterich



LINE DANCING CLASS

**Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center**

Families are Welcome!



LINE DANCING



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 22nd.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY Saturday, March 21, 2015 9:00 am-12:00 pm

We're getting all spiffed up for Easter! We have several areas that we need help with including outside landscaping, interior cleaning and fixes, cleaning and organizing the storage building, electrical work and various other miscellaneous projects. You can sign up to help by filling out the insert in this Sunday's bulletin and indicating how you would like to help, or you can call the church office to sign up 817-295-4123.



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 11:30 am

Meet at the Family Life Center parking area at 11:15 am to carpool to Kaye Gregory's home.

525 Berkshire Court, Burleson
817-295-0009

Tiffanie Gregory, Margie Lile & Kaye are hostesses.
Study & Worship by Kathy Welch & Iris Wilson.

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.



LADIES WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday, March 21
9:00 am

During the All Church Clean Up Day on March 21, we will be sorting through and organizing the church's special occasion decorations. Also, we can use more clear storage containers so bring some if you can.

Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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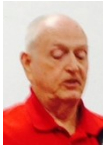
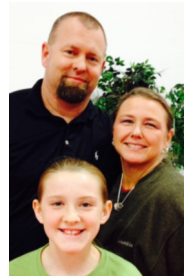
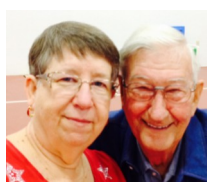
Disciples Women Retreat at
Disciples Crossing in Athens

October 16-18, 2015



FUN During Feb & Mar

IF YOU HAVE CRAZY FRIENDS
YOU HAVE EVERYTHING



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