

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 23, 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

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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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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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 this coming Sunday, 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 three 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 3, 2016. Reserved seat tickets are \$15 each and go on sale next Monday. 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 this Sunday, November 29th so we can purchase tickets on 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 3rd.

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	11/15/15
General Fund	1,726.00
FCC-Local Only	315.00
Building Fund	1,017.00
Thanksgiving Offering	130.00

OFFERING	11/22/15
General Fund	1,490.00
FCC-Local Only	390.00
Building Fund	737.00
Thanksgiving Offering	25.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 15, 2015	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	54
November 22, 2015	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	57

CABINET MEETING

Wednesday ♦ December 9 ♦ 6:00 PM



Visitors and Guests

Bob Lee & Marlene Baysinger in
the Chapel Service.

Hilda Rushing; Angela Tolliver; James Dennis; Iris Wilson; Rob English; Mather English; 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.

To Our Church Family,
John & I send our heartfelt thanks for all of the prayers, visits, food and words of comfort that we have received over the last four weeks. All of the cards have lifted our spirits. We are finally both at home and working toward recovery.

Much love to each of you,
John & Marion Higginbotham



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015

No Wednesday Activities - Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF 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)
- No Line Dance Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

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 Congregational Meeting (S)
- 6:00 PM Elders' Meeting ~ Gregory's Home
- No Line Dance Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Meeting & Breakfast - Elks Diner
- 6:30 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party (FLC)
- 6:30 PM Disciples Men Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

- 10:00 AM Set up Family Life Center for luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

- 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 Potluck Luncheon (FLC)
- No Line Dance Class

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**HARVEST HOUSE
SUNDAY
December 6**

Harvest
HOUSE

Bring holiday food items such as canned cranberry sauce, dressing mix, rice, vegetables and cereal.

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:

Diane Chilton
James - The Gamb's grandson
The family of Ronnie Johnson's friend who passed away
Dorothy Nash
The Paris tragedy
The family of Cheryl Tinkler, Steve McGee's sister, who passed away

We Rejoice With:

Joe & Elizabeth Gamb
Marion Higginbotham
Iris Wilson's grandson, Jacob

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham,
Chance & Wesley Kaker, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Karen Milburn,
Barbara Warren; Larry & Needra Womack, 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

PLEASE JOIN US

SUNDAY ♦ DECEMBER 6 ♦ 12:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL

MEEETING

We will be voting on the 2016 Budget,
Board members, deacons and
youth deacon.

WE NEED BLANKETS!

Angela Kaker is collecting blankets for the
Burlson Animal Shelter for the
whole month of November. If you would like to contribute 1 or more blankets, please bring them to the church and put them in a basket that is labeled and located in the Narthex.



PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Kim Bonds (3)
Jean Crawford (3)
Ed Willette (3)
Karen Willette (3)
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1)

PROPOSED DEACONS

Ralph Biggs (2)
Mariel Biggs (2)
Peggy Johnson (2)
Ronnie Johnson (2)
Angela Kaker (2)
Tommy Kaker (2)
Marilyn Murray (2)
Mike Toole (2)

PROPOSED YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds

POINSETTIAS

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,
November 29th.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

November 29-First Sunday in Advent-HOPE
December 6-Second Sunday in Advent-PEACE
Harvest House Sunday

12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

6:00 pm Elders Meet at Gregory's Home

December 9

6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting (MR)

December 10

8:30 am Disciples Men Meeting & Breakfast

6:30 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party

6:30 pm Disciples Men Caroling

December 12

10:00 am Set up FLC for Luncheon

December 13-Third Sunday in Advent-JOY

12:00 pm Church Luncheon (FLC)

December 16

6:00 pm Board Meeting (FLC)

December 20-Fourth Sunday in Advent-LOVE

December 24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25-MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Margie Lile; Sandra Hay

Communion Preparation:

Don & Kathy Welch

Attendance Registers: John

Higginbotham

Children's Sermon:

06 Mary Bryan

13 Richard Bryan

20 Wayne English

27 Barbara Bond

Scripture Reading:

06 Larry Womack

13 Carole Wright

20 Suzanne Barton

27 Barbara Bond

Deacon Team: Roy & Linda Cronenberg;

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;

Marion Higginbotham



BIRTHDAYS

12/5

Beverly Sholders

12/9

Stephanie McGee

12/10

Austin Bryan

12/11

Christal McGee

12/15

Austyn Taylor

12/16

Delores Barr

12/23

Edyn McGee

12/24

Braylen Bryan

12/29

Cody Gregory

12/29

James McGee

12/29

Steven McGee

12/30

Barbara Warren

*Disciples Women
Christmas Party*

Thursday, December 10
6:30 pm (FLC)

*Bring a Pot Luck Dish to Share and a
\$5 Christmas Decoration for Exchange Game*

All
women of
the church
and their
guests are
invited.



Disciples Men
are invited to
join us for
refreshments
before caroling.



A brief business meeting will be held.

Slate of officers for 2016:

President: Mary Bryan

Vice President: Juanice Wichterich

Secretary: Kathy Welch

Treasurer: Lolly Ellis

Hospitality: Sandra Hay

Parliamentarian: Marion Higginbotham

Study and Worship: Barbara Bond and Iris Wilson



If you need a
ride, please
contact
Mary Bryan at
817-295-3390.

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.

At Elks Diner

344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B, Burleson

and

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Thursday, December 10

Following refreshments with Disciples Women

6:30 pm (FLC)



**DISCIPLES
MEN**

**First Christian Church Burleson
2016 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-18-15**

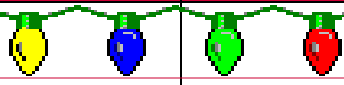
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected	Projected
			2016 Income	2016 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings				
" (Unrestricted)			\$ 131,100	
" (Local Use Only)			\$ 16,400	
Building Fund			\$ 37,900	
Gas Royalties			\$ 1,500	
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 9,000	
EXPENSES				
Building Payments				\$ 36,000
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 5,000
Christian Education				
SS Curriculum & Supplies				\$ 300
Background Checks				\$ 250
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 500
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,200
Evangelism Supplies				\$ 100
Fellowship				\$ 200
Honorarium				\$ 400
Insurance				\$ 12,500
Janitorial Expense				\$ 2,650
Office Supplies				\$ 800
Outreach *				\$ 15,000
Postage				\$ 350
Publicity				\$ 1,700
Pastor's Salary				\$ 66,000
Secretary Salary				\$ 25,000
Nursery Attendants				\$ 300
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,000
Gas Well 2014 Property Tax				\$ 530
Electricity				\$ 15,000
Gas				\$ 2,900
Water				\$ 1,720
Phone				\$ 2,400
Garbage				\$ 1,100
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,000
Contingency Allowance				\$ 1,000
TOTAL 2016 FCC BURLESON			\$ 195,900	\$ 195,900
PROPOSED BUDGET				
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As				
Actuals Mandate				



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 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) NO Line Dance Class this Month Harvest House		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting (S) 6:00 PM - Elders' Meeting-Gregory's Home Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE	7	8	9 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	10 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg- Elks Diner 6:30 PM - Disciples Women Christmas Party (FLC) 6:30 PM - Disciples Men Caroling	11	12 10:00 AM - Set-Up FLC for Thanksgiving Luncheon
13 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon Third Sunday of Advent - JOY	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	17	18	19
20  Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE	21	22	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24  6:00 PM - Candlelight Service (S)	25 	26
27	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S) 	