

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 12, 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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817-295-0750

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

Always In A Hurry

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." — James 1:2-4

One of the frustrations I often experience is how I seem to always be in a hurry! Perhaps that is a frustration that you experience as well. When I go to the grocery store, more often than not, the lines are long and of course, the customer in front of me wants to challenge whether her discount coupon is still valid or not. When I'm navigating Wilshire Boulevard, more often than not, I experience far more red lights than green lights. And it's frustrating because I'm usually in a hurry. There are more tasks on my "to do" list than I can accomplish. You know what I'm talking about. We always seem to be in a hurry. And so I often mumble under my breath, "God, give me patience, but I want it right now!"

Our need for patience is also evident as we strive to deepen our relationship with God. Remember that God is never in a hurry, but He is always on time. Our challenge is to be patient with God and with ourselves throughout our journey of faith. One of life's frustrations is that God's timetable is rarely the same as ours. Even in our desire to deepen our faith, we are often in a hurry when God is not. Certainly there are times in our lives when we feel frustrated with the seemingly slow progress we're making. But remember, God will use our entire lifetime to prepare us for our role in eternity.

The Bible is filled with examples of how God uses a long process to develop character, especially in leaders. He took 80 years to prepare Moses, including 40 years in the wilderness. Day after day, year after year, Moses kept waiting and wondering, "is it time yet?" But God kept saying, "Not yet."

Contrary to popular book titles, there are no "Easy Steps to Maturity" or "Secrets of Instant Sainthood." When God wants to make a giant oak, He takes a hundred years, but when He wants to make a mushroom he does it overnight.

Great souls are grown through struggles and storms and seasons of suffering. We must be patient with the process. James advised, "Know that the testing of our faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." In short, we are called to replace our impatience with trust - trust in God.

As we continue on our journey of faith with God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, may we remember how far we've come, not just how far we have to go. None of us are where we want to be, but neither are we where we used to be. So again, we see that we can confront our impatience with trust - trust in God.

Years ago people wore a popular button with the letters PBPGINFWMY. It stood for "Please be patient. God is not finished with me yet." God isn't finished with any of us, so we must keep on moving forward. For even the snail reached the ark by persevering!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/21/16
General Fund	1,526.00
FCC-Local Only	305.00
Building Fund	757.00
Wings of Hope	100.00
OFFERING	08/28/16
General Fund	1,645.00
FCC-Local Only	105.00
Building Fund	802.00
CLOTH Fund	29.00
Wings of Hope	386.00
OFFERING	09/04/16
General Fund	3,175.00
FCC-Local Only	55.00
Building Fund	602.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Wings of Hope	69.00
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 28, 2016	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	63
September 4, 2016	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	68
September 11, 2016	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	57

SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

64 Pounds of Food
\$260.00 in Cash Donations
Thank you FCCB!!

Harvest
HOUSE

The choir, musicians and I would like to thank everyone who submitted favorite hymns for the COME LET US SING TO THE LORD worship service on September 11. We had many more suggestions than we could use in one service so we will be using your songs in the coming weeks. Thank you for sharing your favorites.

Jack Gregory

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM No Cabinet Meeting (MR)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

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 (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the
Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Radmehr Moshefi; Charlie Kuehlem; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Faye & Grace Barber; Greta Eller; James Dennis; Edyn, Micah & Quinn Nelson; Virginia Popiel; Wanda Jones; Marlene Baysinger; Kristin Prather; 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.

LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

Things are happening fast and furious in the learning center. We are learning letters, numbers, shapes and Bible stories every week. Many, many thanks to Disciples Women for helping to purchase new cribs and high chairs for the learning center. Also thanks to Disciples Women for the fabulous appreciation bags for Angie and Terri! We are so grateful for your support.



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:

Sandy & John Ayers-Friends of the English's
Diane Chilton
Annie Cromwell
Doyle DePratter
Pat Fischer-Carole Wright's friend
Gina Hall-the Gunn's daughter
Gabby Houghton
Chance Kaker
Steve & Vicki Rubis
Dean Russell-Mariel Bigg's younger brother
Nola West-the Gunn's daughter
Heinz, Chris & Eric Wichterich
Cori Yowell
Jeannie-Pene Enochs' friend
Friends & family traveling

We Rejoice With:

Sue Bannister
The English's celebrated their 64th anniversary!
Jack Gregory, Sr. celebrated his 92nd birthday!
Ronnie & Peggy Johnson celebrated their 47th anniversary!
Mike & Joan Kearns on road trip for their 10th anniversary.
Stephanie McGee & Josch Nelson & family moved to Washington State
Dorothy Nash has a new great-granddaughter
Valerie Stewart
Wings of Hope-we raised over \$500.00

We welcome Sharon Jennings to our church family! She transferred her membership from New Hope Fellowship on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Diane Chilton, Bobbie Cockerham, Annie Cromwell, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, John Higginbotham, 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 information at ccsw.org/ra2016 or you can call the church office.

There will be no Cabinet Meeting for the month of September. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Meeting Room.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Family Life Center.

2016 DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT

First Christian Church, Burleson
(Disciples of Christ)

Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas
October 14-15-16

Arrive after 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Come to the Lakeside Dorm.

Leave Sunday after breakfast...
or just come for the day on Saturday.

We will coordinate transportation.

Disciples Crossing Address:

3693 State Hwy 31 East, Athens, TX 75752



Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

1 John 3:18 (New Living Translation)

ITEMS TO BRING

Comfortable clothing and shoes, bedding for twin bed, bath toiletries and towel, flashlight, nametag necklace (if you have one) and Bible.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING

Snacks to share (must be in resealable containers), bottled water, personal music device, and ear plugs (someone might snore!). LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME.

DIRECTIONS TO ATHENS FROM BURLESON

Go north on I-35W. Go east on I-20E. Exit #479B onto HWY 175E. Follow signs to Athens. Turn left onto JEB ROBINSON LOOP. Exit Hwy 31 and go north (left) about 1/2 mile. Campground is on the right. Look for the DISCIPLES CROSSING sign and the stone entrance.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number/Email_____

Days Attending_____ Drive or Ride_____ Time You Can Leave Burleson_____

**We encourage all women to attend and please...
invite your sisters, daughters, mothers, cousins and friends!**

2016 Retreat Committee:
Mary Bryan, Linda Cronenberg, Kaye Gregory

We need a headcount as soon as possible. Please contact Mary, Linda or Kaye when you know you can attend.

COST PER PERSON:

2 Nights and
4 Meals
\$65

Saturday Only
3 Meals
\$40

Give forms and money to a member of the Retreat Committee by Sunday, October 9, 2016.