

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 12, 2014



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.

Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Closed Fridays

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Witness To Our Faith

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"— Micah 6:8

This verse from the prophet Micah is one I return to often as I consider what it really means to be faithful. Coupled with Jesus' commandments to love God with all my heart, with all my mind and with all my strength and to love my neighbor as myself, I clearly see the building blocks that form the foundation of my Christian faith.

I believe these verses serve as the foundation of our faith as a Christian congregation as well. As a community of faith here at First Christian Church of Burleson, I know we strive each and every day to live our lives in ways that are pleasing to God.

Last Sunday, Mother's Day, was a wonderful example of our witnessing to our faith; living and worshipping to the glory of God. For those of you who were present in the 11:00 am worship service, you know the love and joy that we experienced. For those of you who were not able to be with us, allow me to share a few of the special moments.

Being Mother's Day, the Church Men took responsibility for the Children's Moment and Jack Gregory, Jr. presented an awesome lesson about how Mothers share their never-ending love. Then a long-stemmed rose was presented to each Mother as a token of our appreciation of all that they have meant in our lives.

The actions that were taken at the congregational meeting held immediately following worship also served as a strong witness to our faith. First, acting on the recommendation of the Church Board, the congregation voted to call me as Senior Minister, a position of great honor and great responsibility. Joan and I are both very pleased knowing that the wonderful relationships we have established with each of you will continue to grow and strengthen in the months and years to come. The congregation also voted to approve an amended budget for 2014 that addresses the needed adjustments related to my being called as Senior Minister and several other budget modifications. Copies of the amended budget are available in the church office.

Also in the meeting, Don Welch, Chair of our Stewardship Committee, officially launched our "Faith Matters" Stewardship Campaign. This campaign, with a goal of \$18,000, asks members to consider making a financial commitment "Over and Above" their regular planned giving to be fulfilled by the end of 2014. These funds are what is needed to meet the projected income requirements of the amended budget. Don reported that we have already received several "lead gifts" from members that have secured over half of the goal. The campaign will conclude with a celebration as part of our fellowship lunch on June 8th "Faith Matters" commitment cards are available in the church office and may be returned in the offering plates during worship, turned in to the office, or given directly to our treasurer, Peggy Johnson. Actual contributions should have "Faith Matters" noted in the memo line of checks or on envelopes that contain contributions.

Thanks be to God for each and every one of you, the members of First Christian Church of Burleson who stand with me as a witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	04/27/14
Gen. Fund	2,075.00
Build. Fund	642.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00
Harvest House	300.00

Offering	05/04/14
Gen. Fund	2,689.00
Build. Fund	917.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 4, 2014	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	74
May 11, 2014	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	91



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Kim Morgan; Marjorie Armstrong; Hilda Rushing; Barbara Warren; Pat West; Makenzie Williamson; Lexis Cook; Jean Crawford; Jim & Georgia Sanders; Ralph & Mariel Biggs; Clay & Linda Robinson; Nancy Nash Jennings; Michael Ellis; Greta Eller; Charlie Kuehlem; Beverly Turner; Beth Gregory; Kristie Gilbert; Nivia Oselia; Evan Ramsay; Shelly Bowden; Rusti Morris; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Rusty Huggins 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

We received 88 Pounds of food and donations totaling \$538.00!!



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

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

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014

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

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



BOARD MEETING

**BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
MAY 21, 2014
6:00 PM**

**CABINET MEETING
Wednesday
May 14, 2014
6:00 PM**



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:

Mary Jo Coates
Cindy Cox
Pat & Carol Findley
Joe Gamb
John Higginbotham
Gerald Perkins
Valerie Stuart
Greg Wright
Unspoken Prayer Requests

We Rejoice With:

Mary Bryan
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Jean Crawford
Jim & Georgia Sanders
Bob Lee
Our Mothers

Continued Prayers for:

Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle DePratter, Billy & Penny Enochs, Cyndy Garrett, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Flora Roe, Danny Rubis, Jean Rubis, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, Carole Wright, Greg Wright, Roseann 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

LINE DANCING CLASS



SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Families are welcome too!

PPRC MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
6:30 PM



We welcome Jean Crawford who transferred her membership to our family from Azle Christian Church on May 4, 2014.

We welcome Jim & Georgia Sanders who transferred their membership from First Christian Church in Baytown on May 4, 2014.



LEARNING CENTER NEWS



The 2013-2014 school year is coming to an end. Our last day of school will be Friday, June 6th. The last letters we will be working on this month are X, W & Q, we are learning about the number 10, the colors black and brown and the octagon shape. We still have spots available in our infant, wobbler and toddler rooms. Our two's, three's and pre-k classes are all full! If you know of someone who is looking for childcare for children ages birth-2 years, please have them call us!

The WARM Place was thrilled to receive a \$505 check on April 13, 2014, from the First Christian Church congregation, and we hope y'all could hear our staff doing a "happy dance" when we opened your letter! Your financial gift will directly impact four (4) children and their surviving family members currently enrolled in our grief support program.

Words cannot even begin to express how very grateful we are to have supporters like you, but we'll try...



On behalf of all the children, we thank you! You have no idea how much they depend on you!

Shirley Bowen
Executive Director

Lisa A. Fellers
Director of Development

New

The Fellowship Bible Study Class will not have a formal lesson for the next 2 weeks, but please come and fellowship. We will resume our normal class on June 1st. Be looking for an e-mail from Steve this week with more information!

