

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 28, 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.

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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 (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

Patience In This Season of Waiting

"A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" - Isaiah 40:3

The season of Advent which began last Sunday is the season of preparation and anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Over these next several weeks, we will prepare to celebrate Christmas - the coming of the Christ-child into the world, exploring how the foundations of hope, peace, joy and love enrich our faith journey as God fulfills His unfailing promises to us.

Yet in many ways, our world seems like a miserable and tragic mess - war, death and destruction continue to rage in several regions of our world displacing tens of thousands of people from their homes - many people throughout the world live each day in poverty, unsure of the source of their next meal or place of shelter; and, even here in our own nation, many are anxious about the economy, our healthcare systems and our national security. At times it appears that everywhere we turn there is reason to despair.

However, in the face of that invitation to despair, Isaiah cries, "Be of good cheer. Even though you know the imperfections of humankind, God is working His ancient promises out. The path to the Reign of God is emerging even now, even in the midst of dark despair."

In the New Testament, Peter tells a similarly despairing community to be patient and to be at peace. Patience is above all the ability to abide, even when it really hurts, knowing that God's road keeps rolling out ahead of us leading onward to healing, wholeness, and the holy peace that passes all understanding. As Peter puts it, we wait for a new heaven and a new earth, in spite of all the forces that stand in the way. We wait patiently, confident that God is working His purposes out. But patience not just standing by - patience is more than just waiting. To live as Jesus did is to embrace the world's suffering in as full a way as possible - and yet to endure, knowing that God is still in our midst, and in the heart of the pain.

Patience in the season of waiting is not just about putting up with delay, but having deep compassion for all who wait for justice, for healing and for peace. It is about standing with those who suffer offering the love and compassion that God has given to each of us. When we hear John the Baptist announce the coming of compassion in the flesh, we hear that God's road builder toward that future is coming. Through our faith we know that the pathway isn't finished yet, but with faithful eyes we can see it and become a part of it.

In this season of Advent we wait expectantly and patiently not only for the birth of a child, but for the birth of a new and enlivened body of God's creation. As we share the love, the grace and the mercy of God with others we help build bridges that span our fears and anxiety. The whole body of God's creation awaits the resurrected life for which all were made. So during this season of Advent, we patiently wait - knowing that we soon shall hear the angel proclaim, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/20/16
General Fund	2,675.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	662.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering	20.00
CLOTH Fund	43.00

OFFERING	11/27/16
General Fund	2,503.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	532.00
CLOTH Fund	28.50

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 20, 2016	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	57
November 27, 2016	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	61



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Doreen Lewis; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Bryce & Rachel Grimes; Virginia Popiel; 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 30, 2016

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN 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)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (Elks Diner)
6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party (Angela Tolliver's Home)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

10:00 AM Set up Family Life Center for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - JOY
Christmas 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 Potluck Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE

December 4, 2016



Please bring cereal, canned vegetables, rice, beans, mac n cheese, peanut butter, jelly and holiday food items such as canned cranberries, dressing mix, mashed potato mix, cake mixes, icing, etc.

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:

Lori Chernosky
Wayne English
Cyndy Garrett
Bill Gunn
Melanie Hatfield-the McLaren's daughter
Tommy Kaker
Vicki Rubis
Jim Sargent
Angela Tolliver's mom
Pam Toole
Needra Womack
Carole Wright
Richard Yarborough
Francine-Joan Kearns' daughter
Tom-Valerie Stuart's former landlord

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Valerie Stuart

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



We have such a loving and kind church family. We had so many wonderful flowers, cards, visits, phone calls and offers to help in any way we needed. It was almost overwhelming but welcome and needed. Many people came and we had long, warm and loving conversations. We were so encouraged by all who touched our hearts again and again. Thank you everyone, for your prayers and good wishes. Thank you Pastor Mike and Joan for your many welcome visits.

Love to all,
Bill & Carol Gunn

LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

Our canned food drive for Harvest House was a great success! We collected almost 800 items for the shelves at Harvest House. We are now participating in the Toys for Tots Program. If you would like to contribute a new, unwrapped toy, there is a box in the Learning Center hallway. All toys must be in by December 9, 2016. If you would like further information regarding this, please call Terri in the church office.





2017 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Marilyn Murray (3 year term)
 Janie Rudolph (3 year term)
 Kathy Welch (3 year term)
 Juanice Wichterich (3 year term)
 Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2017 PROPOSED DEACONS

Kim Bonds (2 year term)
 Mary Bryan (2 year term)
 Vernon Fields (2 year term)
 Cordelia Fields (2 year term)
 Carol Gunn (2 year term)
 Diana McGee (2 year term)
 Don Welch (2 year term)
 Kathy Welch (2 year term)

2017 PROPOSED YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds (1 year term)

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,
 December 4th.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

December 11th and 18th

The Christmas Offering supports the regions in our
 denomination by:

- ♦ Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.
- ♦ Call, commission and ordain new pastors and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.
- ♦ Plan for new congregations and revitalize existing congregations.
- ♦ Make visible the care of all God's people through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.
- ♦ Provide camps, conferences and retreats for children and youth.

The Southwest Region is the largest Region in our denomination. The Christmas Offering allows the Region to support ministries beyond the monies that it receives through the year from our portion of the gifts given through the Disciples Mission Fund.



DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

12/3	Greta Eller
12/4	Marjorie Armstrong
12/5	Beverly Sholders
12/9	Stephanie McGee
12/10	Austin Bryan
12/11	Christal McGee
12/15	Austyn Taylor
12/16	Juanna Bryan
12/18	Kevin Taylor
12/22	Michelle McCrory
12/23	Edyn Nelson
12/24	Braylen Bryan
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/27	Heinz Wichterich
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Steven McGee
12/30	Barbara Warren
12/30	Collin Gregory



ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 4th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

- ◆ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Thursday, Dec. 8th

- ◆ 8:30 am Disciples Men (Elks Diner)
- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party (Angela Tolliver's Home)

Saturday, Dec. 10th

- ◆ 10:00 am Set Up for Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Sunday, Dec. 11th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

- ◆ 12:00 pm Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Tuesday, Dec. 13th

- ◆ 6:30 pm Disciples Men Caroling (Meet at FLC)

Sunday, Dec. 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Saturday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)

December 25th - Christmas Sunday

- ◆ 11:00 am Worship Service Only
No Prayer Group, Chapel Service or Sunday Morning Classes

DECEMBER



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mary Bryan

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Communion Preparation: Don Welch

Attendance Registers: Margie Lile

Children's Moment:

04 Karen Willette

11 Suzanne Barton

18 Mary Bryan

25 Richard Bryan

Scripture Reading:

04 Richard Bryan

11 Wayne English

18 Carol Findley

25 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Deacon Team: Ronnie & Peggy Johnson;

Angela Kaker; Bryson Bonds

Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.;

Richard Bryan





DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Angela Tolliver's Home
8116 County Road 1016A, Burleson
817-447-9842

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

THINGS TO BRING

A Potluck Dish
\$5 Christmas Decoration For Exchange Game
Your Offering

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

President: Mary Bryan
Vice President: Juanice Wichterich
Secretary: Barbara Bond
Treasurer: Lolly Ellis
Study & Worship: Janie Rudolph & Iris Wilson
Hospitality: Dorothy Nash

You are Invited to a Christmas Crafts and Bake Sale

Mariposa's Cafe'
155 Elk Drive, Burleson
Dec. 10th, 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

Come out and see the
unique Christmas items
Mariposa's Craft Class
has been busy making
and stock up on baked
holiday goodies.

**BUY A BAKED ITEM
GET A FREE CUP OF
HOT CHOCOLATE**

Proceeds will help purchase craft supplies.

For questions call
Patricia Sartori at 682-367-2911



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

Christmas CAROLING



MEN, WE NEED YOUR VOICES

All men are invited to go Christmas Caroling
on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.
We will carpool together from the church.
Meet at the Family Life Center parking lot.
Wear an ugly sweater, if you have one.

QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE HALLWAY
ACROSS FROM THE SANCTUARY.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

December 4 is the deadline to order poinsettias
for Christmas. Forms are available in this news-

letter, the bulletins or
call the church office to
place your order in
honor of or in memory
of loved ones. Poinset-
tias will decorate our
sanctuary on Christmas
Eve and Christmas Sun-
day. Plants are \$10 each.



**First Christian Church Burleson
2017 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-16-16**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected 2017 Income	Projected 2017 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings				
" (Unrestricted)			\$ 145,830	
" (Local Use Only)			\$ 10,450	
Building Fund			\$ 46,210	
Gas Royalties			\$ 300	
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 9,000	
EXPENSES				
Building Payments				\$ 48,000
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 5,000
Christian Education				
SS Curriculum & Supplies				\$ 350
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 500
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,200
Evangelism Supplies				\$ 100
Fellowship				\$ 200
Honorarium				\$ 300
Insurance				\$ 13,000
Janitorial Expense				\$ 2,600
Office Supplies				\$ 860
Outreach *				\$ 16,000
Postage				\$ 350
Publicity				\$ 1,500
Pastor's Salary				\$ 69,500
Secretary Salary				\$ 26,000
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,000
Gas Well 2014 Property Tax				\$ 400
Electricity				\$ 14,000
Gas				\$ 2,100
Water				\$ 2,100
Phone				\$ 3,000
Garbage				\$ 1,000
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,000
Contingency Allowance				\$ 730
TOTAL 2017 FCC BURLESON			\$ 211,790	\$ 211,790
PROPOSED BUDGET				
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As				
Actuals Mandate				



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

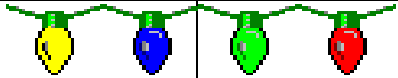


December 2016



Merry Christmas!



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) 4:00 PM - Line Dance Class (FLC)				1	2	3
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11 12:00 PM - Potluck Luncheon (FLC) Third Sunday of Advent - JOY Christmas Special Offering	12	13 6:30 PM - Disciples Men Caroling (Meet at FLC)	14 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	15	16	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Special Offering	19 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	20	21 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	22	23	24  6:00 PM - Candlelight Service (S)
25  11:00 am Worship Only	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 