

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 22, 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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

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817-295-4123

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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: 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

Seasons of Change

Yesterday evening at 9:29 pm, we marked the Autumnal Equinox, the end of the summer season and the beginning of autumn. Our word "equinox" comes from the Latin words meaning "equal night" for it is one of the two times each year when we experience equal amounts of daylight and darkness. We know that the changing of the seasons will bring cooler temperatures and the changing of colors of the leaves on our trees. From now, until the beginning of winter in December, our daylight hours will continue to decrease.

A few weeks ago I was looking through an album of photographs that my mother had put together when my two sons, Robert and Richard, were still in their pre-school years. What a precious age. Joyful innocence permeated their faces, and I could literally hear their laughter of yesteryear surround me as I went through each photograph.

Now my sons are grown and have careers and families of their own. Now I experience the joy of acquiring and sharing pictures of my grandchildren. Thinking about how quickly the years have gone by remind me, once again, about how much we experience change in our lives.

Just as surely as our seasons change, so change is always present in our daily lives. Many of these changes become enjoyable new seasons in our lives. Yet, we also admit that sometimes changes are difficult and painful. However, no matter what season of change we find ourselves in today, a rough patch or one smooth as glass, we can find comfort in God's word "For I the Lord do not change." Our gracious Lord is our comforter, our ever-present help no matter what mountain peak or desolate valley we are walking through today. With celebration and thanksgiving, we can praise the Lord for his blessings upon our lives.

As we begin the Autumn season this year, I share with you the poem, "The Many Different Seasons" by M.S. Lowndes.

The Many Different Seasons

There are many different seasons in life that we go through,
Times of God's blessing and peace and times of hardship too
No matter what the season, we find that we are in,
God is there to lead us on and give us hope within.
And when the seasons of hardships have come into our lives,
We can be encouraged by God for our hope is placed in Christ.
For we know it's only temporary and will change as seasons do,
Though it feels like an eternity and we wonder if we'll get through.
But God's rivers of mercy flow down from heaven above
To bring us refreshment and to touch us with His love.
So thank the Lord for the seasons, as different as they are,
And for the growth that comes from it, bringing change within our hearts.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	09/14/14
Gen. Fund	2,646.00
Build. Fund	1,307.00
Faith Matters	110.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 14, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	74
September 7, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	67



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger
in the Chapel Service.

Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; Marjorie Armstrong; Lory Floyd; Shirley Becker; Danny Olson; Charlie Kuehlem; Beverly Turner; Beth Gregory; Austyn Taylor; Ralph & Mariel Biggs; Brian, Michelle & Daniel McCrory; Joe Gamb; Mary Jo Coates; Wynell Ogden; Barney & Emmy Nash; Iris Wilson; Pat West; Anthony Fast 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.

SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE

40 Pounds of Food

\$225.00 in Cash Donations



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

RECONCILIATION 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)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS
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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

6:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

11:30 PM Disciples Women Meeting-Carole Wright's Home
7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

10:00 AM Set-up FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

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 Sandwich Luncheon & Dessert Auction (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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:

Bobby & Suzanne Barton
Diane Chilton
Mary Jo Coates
Cindy Cox
Elizabeth Gamb
Onita Holton
Deana McCoy
Flora Roe
Sandy Brown Wallace
Barbara Warren
Iris Wilson's Friends

We Rejoice With:

John Higginbotham
Mike & Joan Kearns
Flora Roe
Cooler Weather!

Continued Prayers for:

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

A Special Note of Thanks to You for all your special help!

Thank you for letting us use your van for us to go on our mission trip. - Thank you, Joey

Thank you for letting us use your van for our mission trip. - Kim

Thank you all so much for everything. We all had an amazing time on the mission trip and you'll helped to make it so amazing! - Hunter

And New Hope Christian Church



LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 pm

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Families are welcome too!



LINE DANCING

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The Learning Center is moving into fall and we are so grateful for the cooler weather. We can play outside more! We are getting familiar with our letters, color, and shape of the month by doing all kinds of fun activities.



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.



BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Marion Higginbotham
10/5 Bill Taylor
10/14 Suzanne Barton
10/16 Sandra Hay
10/19 Rhonda Janusch
10/20 Lacy McGee
10/27 Peggy Johnson
10/28 Chance Kaker
10/30 Diane Chilton



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mary Bryan
Greeters: Clint & Mary Bourland
Acolyte Attendant: Don Welch
Communion Preparation: Margie Lile
Attendance Registers: Mary Bryan
Children's Sermon:
05 Jack Gregory, Jr.
12 Kaye Gregory
19 Diana McGee
26 Mary Bryan
Scripture Reading:
05 Carole Wright
12 Kathy Welch
19 Juanice Wichterich
26 Barbara Bond
Deacon Team: Jerry & Sandra Hay;
Diana McGee; Juanice Wichterich
Serving at the Table: Kaye Gregory;
Steve McGee

CANDY - CANDY - CANDY

It's almost time for Old Town Burleson's Annual Boo Bash. This year's event is Saturday, October 25th, 6-8 pm. The First Christian Church mobile jack-o-lantern (OK, the Bryan's orange VW) will be there. This is a huge event and hundreds and hundreds (thousands and thousands) of children attend. We need your help! Please start bringing bags of candy to church. A collection box will be in the foyer beginning next Sunday. 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!





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 5, 2014

World Communion Sunday is held annually on the first Sunday of October. It is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Please come to church on this special Sunday, October 5, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians around the world.



The 2014 Special Reconciliation Offering will be taken September 28th and October 5th in Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations. Funds from this offering provide leadership development in our camps, our communities and our congregations as well as providing resources to promote small group study and community action.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 11:30 am

Carole Wright's Home

129 E. Hillside Drive, Burleson - 817-470-3385

Joan Kearns and Carole Wright are hostesses.

Carole will present the Study and Worship.

Need a ride? Call Marion at 817-454-0736 or carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 am. Bring Your Offering & Personal Items for Harvest House.

DATE REMINDERS

Sandwich Luncheon & Dessert Auction — October 12
Women's Retreat in Athens — October 24-25-26

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

Just Desserts...

and Sandwich Luncheon



Sunday ■ October 12 ■ After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service ■ In the FLC



Come to the Family Life Center for a complimentary Sandwich Luncheon followed by our Annual Dessert Auction.

*Sponsored by Disciples Women.
Proceeds go to church, community,
national, and worldwide projects we support.
This is our only fundraiser of the year -
so thank you for being generous.*



**Mark Your
Calendars!
October 12**





2014 DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT

**1st Christian Church
Burleson**

**Disciples Crossing
Athens, Texas**

October 24-25-26

Come to the Campbell Cabin.

It is the first dorm on the left after entering the campground.

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

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.

COST PER PERSON:

**2 Nights and
4 Meals
\$65**

**Saturday Only
3 Meals
\$40**

Please give forms and money to a member of the Retreat Committee by Sunday, October 19, 2014.

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!**

2014 Retreat Committee:

Mary Bryan, Linda Cronenberg, Kaye Gregory, Marion Higginbotham





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



October 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) 			1	2	3	4
		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM Choir (S)				
5 HARVEST HOUSE RECONCILIATION OFFERING STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WORLD COMMUNION DAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	6 6:00 PM - FCCLC Committee Meeting (MR)	7	8 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Meeting -Carole Wright's Home 7:00 PM - Disciples Men Meeting (C)	10	11 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon
12 12:00 PM - Sandwich Luncheon & Dessert Auction (FLC)	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14 6:30 PM - PPRC (MR)	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 AM - TBA Board Mtg- Riverside Disc. Min. Ctr. 6:00 PM - Boo Bash - Burleson Old Town
					DWF Women's Retreat-10/24-10/26	
26	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30	31	