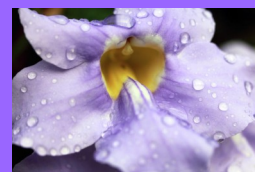


FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 11, 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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817-295-4123

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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Working Through Times Of Grief

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." -- John 3:16.

Over the last several days, my thoughts and prayers have especially been with Dorothy Nash and her family with the passing of her sister Mary Jo Coates in Abilene and with Doyle and Bonnie DePratter and their family with the passing of Doyle's brother Red in Llano. We all, at various times in our lives, have experienced the sadness, the sorrow and the emptiness that comes with the grieving process when we lose one whom we have loved so dearly. And we also know that there will be times in the future when we will journey through the grieving process again. Therefore, not only for the Nash, the Coates, and the DePratter families, but for us all, I share a few thoughts that may be helpful as we work through times of loss and grief.

Often during times of grief, questions arise: "Should I act as if everything were normal? Should I make changes in my routines and lifestyle?" There are no "right" and "wrong" answers. Grieving the loss of a loved one is unique to each person and to each circumstance. The days, weeks and months to come can still be a significant time in our lives. They will be different, but they can still be meaningful. They may hurt, but they can also hold hope -- even great hope.

No doubt, the grieving process is difficult. The task may seem huge. Some days it will take as much effort as we can muster. Other days it may ask of us more than we think we have to give. As we grieve, we need to be strong in our determination. And for those times when our determination wanes, we can forgive ourselves and begin again when we are able. We need to be flexible, learning as we go, and having others beside us who are learning to be flexible with us. We will need to accept the rise and fall of our feelings and to understand that our emotions will have a life of their own.

Over time, we are likely to discover that we are being changed by our encounter with grief. We will no longer be the way we once were. We will be transformed. We will be more sure of what we hold dear. The journey of grief is not easy. But it is doable. And there is help all along the way -- whether it comes from others who are around us or others who have gone before us. Whether it's from deep within ourselves or from our faith, trusting in the promises that God has given to each of us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we work through our times of grief we begin to more fully understand that our lives are indeed richer for the experiences that we've known, for the love we've felt, for the loss we're enduring, and for the strength we're gaining. We trust that the time will come when we will be able to look back and say, "I have known many blessings in my life. I have lost, but I have also gained. I have hurt, but I have also healed. I have struggled, but I have also loved. And I have been loved. I know I still have more to experience, more to change, more to grow. For all that I have been given in ever so many ways, I know that I am blessed. And I am thankful."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/26/15
General Fund	1,712.50
FCC-Local Only	690.00
Building Fund	492.00

OFFERING	05/03/15
General Fund	2,347.00
FCC-Local Only	300.00
Building Fund	767.00
CLOTH Fund	28.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 3, 2015	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	66
May 10, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	39



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Wynnell Ogden; Teri Fayette; James Dennis; Betty Grisham; Don & Carolyn Vardeman; Iris Wilson; Ann Gartman 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.

MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

33 Pounds of Food

\$160.00 in Cash
donations

Harvest
HOUSE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

10:00 AM Disciples Women Meeting-
Juanice Wichterich's Home
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

10:00 AM Set up for Fellowship Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Graduate Recognition (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon &
Graduate Recognition (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY-WEAR RED

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

MEMORIAL DAY - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



First Christian Church Former Pastor Don Wirsdorfer and his wife, Faye, are celebrating 60 years of marriage on June 18th! Their family is asking you to help them celebrate this special anniversary by sending cards to them. Please send cards by June 18th to:

Happy
Anniversary
60
Years together

Rev. & Mrs. Don Wirsdorfer
3032 Burlington Court
Haslet, TX 76052

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:

The family of Mary Jo Coates
Sara DeBusk & her son Landon, friends of Beth Hindman
Bonnie DePratter
The family of Red DePratter
Elizabeth Gamb
Donna Huggins
Archie Little, John Higginbotham's brother-in-law
The family of Sarah Parker
Flora Roe's daughter, Kim
Beverly Sholders' friend
Bill Sholders
Barbara Warren
Nola & Clay West, the Gunn's daughter
Needra Womack
Gabby & Riley

We Rejoice With:

Ann Gartman in worship
Dorothy Nash's family & friends
here for her birthday celebration
Mike & Jean Rubis
Bill Sholders

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

Well, the countdown is on! We only have 18 more days of school left. Our last day is Friday, June 5, 2015, but before then, we have many fun activities planned! One of those activities is the ponies who are coming on Friday, May 15! We are so excited about having them here.

We still have a few spots available for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have any questions about the Learning Center or know of someone who does, 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!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We are asking everyone to take a good look around our buildings and grounds and then take a minute to list things that you would like to see done to improve the appearance of our church. Please have all suggestions in to the church office by Sunday, May 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please call the church office 817-295-4123.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION HONORING MICAELA CRONENBERG Sunday, May 17 During Worship and the Fellowship Luncheon



DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH AND MEETING

Thursday - May 14 - 10:00 am

Juanice Wichterich's Home - 325 Fox Lane, Burleson - 817-295-1502

Mary Bryan, Kathy Welch and Juanice are our hostesses.

Kaye Gregory and Iris Wilson will give the Study and Worship.

If you need a ride to the church, contact Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

We'll carpool from the Family Life Center parking lot at 9:45 am.

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.



SERVICE PROJECT ITEMS for FCC Learning Center

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper

Healthy Snacks: *Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,*
Boxes of Goldfish Crackers

Cheez-Its - Animal Crackers,

Cereal such as Fruit Loops and Cheerios

Socks: *Sizes Baby, 3-6 Mo. & 6-12 Mo.*

Toys for 2 New Classrooms:
Ages Infants to 24 Months