

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 26, 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

You Are Incomparable

"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another they do not show good sense." --

2 Corinthians 10:12

Comparing is the root of all envy. If we can get rid of comparing in our lives, we can get rid of envy. However, here's the challenge. Too often, comparing is our favorite indoor sport. We compare everything. We compare our size, our shape, our color, how we talk, our intelligence. We compare our families, our kids, our jobs, our talents, and even our lawns.

God warns about the foolishness of comparing ourselves to anyone else. As we hear in the Apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another they do not show good sense."

Every time we compare, we're going to fall guilty to either pride or envy. We're always going to either find someone who's doing a better job than us, and we'll get full of envy, or we're going to find that we're doing a better job than someone else, and we get full of pride. Pride or envy is always the result of comparing. And God says it's foolish. We shouldn't do it. Each one of us are unique. Each one of us are one of a kind.

Envy is based on the myth that we must have more in order to be happier. It's just not true. Happiness is a choice. If we're not happy now, we're not going to be happy with more. We are as happy as we choose to be. Envy is not desire. Desire is good. Envy is not ambition. Ambition is good. We ought to be ambitious and work for good things in our lives. Envy is not a dream. We ought to have dreams in our lives. Envy is not setting goals. Dreams, ambitions, goals and desires are all good things that God puts in each of us.

Envy is resenting other people who have something already and thinking that we can't be happy until we get it, too. That's simply not true. Instead, we need to learn to be grateful for who we are and what we have because everything we have is a gift from God.

When we get to Heaven, God is not going to say, "Why weren't you more like *this* person or *that* person?" No! He's going to ask, "Why weren't you more like *you*?" We can't focus on our purpose while we're focusing on other people.

When we get to Heaven, we're not going to be judged on talent we didn't have. We're not going to be judged on opportunities we weren't given. We are going to be judged on how we lived and what we did with what we *were* given.

There's no need to compare ourselves with others. God has called each of us to be the best we can possibly be given the background, experiences, and talents that he has given us.

Remember, everything we have is a gift from God!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/11/16
General Fund	2,696.00
FCC-Local Only	355.00
Building Fund	1,032.00
Wings of Hope	55.00
CLOTH Fund	11.00

OFFERING	09/18/16
General Fund	2,121.00
FCC-Local Only	522.00
Building Fund	802.00
CLOTH Fund	22.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 18, 2016	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	57
September 25, 2016	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	59



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Jenny Thomas
in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Radmehr Moshefi; James Dennis;
Kristin Prather; Austyn Taylor; Marti English Parker;
Sandra Voss; Karen Mason; Mike & Marla Wills;
Virginia Popiel; Libby Swan 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, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

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)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

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 Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**HARVEST HOUSE
SUNDAY
October 2, 2016**

*Harvest
HOUSE*

Needs this month include diapers & sanitary
items, school supplies, cereals, canned goods, pea-
nut butter, jelly, Mac n cheese, etc.

LEARNING CENTER UPDATE



We just had fall pictures taken last week, and are looking forward to seeing how they turned out. During October we will have a visit from a very special person - a police officer will visit us for "P" week. We are also looking forward to our fall party, and a costume parade! If you have a special talent you would like to share with the learning center such as reading books, playing or singing music, please call the church office and let us know. We would love to have you.

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
The family of Jeff Bean, who passed away
The family of Diane Chilton, who passed away
The family of Annie Cromwell, who passed away
Pat Fischer-Carole Wright's friend
Andrew Hardeway, Pastor Mike & Joan's grandson
Jane Neal
Flora Roe
Elizabeth Smith, Annie Cromwell's sister
Flint Swerdfeger, Carole Wright's son-in-law
Ed Willette
Richard Yarborough
Dean, Mariel Biggs' brother

We Rejoice With:

The Wichterich men returned home
safely from their Europe tour
The Wichterich's have a new
great-granddaughter

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, 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!"

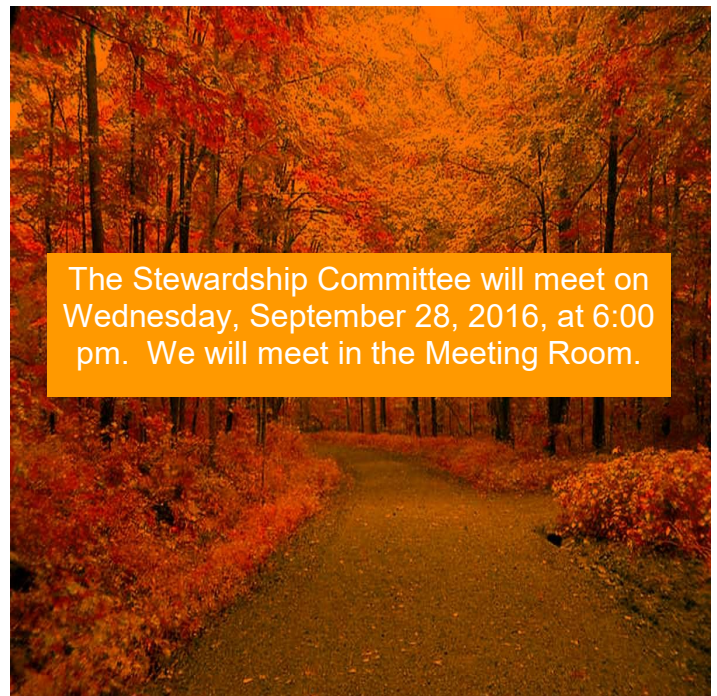
Saturday and Sunday
October 29-October 30, 2016

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



The Stewardship Committee will meet on
Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 6:00
pm. We will meet in the Meeting Room.



BIRTHDAYS

10/2	Pene Enochs
10/5	Bill Taylor
10/14	Suzanne Barton
10/16	Sandra Hay
10/19	Rhonda Janusch
10/20	Jamie Yowell
10/20	Lacy (McGee) Oldham
10/27	Peggy Johnson
10/27	Chance Kaker



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HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Wayne English; Carole Wright

Communion Preparation: Margie Lile

Attendance Registers:

Bill & Beverly Sholders

Children's Moment:

02 Mary Bryan

09 Richard Bryan

16 Wayne English

23 Jack Gregory, Jr.

30 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

02 Mike Toole

09 Don Welch

16 Kathy Welch

23 Karen Willette

30 Carole Wright

Deacon Team: Steve & Vicki Rubis;

Jerry & Sandra Hay; Bryson Bonds

Serving at the Table:

Wayne English; Jack Gregory, Jr.

