

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 26, 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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

Telephone: 817-295-4123
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
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Prayer of Surrender

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." -- Psalm 46:1.

Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray "Thy will be done." Yet, in reality, for many of us, to surrender our lives to God's will rather than to be in control of our lives is one of the most difficult things we can do.

Every day, we have to decide who's going to be in control of our lives. Are we going to attempt to control what is happening in our lives or are we going to surrender our lives to God's will? That choice is a battle. There are so many aspects of our lives that we want to control. We want to make our own rules. We want control. And usually, the more we struggle to control what is happening in our lives, the more stressful our lives become. It is so difficult to come to the understanding that stress relief always starts with letting God be God. It always starts with saying, "God, I'm giving up control because you can control the things that are out of control in my life."

Whenever we face out-of-control situations, we tend to go to one of two extremes. For some, the more out-of-control our lives get, the harder we try to control it. And for others, the response is to just give up. Neither of these choices produce meaningful results. Instead of being a victim or becoming hyper-controlling, we need to pray the prayer of surrender.

We are all familiar with the saying, "Let Go! Let God!" And, as difficult as it may be, that is exactly what we need to do. Let go, and know. Let go of control, and know that God is in control. Let go and know! This is the first step to serenity in our lives.

Millions of people pray the Serenity Prayer, authored by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. Many of us have memorized the lines, "Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." We pray for the serenity that comes with acceptance. We pray for courage and we pray for wisdom. These are the resources God grants to us through his grace to be truly able to "Let Go! Let God."

However, many have never read the last eight lines of the prayer: "Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen."

That's where the power is! There is power when we surrender to God the very things we've been trying to control ourselves. Each of the three great virtues we request in this prayer -- serenity, courage, and wisdom -- comes at a price. We ask for them, but we also work for them and depend on God's grace to lead us along the way. The miracle we ask for is grace to do what we would otherwise be unable to do. Thanks be to God for his unfailing grace!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	05/10/15
General Fund	3,019.00
FCC-Local Only	275.00
Building Fund	802.00

OFFERING	05/17/15
General Fund	1,823.00
FCC-Local Only	255.00
Building Fund	682.00
CLOTH Fund	23.00
Pentecost Special Offering	35.00

OFFERING	05/24/15
General Fund	1,121.00
FCC-Local Only	155.00
Building Fund	182.00
CLOTH Fund	26.00
Pentecost Special Offering	190.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 17, 2015	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	57
May 24, 2015	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	47



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the
Chapel Service.

Mike Toole; Marjorie Armstrong; James Dennis; Iris Wilson; Charlie Kuehlem; Hannah Honeycutt; Jack Collins; 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



Sunday, June 7, 2015

Please bring canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, mac n cheese, snacks such as fun fruits, animal crackers, goldfish crackers.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

- 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)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

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)
- 5:00 PM Graduation Party-Brandon Ptak & Elisabeth White (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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:



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:

Greg Chambers
Bonnie DePratter
Wayne English
Francis Foreman-Joan Kearns Daughter
Gabby
Elizabeth Gamb
Kaitlyn-The Gamb's Granddaughter
M'Lee Turner Gonzalez
John Higginbotham
Kaker Family
Betty Jean Purvis-Bonnie DePratter's Sister
Flora Roe's Daughter, Kim
J.J.-Friends of the Rubis Grandson
Larry-Steve Rubis' Cousin
Barbara Warren
Needra Womack

We Rejoice With:

Michelle Cronenberg
Derek DePratter
Jerry Hay
Flora Roe

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, 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

We had a Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital in April, and it went very well. We raised \$1,385 total. Three Cheers for Tenley Newton, one of our 2 year olds, who raised \$190! The last day for the Learning Center will be on Friday, June 5th. The week of June 1-5 will be filled with all kinds of fun end of the year activities.

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!



This image shows a full page of primary-ruled paper. It features ten sets of horizontal lines across the page. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing a guide for letter height and placement in handwriting practice. The lines are evenly spaced and extend from the left margin to the right edge of the page.

A festive graphic with the words "THANK YOU!" in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are surrounded by several colorful balloons (red, green, blue, orange, yellow) and small stars. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a yellow border.

With the Learning Center closing on June 5th, the church office will be going to summer hours effective Monday, June 8th. Terri will be in the office Monday-Thursday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (or later). If you need to talk to someone or need to pick up something, but can't get here within those hours, please call and we will make sure that someone will be available for you.

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CLASS OF 2015





BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Paul Holton
6/2	Pat Findley
6/9	Lauren Wichterich
6/12	Anne English
6/13	Cyndy Garrett
6/15	Mariel Biggs
6/20	Doyle DePratter
6/26	Jean Crawford
6/26	Wesley Kaker
6/28	Don Welch
6/28	Joan Kearns



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Margie Lile; Sandra Hay

Communion Preparation:

John & Marion Higginbotham

Attendance Registers: Don Welch

Children's Sermon:

07 Jim Sanders

14 Larry Womack

21 Disciples Women

28 Suzanne Barton

Scripture Reading:

07 Don Welch

14 Kathy Welch

21 Juanice Wichterich

28 Larry Womack

Deacon Team: Jerry & Sandra Hay;

John & Marion Higginbotham

Serving at the Table: Steve Rubis;

Wayne English



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday • June 11 • 11:30 am

Lolly Ellis' Home • 2020 Trailwood Drive, Burleson • 817-295-5705

Juanice Wichterich, Vicki Rubis and Lolly are our hostesses.

Margie Lile 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 11:15 am.

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.



PLEASE
NOTE:

THE
MEETING
TIME
FOR
THIS
MONTH
IS
11:30 am

SERVICE PROJECT ITEMS for the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH LEARNING CENTER

Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper

Healthy Snacks:

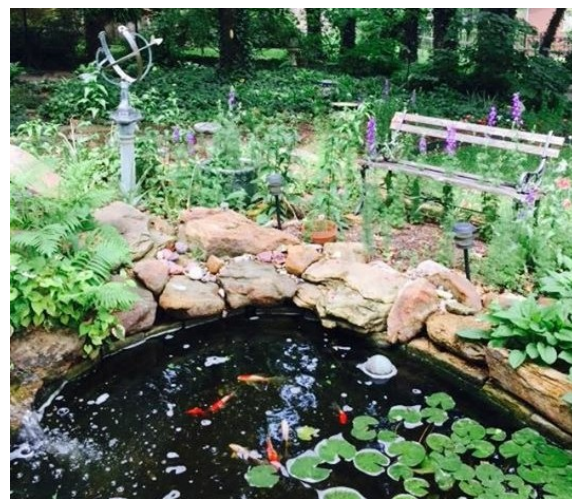
*Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,
Boxes of Goldfish Crackers - Cheez-Its - Animal Crackers,
Cereal such as Fruit Loops - Cheerios*

Socks:

Sizes Baby, 3-6 Mo. & 6-12 Mo.

Toys for 2 New Classrooms:

Ages Infants to 24 Months



Graduate Recognition Sunday



Pentecost Sunday

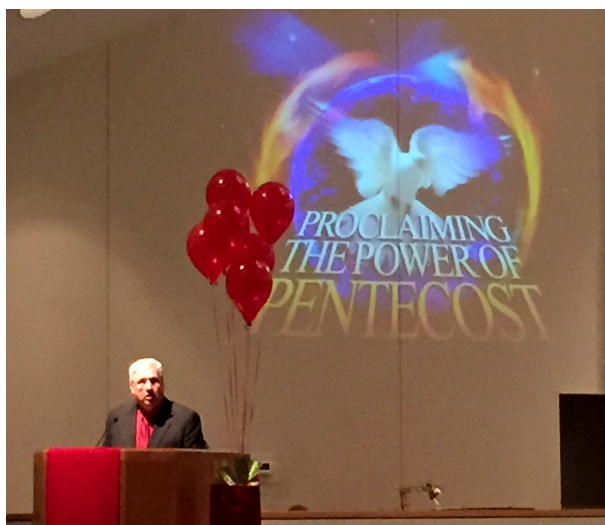


Join Us For
Sunday
Morning
Classes
10:00 am

Children's Class
Meets across from
the Chapel

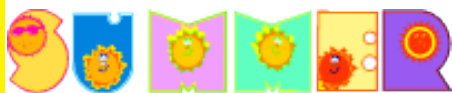
Adult Class
Meets in the
Family Life Center

Adult Fellowship
Bible Study
Meets in the
Chapel



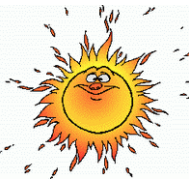


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR) 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Graduation Party- Brandon Ptak & Elisabeth White	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	11 11:30 AM - DWF Meeting - Lolly Ellis' Home 7:00 PM - DMF Meeting (C)	12	13 10:00 AM - Set up for Fellowship Luncheon
14 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)	15	16	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18	19	20
21 	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	25	26	27
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