

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 27, 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

The Spiritual Discipline of Generosity

Our God is a generous God --a God who has been revealed in Jesus as the One who deeply and passionately loves us. Our God is a God of transformation -- who changes us, and through us, changes the world. This is good news to share with others. I think our annual stewardship campaign theme "From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving -- A Journey into the Spiritual Discipline of Generosity Around the Table of Jesus" beautifully captures this idea. It calls us back to the Table of our Lord, the center of our common life together. It is there that we are reminded of both the power and the grace of God. It is there that we are inspired to dare to do great things for God.

Over the last several weeks the Stewardship Committee and I have been sharing information about how we as a congregation continue to seek and to grow and to answer God's call. As you know, that will require our investment of our spiritual gifts as well as our investments of our financial resources, our time, our talent and our energy. And we also know that because of these investments we make through the ministry and mission of First Christian Church we truly make a difference in the lives of others. The gifts we bring to the Table become much more than money -- they become the real workings of ministry.

The practice of generosity is a faith discipline. It is the mark of a growing faith and a deeper walk with Christ. As a community of faith here at First Christian Church, we remain deeply committed to being genuine Disciples of Christ -- seeking to be fed spiritually and to actively engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities, and with God's help, to create positive change.

By now, you should have received a letter from our Stewardship Committee regarding our Annual Stewardship Campaign along with an "Estimate of Giving" form and a "Time, Talent and Energy Commitment" form. If you did not receive these, they are available on the table in the foyer at the church. Between now and Consecration Sunday, November 9th, I encourage you to intentionally, carefully and prayerfully consider the commitments you are able to make in support of our ministry and mission together here at First Christian Church in 2015. You may return the completed forms to the church by placing them in the baskets located at the communion table in the sanctuary and in the foyer; by placing them in the offering plate during our worship service; or by mailing them back to the church office. By returning the "Estimate of Giving" form in a sealed envelope, be assured that the information is held in strict confidence by our Church Treasurer, Peggy Johnson.

Sunday, November 9th, is our Consecration Sunday where we will ask for God's continued blessings on First Christian Church and the commitments of our resources that we have made through the church for 2015. That Sunday, during the 11 a.m. worship service, we will also have a special recognition of all our veterans who are in attendance. Immediately following worship, we will gather in the Family Life Center for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. I hope you are planning to be a part of this important day in the life of our church.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	10/12/14
Gen. Fund	2,845.00
Build. Fund	742.00
Faith Matters	740.00

Offering	10/19/14
Gen. Fund	1,172.00
Build. Fund	972.00
Faith Matters	135.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 19, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	45
October 26, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	59



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee
in the Chapel Service.

Greta Eller; Marjorie Armstrong; Hilda Rushing;
Ralph & Mariel Biggs; Barbara Warren; Linda
Robinson; James Dennis; Marilyn Murray; and our
other regular visitors in the Traditional Service.

Michelle McCrory; Tiffanie Gregory;
Ann Gartman and Mary Jo Coates at the
Disciples Women Retreat.

*We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust
that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.*

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am tomorrow
morning. Set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going
to bed tonight.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Ends
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 Elders' Meeting (MR)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014

VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

CONSECRATION 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 Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

November 2, 2014

**Please bring holiday items of canned
goods, boxes of cereal and dry goods such
as rice, beans, mashed potatoes etc.**

Thank you to everyone who donated bags of
candy and money to purchase more candy for
this year's Burleson Boo Bash. Also, thank you
to our volunteers who passed out candy to
countless action heroes, Dracula's, princesses,
goblins, etc.



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:

Kerrie Conover
Sara DeBusk & Son
Gamb's Grandson-Jimmy
Chance Kaker
Kent Kilmer
Bill Sholders
Bill Vastine
Betty Waters

We Rejoice With:

Bill Gunn
Sandra Hay-Zero Birthday!

Continued Prayers for:

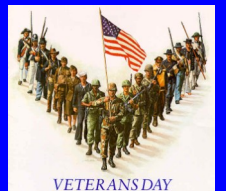
Bobbie & Suzanne Barton; Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cindy Cox, Doyle DePratter, Anne English, Cyndy Garrett, Brooke Hester, John Higginbotham, Mindy Luck, Deana McCoy, Christal McGee, Dick Nash, Flora Roe, Danny Rubis, Jean Rubis, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, 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. We will do our best to fit in as many as we can.



VETERANS DAY



LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 PM
In the Family Life Center

Families are Welcome!



LINE DANCING

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

We've had a very busy October and we are looking forward to our Fall Parties this Friday, October 31st. We will have costumed trick or treaters in the morning going from classroom to classroom and Jack O Pumpkin pizza for lunch. Looking forward into November, we will begin our canned food drive for Harvest House. We have had one new infant start this month, and all of our other classes are full.



Many thanks to our wonderful church family for all the calls, cards, visits and to Don & Kathy Welch for coming to the hospital to sit with me during Bill's surgery. His surgery went well and he is in rehab treatment. We feel very blessed to have such wonderful Christian friends.

Thank you,
Bill & Bev Sholders

THANK YOU!

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Please join us on Sunday, November 9th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. There are sign-up sheets on a table in the foyer so you can sign up for the items that you would like to bring. We will be setting up the Family Life Center for the luncheon on Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 am. The more hands we have, the faster it will go!!



NOVEMBER 15, 2014

9:00 am-11:00 am

We will be walking
the neighborhood
passing out door
hangers to invite our neighbors to
come worship with us. Watch the
newsletter for more information.

I would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to my church family for all their prayers, flowers, cards and concerns. The road has been long and winding, however, I could feel the power of your prayers and support. I look forward to returning to church as soon as possible.

I am staying with my son, Lynn, and his wife, Courtney, at 5000 Nancy Lane, Mansfield, TX 76063

Thanks so much!

Love,
Deana



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 11:30 am

Dorothy Nash's Home

216 Lester, Burleson - 817-295-4773

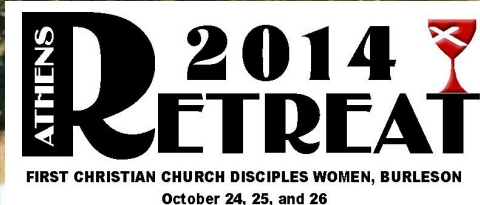
Hostesses are Dorothy and Marion Higginbotham. Joan Kearns will present the Study and Worship. All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

Need a ride? Call Marion at 817-454-0736 or carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:25 am. Bring your offering & personal items for Harvest House.



CLEAR PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS NEEDED

The church attics have many cardboard boxes storing files, holiday decorations, VBS supplies, etc. Disciples Women would like to organize this space and put everything in clear storage containers so that the items inside can be seen clearly and kept clean. All donations of clear storage containers would be greatly appreciated. If you're not much of a shopper, we will be glad to take your money donations and purchase the containers for you. Money donations can be given to Lolly Ellis or Marion Higginbotham. *Thanks for helping!*



Beautiful weather greeted 22 ladies this year in Athens for Retreat. Those who attended were (front row) Onita Holton, Vicki Rubis, Michelle McCrory, Kaye Gregory, Dorothy Nash, Bernice Williams, Tiffanie Gregory, Angela Kaker, Ann Gartman, Mary Bryan and Cyndy Garrett. (back row) Linda Cronenberg, Joan Kearns, Marion Higginbotham, Donna Huggins, Laurel Fritz, Lolly Ellis, Barbara Bond, Bonnie DePratter, Margie Lile, Beth Hindman and Mary Jo Coates.

A special thank you to our Saturday chauffeur and photographer, Roy Cronenberg.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 2014



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)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 				1 Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 am tomorrow morning. Set your clocks BACK 1 hour before going to bed tonight!
2 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	3	4	5 6:00 PM - PPRC (MR)	6	7	8 10:00 AM - Set-Up FLC for Thanksgiving Luncheon
9 CONSECRATION SUNDAY VETERANS RECOGNITION 12:00 PM - Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC)	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	13 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting – Dorothy Nash's Home 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	14	15
16	17	18	19 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22
23 12:00 PM - Decorate Church for Advent-Lunch served for volunteers	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27  Church Office Closed	28	29
30 First Sunday in Advent - HOPE 						