

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 26, 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.

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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

A Witness To Our Faith

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." --
John 14:15-19.

This was the promise that Jesus made to his disciples: to send another Advocate to be with them forever -- the Spirit of truth. Jesus made reference again to the gift of the Holy Spirit right before he ascended into heaven. At that time he promised that the Spirit was to give them the power to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Yet, the disciples did not know when this gift would be given.

Then, on the day of Pentecost, which we will celebrate this year on Sunday, June 8th, when they were all together, a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house they were in. Tongues of fire rested on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They spoke in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them, and Jews from every nation were able to hear the wonders of God in their own tongue. Peter addressed the group, and 3,000 were baptized and added to their number that day. That is what it looked like for the disciples as they received God's Holy Spirit.

What does it look like in our lives? To begin, we do not have to wait for a special event to receive the Holy Spirit. He enters our hearts when we accept Christ's payment for our sins, and exchange our sinful life for his righteousness. In Ephesians, Paul says, "In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory."

What a promise! We are marked as his, and sealed by the Holy Spirit as a permanent sign that we belong to God. Not only does the Spirit put his mark on us, but he also lives inside of us, giving us power to live the Christian life, power to witness for him, and helping us to understand the things of God. We must never forget this treasure; this precious gift.

At Pentecost, God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to accomplish many things. Scriptures tell us that the Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ; to lead us into all truth; to dwell within each one of us; to equip us to be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ; and to produce fruit in our lives.

As we prepare to celebrate the season of Pentecost this year, let us turn our attention and our prayers to asking God to make his spirit real in our lives, and to make us more aware of his presence within us and among us every day. In this season, we again claim God's promise that he gives us the power to live a victorious Christian life as we rest in him and allow him to live in and through us.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	05/11/14
Gen. Fund	3,450.00
Build. Fund	1,367.00
Faith Matters	2,560.00
"O" Birthday	300.00
Gas Revenue	1,488.88

Offering	05/18/14
Gen. Fund	1,611.00
Build. Fund	627.00
Faith Matters	3,010.00

Offering	05/25/14
Gen. Fund	2,079.55
Build. Fund	602.00
Faith Matters	3,795.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 18, 2014	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	65
May 25, 2014	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	60



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Melissa Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Charlie Kuehlem; Marjorie Armstrong; Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; Iris Wilson; Barbara Warren; Linda Robinson; Beverly Turner; Kim Morgan; Erika Silbermann; Laura Anderson & Alexis & Bella; James Oates; Joe Gamb; Jada Holman 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.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday School Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014

10:00 AM "O" Birthday Party for Lolly Ellis & Elizabeth Gamb-Kaye Gregory's Home
2:00 PM Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014

PENTECOST-WEAR RED

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

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



FAITH MATTERS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This is a campaign of giving that is "Over and Above" your regular tithes. Pledge Cards are available at the church. You can put your pledge in the offering plate, give it directly to our Treasurer, Peggy Johnson or to Terri Lester in the church office. The campaign concludes with a celebration during the Fellowship Luncheon on June 8th. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can participate in this campaign.



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
Linda Cronenberg
Rhonda Janusch
Joan Kearns
Bob Lee
Gina Lively
Deana McCoy

We Rejoice With:

Pat & Carol Findley
Jerry Hay
John & Marion Higginbotham
Flora Roe
Valerie Stuart
Hernan & Natalie Arguello

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:

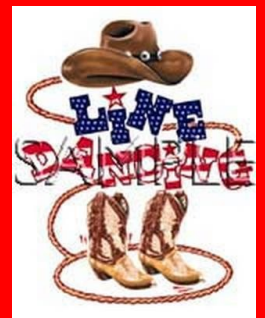
GySgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee, Landon Wheeler

LINE DANCING CLASS



SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM

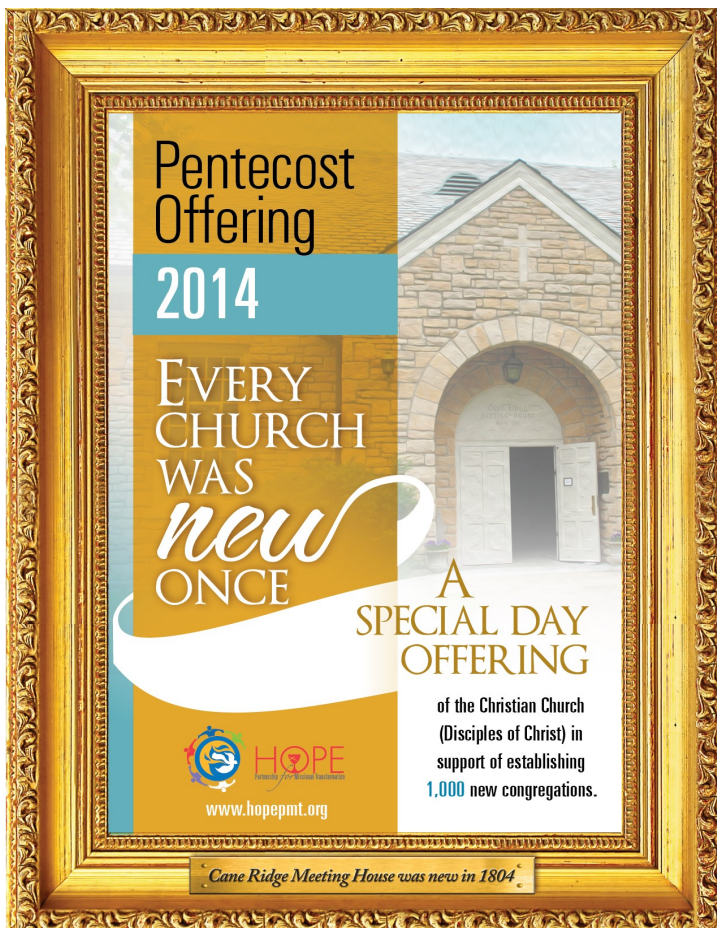
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Families are welcome too!



LEARNING CENTER NEWS



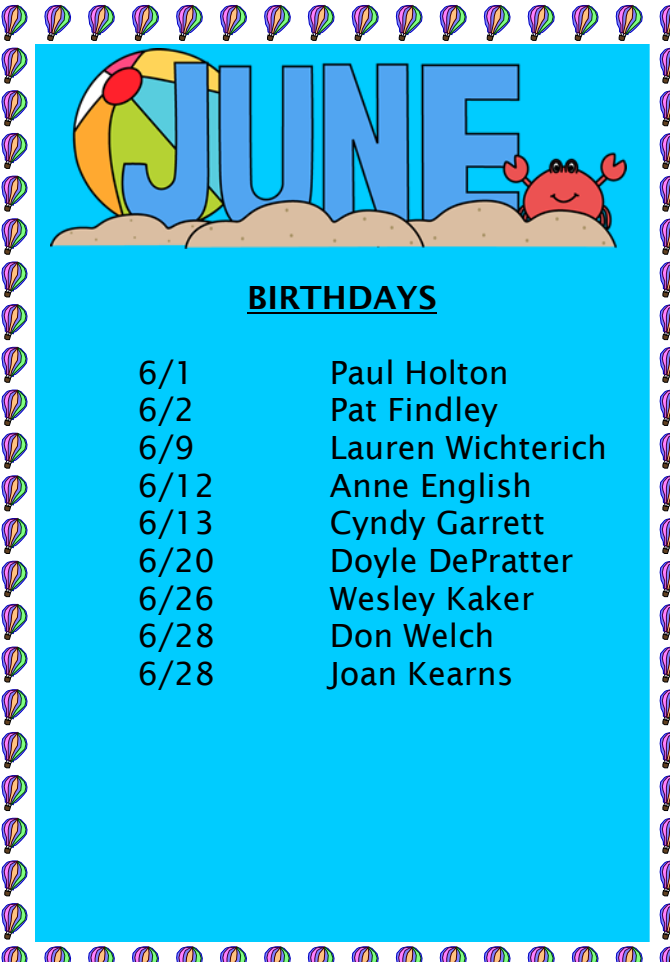
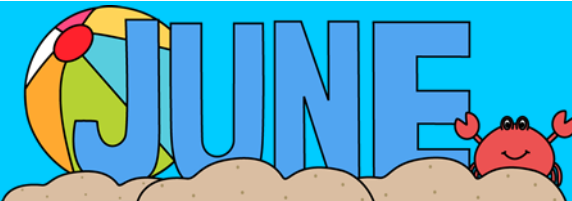
The countdown is on!! We only have 8 more days of school. Next week we will have a fun week beginning on Tuesday with Science Day, on Wednesday we will have Water Day, Thursday is our Luau and End of Year Party, and on Friday we will rest with a Movie & PJ Day! We are continuing to enroll for next year and there are still spots available. However, some of our classes are already full. If you know of someone who is looking for childcare, please have them call us!



SUNDAYS, JUNE 1 AND JUNE 8

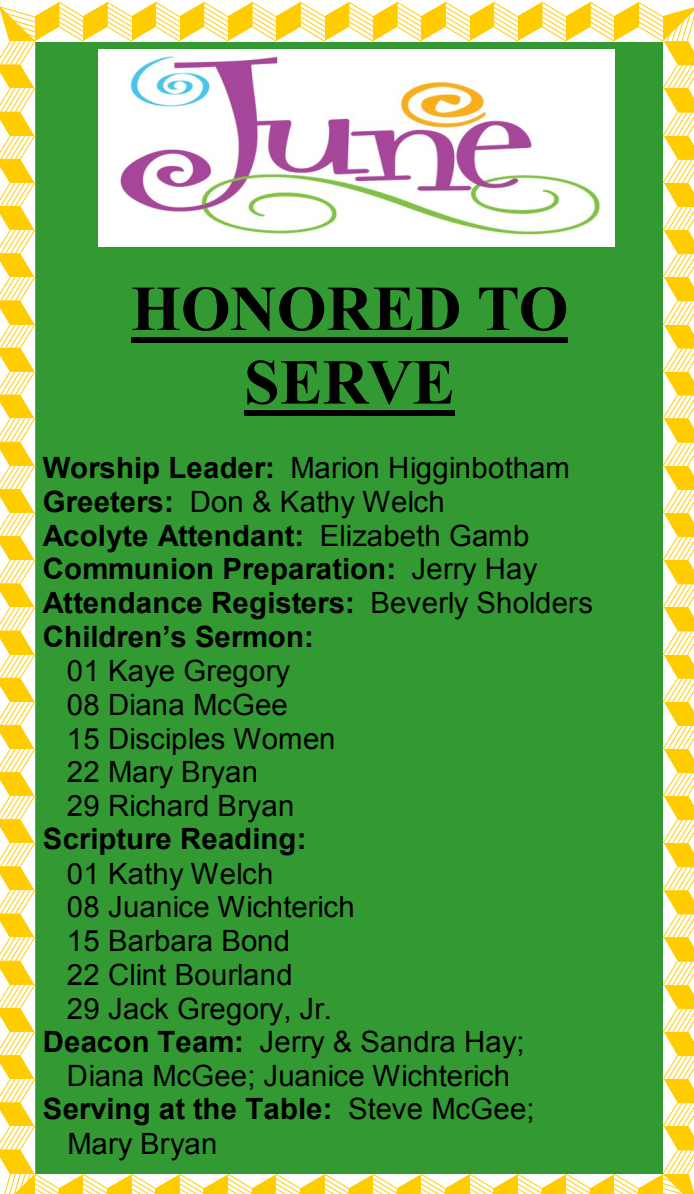
The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision.

This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs-with gifts for this offering divided between each. Fifty percent of gifts received by a region remain in that region, the balance supports the work of general, new church efforts.

BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Paul Holton
6/2	Pat Findley
6/9	Lauren Wichterich
6/12	Anne English
6/13	Cyndy Garrett
6/20	Doyle DePratter
6/26	Wesley Kaker
6/28	Don Welch
6/28	Joan Kearns




HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Marion Higginbotham
Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch
Acolyte Attendant: Elizabeth Gamb
Communion Preparation: Jerry Hay
Attendance Registers: Beverly Sholders
Children's Sermon:
 01 Kaye Gregory
 08 Diana McGee
 15 Disciples Women
 22 Mary Bryan
 29 Richard Bryan
Scripture Reading:
 01 Kathy Welch
 08 Juanice Wichterich
 15 Barbara Bond
 22 Clint Bourland
 29 Jack Gregory, Jr.
Deacon Team: Jerry & Sandra Hay;
 Diana McGee; Juanice Wichterich
Serving at the Table: Steve McGee;
 Mary Bryan



ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring
LOLLY ELLIS and ELIZABETH GAMB

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am

Kaye Gregory's Home - 525 Berkshire Court, Burleson

Bring a brunch dish, a birthday card for each lady and a monetary contribution for a church need decided by Lolly and Elizabeth.



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 11:30 am

Kathy Welch's Home
213 Hillside Drive West, Burleson - 817-447-6349

Kathy and Carole Wright are hostesses.

Margie Lile will present the Study and Worship.

Need a ride?

*Call Marion Higginbotham at 817-454-0736 or
meet at the FLC parking lot at 11:15 am to carpool.*

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

Bring Your Blessing Box Money

This is an over and above offering given in recognition of blessings.
Please convert your change to bills or give a check.

Bring Your Offering & Personal Items for Harvest House
Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant,
Feminine Hygiene Products, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc.



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June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders Meeting (MR)	2	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 AM - "0" Birthday for Lolly Ellis & Elizabeth Gamb-Kaye Gregory's Home 2:00 PM - Set Up FLC for Luncheon
8 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC) Day of Pentecost- Wear Red	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10 6:30 PM - PPRC (MR)	11 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	12 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting-Kathy Welch's Home 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	13	14
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	16	17	18 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	19	20	21
22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	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 (S)		