

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 13, 2014



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: Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm

Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving

I hope by now the theme of our Annual Stewardship Campaign, "From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving" is familiar to you. Receiving the bread and the cup at the Lord's Table is at the center of the Christian community. We, as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), recognize that to be in the presence of the living Christ each time we come to the table in worship is the focal point of our coming together as the one body of Christ. Each time we gather for worship, we come to the table in an act of remembrance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

At first, it may seem surprising to think about stewardship in connection with meeting Christ at the table each week. However, as we come to understand the magnitude of God's ultimate gift to us through the table, we also come to understand how it leads us to faith and giving. At the table, God uses the loaf and the cup as visible signs of His pure, unbounded love for us and of His will for all people to live together in love, peace and abundance. When we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we embrace God's unconditional love as the basis for our lives as individuals and communities, and we commit ourselves to live in God's ways of love. At the table, Jesus assures us that we are part of His covenant family. He uses the loaf and the cup as visible signs that He embraces us with love and grace. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, we both receive His love and grace and also commit ourselves to discipleship, which includes being faithful stewards of our resources.

At the table, as we partake of the loaf and the cup, we are reminded that God, through the sacrifice of His only Son Jesus, offers us forgiveness of our sins. Although we come to the table, often falling short of faithful discipleship, God still releases us from the power of sin so that we can rejoin the road to discipleship. This applies directly to stewardship. When we sometimes fail to be responsible stewards of our resources (such as money, time, and talent), we can repent of these behaviors as we come to the table and receive the bread and cup, and go forward, released to try again to invest in the values and practices that reflect God's love through Christ.

Also, when we serve one another the loaf and the cup, we act out in a small way what we are to do in lives of discipleship both within and beyond our congregation. When we distribute the bread and the cup, we distribute signs of God's love, and in so doing, His love can come to life among us.

Over the next several weeks, as we move toward Consecration Sunday on November 9th, I encourage you to be in prayerful consideration regarding the commitment of your time, talent and financial resources in support of the ministry and mission of First Christian Church, Burleson in 2015. I pray that each time you share of the bread and the cup at the Lord's Table you will be reminded of God's unconditional love and how each of us are called to respond as we love and care for one another in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	09/21/14
Gen. Fund	2,209.00
Build. Fund	722.00
Faith Matters	310.00

Offering	09/28/14
Gen. Fund	1,220.00
Build. Fund	927.00
Faith Matters	60.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	45.00

Offering	10/05/14
Gen. Fund	3,672.00
Build. Fund	722.00
Faith Matters	60.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	3.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 28, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	58
October 5, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	53
October 12, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	57



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger
in the Chapel Service.

Greta Eller; Marjorie Armstrong; Hilda Rushing; Pat West; Ralph & Mariel Biggs; Tony, Haley, Alex, Kenny, Kellen & Kolt Fritz; Casey, Brittany, Caden & Isabel Garza 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 15, 2014

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

10:00 AM, Zero Birthday Party for Sandra Hay-Margie Lile's Home

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

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 Today

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24-26, 2014

Disciples Women Retreat-Athens, TX

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

10:00 AM Trinity-Brazos Area Board Meeting-Riverside Disciples Ministry Center
6:00 PM Boo Bash-Burleson Old Town

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

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 27 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



OCTOBER HARVEST HOUSE

23 Pounds of Food

\$265.00 in Cash Donations



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:

Cindy Cox
Gamb's Grandson-Jimmy
Joseph Gamb
Bill & Carol Gunn
Brooke Hester
Donna Huggins
Sam Kearns
Ken Kilmer-DePratter's Son-in-Law
Mary Penney
Bill Sholders
Bill Vastine
Juanice Wichterich
The family of Iris Wilson's landlord whose husband passed away
Sara DeBusk & family

We Rejoice With:

Bobby & Suzanne Barton
Penny Enochs
Elizabeth Gamb
Onita Holton
Flora Roe
James & Natalie (Rubis) Wood

Continued Prayers for:

Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle DePratter, Anne English, Cyndy Garrett, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Danny Rubis, Jean Rubis, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, 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

We would like to honor our Veterans by singing some of their favorite hymns on Sunday, November 9th. If you are a Veteran and have a favorite hymn you would like us to incorporate into the service, please let Jack Gregory, Jr. know.



LINE DANCING CLASS

There will be NO class on Sunday, October 19th.
We will meet again on Sunday, October 26th.



LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The month of October finds the Learning Center doing all kinds of fall activities. The letters of the month are H, T & P. We'll also learn the color blue, the square shape and the number 3. Special days include Hat Day, Favorite Team T-Shirt Day, a visit from a Police Officer, and our Pre-K's will be bowling with the residents of Trinity Mission. The month will end with Fall Party on October 31st.



Regional Assembly 2014

October 25-26, 2014
Cypress Creek Christian Church
Spring, Texas

For more information and to register go to ccsw.org/ra2014 or
call the church office at (817) 295-4123.



ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring
SANDRA HAY
Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am

Margie Lile's Home — 720 Lisa Street, Burleson
817-229-1803

Bring a brunch dish, a birthday card and a
monetary contribution for a church need
decided by Sandra.



First Christian Church,

The family of Tom Brunson wish to express our sincere thanks for the expression of love and compassion in the form of the reception following the military funeral service on Friday, September 19, 2014, for Tom Brunson. Special thanks to the Bryans, Gregory's, Kearns' and to Juanice, Janie, Penny, all who brought desserts and all others who helped in many other ways.

We are most grateful to the Wednesday Morning Bible Class for their contribution toward the cost of food.

This was such a wonderful way to extend the service of First Christian Church to others in our community.



CANDY - CANDY - CANDY

We are still collecting candy for Burleson's annual Boo Bash. This is a huge event and hundreds and hundreds (thousands and thousands) of children attend. We need your help! Please bring bags of candy to church, and put them in the collection box in the foyer. Or give Mary Bryan and Kaye Gregory money donations and we will purchase the candy for you. Large bags from the big box stores are about \$20 each. Also, at Boo Bash, we need volunteers to dress up and help hand out the candy. Please consider helping this year. We really have a lot of fun!

Thanks to all of you for your concerns and prayers when Heinz was hospitalized with a TIA on September 30th. He has come through with no lasting effects, according to all test results. I'm so blessed to have such caring friends and fellow members at First Christian Church.

Love in Christ,
Juanice Wichterich

