

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 14, 2016



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 (beginning 8/15/16): Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: 6:30 am-5:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Although the Season of Advent, our time of preparation for Christmas, begins on Sunday, November 27th, it is time to think about The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival held annually at University Christian Church in Fort Worth. For the last four years, as many of you remember, a large group of our members attended and we had an absolutely wonderful afternoon together.

This year, we are again making plans for any and all who wish to attend to go as a group from the church. We will attend the 3 p.m. performance on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Reserved seat tickets are \$15 each and go on sale on Monday, November 28th. Like last year, we want to place an early order with University Christian Church so that we can sit as a group and have great seats. Therefore, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the sanctuary for you to indicate your intention to be a part of our group attending the festival. Please sign up by Sunday, November 27th so we can purchase tickets in your behalf. If you wish, you may also call Terri at the church or me on my cell (214-364-6453) and we will be happy to put your name on the list. I will distribute the tickets on Sunday, January 8th.

We will carpool from the Family Life Center parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and should be back at the church by 5 p.m. The Family Life Center will be open immediately following our worship service for those who wish to bring a sack lunch and eat at the church prior to leaving for University Christian Church.

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a celebration of good over evil and is perhaps the oldest continuing festival of the Christmas season. It began as a holiday tradition in the grand manor houses of England, and was brought to America during colonial days.

At University Christian Church, a multi-generational cast and musicians of over 300 re-enact the ancient celebration which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. Also known as The Epiphany, the end of the twelve days traditionally claims that the Magi offered their gifts to the Christ Child.

The pageant is based on an old legend, that of an Oxford student who kills a wild boar when it interrupts his studies. When the church adopted the Festival, it gained a new, Christian significance: the wild boar, symbolic of evil, is overcome by good through the teachings of Christ. Marching companies, in beautiful authentic costumes of Renaissance England, sing the ancient songs of Christendom, as they carry in the gaily-bedecked head of the wild boar, which is conquered by the innocent goodness of the Christ Child. The triumph of light over darkness is made graphic in the Christ Candle through its light and through the carvings on the wooden candleholder in the production.

The second part of the festival features the original Christmas story, as shepherds and Wise Men travel to Bethlehem to pay homage and to bring gifts to the Christ Child. The entire Chancel and Altar portions of the sanctuary are restructured for the festival.

Attending the one-hour Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is an important annual tradition for Joan and me. I hope you will join us this year as we celebrate the season.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/23/16
General Fund	1,310.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	612.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	25.00
OFFERING	10/30/16
General Fund	1,875.00
FCC-Local Only	105.00
Building Fund	832.00
CLOTH Fund	24.00
OFFERING	11/06/16
General Fund	5,720.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	907.00
CLOTH Fund	400.00
OFFERING	11/13/16
General Fund	1,557.00
FCC-Local Only	355.00
Building Fund	1,157.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 30, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	66
November 6, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	61
November 13, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	87



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Karen Mason; Virginia Popiel; Charlie Kuehlem; Doreen Lewis; Lexie Hobby; Jayce Devault; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Walker & Findley Maxwell; James Dennis; Emmy Nash; Sharon McFarland; Eleene Pippin; Karen Parker; Jennifer & Megan Spradlin; Lauren Dryer; Emma Speirs; Betty Grisham; Austyn Taylor; Melissa Goelher; Andrew Tvardzik; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss 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, NOVEMBER 16, 2016

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

SUNDAY, November 20, 2016

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

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 Decorate Church for Advent & Luncheon for Volunteers
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

NO Ladies Bible Study
NO Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving! - Church Office Closed until Monday, November 28, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - HOPE

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, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



The Power of Prayer



Because our newsletter is now online, we will no longer be listing specific conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

Doyle & Bonnie DePratter
Pat Fischer-Carole Wright's friend
Cyndy Garrett
Bill Gunn
Ky Gregory, Jr.
Melanie Hatfield-the McLaren's daughter
The family of Pete Hobby who passed away
Ray Matson's sister
Jeremy Mitchell-the Gregory's nephew
Dave Nash
Jim Sargent
Flint Swerdfeger-Carole Wright's son-in-law
Pam Toole
Carole Wright

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton
Margie Lile's Birthday!
Centennial High School-football
playoffs
Family members visiting

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales,
Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Needra Womack & Carole 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 UPDATE



Time is flying by at the Learning Center. Our fall party was so much fun! We are learning about letters, numbers, colors, shapes and our Bible stories for this month include Daniel and the Lion's Den, Elijah, Queen Esther and Jonah and the Whale. Next week the Learning Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 28th.

Dear First Christian Friends and Supporters,

It was wonderful to once again see your name come across my desk! We are excited, and so grateful that you chose to partner with us to bring hope and healing through our gentle horses and the love of God with your donation. Your donation makes it possible for us to provide for our 21 equine therapy partners, make scholarships available for a rider with a financial need who might not otherwise be able to receive services and offer services at no charge to veterans and the military participating in Operation Hoofbeat.

As Wings of Hope proudly celebrates our 20th year of serving, your generosity and support of our mission is one reason why we can celebrate. Your generous support allows us to serve over 100 individuals weekly through equine assisted activities and therapies, creating a unique partnership which changes lives-one heart, one life, one horse at a time-as we reach out to those in the surrounding communities with unique physical, mental and emotional challenges.

Your gift is already at work, making a difference as Wings of Hope continues to enrich the lives of those we serve, and you play a vital role in helping to give each client their very own "wings of hope." So again we say, "Thank you!" for being a part of our mission! May the Lord abundantly bless you as you have blessed us!

Blessings,
Allison Gross
Development Director

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Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

_____ @ \$10.00 each = _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Please turn in this order form
along with payment to Terri Lester
in the church office by Sunday,
December 4th.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

November 20th - Decorate for Advent and Christmas - Luncheon for all volunteers

November 27th - First Sunday of Advent - Hope

December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent - Peace
Congregational Meeting - 12:00 pm

December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

December 25th - Christmas Sunday

Christmas is on Sunday this year. There will be no Prayer Group, Chapel Service or Sunday Morning Classes on Christmas Sunday. The only service will be at 11:00 am.



**ZERO BIRTHDAY
PARTY
HONORING
ANGELA
TOLLIVER**

Saturday, November 19, 10 am

Mary Bryan's Home
216 SW Taylor, Burleson
817-295-3390

Bring a brunch dish, card and monetary gift.
All gifts will go to a church need
determined by Angela.

Carpool from the FLC parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Help decorate for Advent and
Christmas after worship on Nov. 20.
Soup lunch for all volunteers.



NOVEMBER 2016



**All Saint's Sunday
Disciples Women Dessert Auction
Consecration Sunday
Honoring Our Veterans
Thanksgiving Luncheon**



The Dessert
Auction raised
\$2008.98.
Funds will go for
Disciples Women
Outreach Projects.

