

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 10, 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

Go And Do The Same

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." -- Luke 10: 36-37

This past Sunday, October 9th, under the leadership and guidance of our Stewardship Committee, we began our Annual Stewardship Campaign. Over the next several weeks, this year's theme, "Go and Do the Same" will lead us to consider how we will continue to follow Jesus' commands to love God and to love our neighbor. With the closing verses of the parable of the good Samaritan as our theme, we will be asking serious questions about our faith and the role of our congregation as a force for transformation and work that God is doing in our midst. The Gospel matters to us, and we matter to God!

Our "Go and Do the Same" stewardship campaign will lead, challenge and guide us as we determine our investment in the ministry and mission of First Christian Church for 2017. The campaign will conclude on Consecration Sunday, November 13th. I hope you will be intentional about being with us that Sunday, not simply to offer your estimate of giving card and your time and talent giving form, but to celebrate our work together during our Fellowship Lunch in the Family Life Center immediately following worship.

This year's campaign encourages us to evaluate our life, our faith, and the use of our resources according to the values of the Realm of God. We are constantly bombarded with the invitation to measure ourselves against a variety of other standards. Is our value tied solely to the make and model of our car, the amount of our savings, the square footage of our home, the number of degrees we have earned, the labels in our clothing or any of a hundred other ways we can compare ourselves to others?

This campaign is an invitation to consider what we truly value on our journey of faith. During the coming weeks, we will work together through the life and ministry of First Christian Church reaffirming our belief that God provides what is ultimately necessary for the living of our lives. Our journey between now and Consecration Sunday will move us to examine stewardship as discipleship. Stewardship is about partnering with God through the mission and ministry of this congregation. My hope and prayer is that by the time we arrive at Consecration Sunday, each of us will have been led to a place that allows us to make a decision about our financial, time and talent commitments for 2017 that is challenged by our faith and motivated by joy, not guilt.

God has done, and continues to do remarkable things with us. Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us get to the next level of discipleship. I look forward to exploring with each of you Jesus' teachings about what it means to be generous as we hear him say to us "Go and Do the Same."

I am thankful for the faithful commitment of our Stewardship Committee as we begin this exciting time in the life of First Christian Church. The committee is chaired by Don Welch who is joined by Peggy Johnson, Vernon Fields and Angela Tolliver.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/25/16
General Fund	1,515.00
FCC-Local Only	360.00
Building Fund	642.00
Reconciliation	20.00
OFFERING	10/02/16
General Fund	5,045.00
FCC-Local Only	105.00
Building Fund	1,387.00
Reconciliation	95.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 2, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	58
October 9, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	65



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Jenny Thomas
& Michelle Nieman in the
Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Karen Mason; Radmehr Moshefi;
James Dennis; Andrew Bryan; Maya McGee;
Virginia Popiel; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Charlie
Kuehlem; Mike & Billie Collier 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, OCTOBER 12, 2016

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(Elks Diner)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting
(Juanice Wichterich's Home)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14-16, 2016

Disciples Women Retreat - Athens, TX

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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, OCTOBER 19, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

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, OCTOBER 24, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



OCTOBER HARVEST HOUSE

75 Pounds of Food

\$203.00 in Cash Donations



LEARNING CENTER UPDATE



We are learning so much from our letters, numbers, colors and shapes to Bible stories about Moses, Joshua and Jericho, Samson and David and Goliath. We are excited about a visit from a policeman this week and our fall party will be on the 28th!

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:

Sue Bannister
Pat Fisher-Carole Wright's friend
The family of John Higginbotham who passed away
The family of Suzanne Mitchell who passed away
Dean Russell-Mariel Biggs brother
Darrell Tolliver
The family of Angela Tolliver's mother-in-law's sister who passed away
The family of Ed Willette who passed away
Flint Swerdfeger, Carole Wright's son-in-law
Richard Yarborough

We Rejoice With:

Choir
James Dennis' grandson
Cordelia Fields
Karen Milburn
Lyda Speirs-special thanks to
Flora Roe & the Wednesday
Morning Bible Study

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

Southwest Regional Assembly
"Faith WITH Works is ALIVE!"

Saturday and Sunday
October 29-October 30, 2016

Northway Christian Church in Dallas

You can register online or by PDF that can be
completed on your computer
or by hand.



You can find further informa-
tion at ccsw.org/ra2016 or you
can call the church office.



The Cabinet will meet on
Wednesday, October 12,
2016, at 6:00 pm. We will
meet in the Meeting Room.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Juanice Wichterich's Home
325 Fox Lane, Burleson
817-295-1502



*Meet at the FLC parking lot at 11:15 am to carpool or
if you need a ride, call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

Linda Cronenberg and Juanice are hostesses.
Study and Worship by Linda Cronenberg and Iris Wilson.

SERVICE PROJECT for LEARNING CENTER

Unscented Wipes, Kleenex, Reams of Paper,
Healthy Snacks Including: *Pudding Cups, Fun Fruits,
Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-Its, Animal Crackers,
Fruit Loops and Cheerios (Please no snacks with nuts)*
Bring items to the meeting or take to the church office.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) grew out of two movements seeking Christian unity that sprang up almost the same time in western Pennsylvania and Kentucky – movements that were backlashes against the rigid denominationalism of the early 1800s.



Thomas and Alexander Campbell, a Presbyterian Scotch-Irish immigrant father and son in Pennsylvania, rebelled against the dogmatic sectarianism that kept members of different denominations – and even factions within the same denomination – from partaking of the Lord's Supper together. Walter Scott, an immigrant from Scotland, was a successful evangelist of the resulting Campbell movement as it separated from the Baptists.

Barton W. Stone, a fifth-generation American in Kentucky and also a Presbyterian, objected to the use of creeds as tests of "fellowship" within the church, which were a cause of disunity, especially at the Lord's table. He was a key participant in the Restoration Movement following the Cane Ridge Revival of 1801 near Paris, KY.

"Christians," the name adopted by Stone's movement, represented what he felt to be a shedding of denominational labels in favor of a scriptural and inclusive term. Campbell had similar reasons for settling on "Disciples of Christ" but he felt the term "Disciples" less presumptuous than "Christians."

The aims and practices of the two groups were similar, and the Campbell and Stone movements united in 1832 in Lexington, KY after about a quarter of a century of separate development. For key dates and more detail, go to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society website at www.discipleshistory.org.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

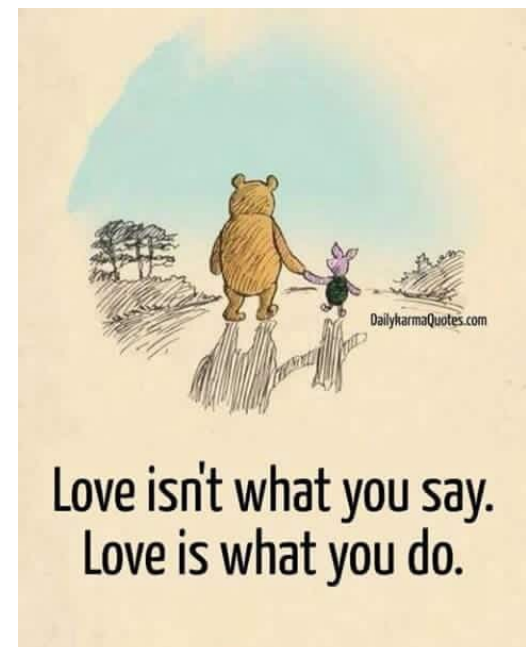
Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m.

Elks Diner
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite B
Burleson

ELKS DINER

IT'S FINALLY HERE!

Disciples Women Retreat in Athens
October 14, 15, 16



Love isn't what you say.
Love is what you do.