

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 8, 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 **Alone Doesn't Have to Mean Lonely**

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." --
Matthew 28:20

I often observe what appears to be an interesting paradox in the way we experience daily living. On one hand, we share how busy our lives have become, with "to do" lists to be created and fulfilled, appointments to be scheduled and kept and other various activities to be fulfilled. Yet, on the other hand, I also encounter many people who regularly experience significant periods of loneliness in their lives - times when feelings of emptiness, uselessness or purposelessness take over their thoughts and behaviors. If we are honest with ourselves, we experience all of these feelings at some time or another in our own lives.

In those times when we experience the inner ache of loneliness, especially in those times, we must aggressively and intentionally reach out to affirm that we are not alone - that God dwells in us and among us, filling us with His unending love. And yet, finding God in times of loneliness can be hard.

The Bible gives us many examples of lonely people, seeking God's love and comfort. Joseph is kidnapped and finds himself in a foreign land. Moses is exiled from his people until he is eighty. Ruth and Naomi feel abandoned by their community when their husbands die. David has to flee for safety and live in caves several times throughout his long life. Elijah is a fugitive and just wants to die because he is so lonely. Daniel is isolated in the lion's den where no one can help him. Jesus gets so lonely at times, even in the midst of crowds, that He has to go off early in the morning to solitary places just to have some quiet time with God. And the Apostle Paul, shortly before he was put to death, felt a sense of loneliness in prison. Certain individuals who had labored beside him faithfully no longer supported him, and he felt abandoned. Still, in the midst of great emotional pain, he recognized that God was with him: *"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*

I believe there are two things we must do to meaningfully address and overcome the painful feelings associated with loneliness. First, we must proclaim belief in God's assurance that He is with us all the time; that He will never leave us or forsake us. Loneliness often leads us to ask ourselves all sorts of difficult questions such as "What if I am alone for the rest of my life?-What if this pain I feel never goes away?-What if a problem arises that I don't know how to handle on my own?-What if...what if...what if...? Although we cannot discern the answers to these "what if" questions, we do know that the Lord is with us and are assured that He has all the answers we need. And second, we must press aggressively into new opportunities and possibilities each and every day. We can commit ourselves to strengthening existing friendships and relationships. We can commit ourselves to making new friends. We can reach out to another who is lonely and be a friend to that person. We can turn our times of loneliness into opportunities to offer compassion to others. And we can do all of this proclaiming with the psalmist, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	08/31/14
Gen. Fund	1,337.00
Build. Fund	1,077.00
Faith Matters	130.00
Habitat for Humanity	27.00
CLOTH Fund	40.00

Offering	09/07/14
Gen. Fund	2,276.00
Build. Fund	427.00
Faith Matters	690.00
Bldg Fund Memorial honoring Jack Gregory's 90th Birthday	25.00
Gas Royalty	899.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 31, 2014	
Chapel Service	5
Traditional	50
September 7, 2014	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	61



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger
in the Chapel Service.

Greta Eller; Hilda Rushing; Marjorie Armstrong;
Jessica Carlton; Sarah LeGrand; Ralph & Mariel
Biggs; Allen VanZandt; Sharon English; Charlie
Kuehlem; Pam Carlton; Shirley Baker 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.*

PPRC MEETING

6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

CABINET MEETING

6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting-Juanice
Wichterich's Home
- 7:00 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

- 10:00 AM Set Up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

- 5:00 PM Reception for Tom Brunson Funeral
(FLC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PLEASE REMEMBER!

- ◆ TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS
- ◆ AIR CONDITIONING/HEATERS
- ◆ SET THE ALARM
- ◆ LOCK ALL DOORS

BEFORE LEAVING THE BUILDING.



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:

Diane Chilton
Imogene Cottman
Collin Gregory
Deana McCoy
Karen Milburn
The Family of Barbara Tucker
Flora Roe

We Rejoice With:

Richard & Mary Bryan
Wayne & Anne English
Jack Gregory, Sr.
Joan & Mike Kearns
Jennifer Spradlin
Needra Womack

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

LINE DANCING CLASS

Sundays at 4:00 pm



FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Families are welcome too!



LINE DANCING

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The Learning Center is back in the swing of things! Our letters of the month are L, O & G. We are also learning about the numbers 1 & 2, the color red, and the circle shape. Our Bible Journey begins with the story of Creation and we are doing all kinds of crafts and activities on Creation. In Science we have made play dough and bread and will be doing several other experiments. Our Licensing capacity has been reduced this year to a maximum of 44 children. We are almost full at this point, and we are not able to take anymore children.



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.



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 11:30 am

Juanice Wichterich's Home

325 Fox Lane, Burleson - 817-295-1502

Barbara Bond and Juanice are hostesses.

Juanice 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.*

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited.

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

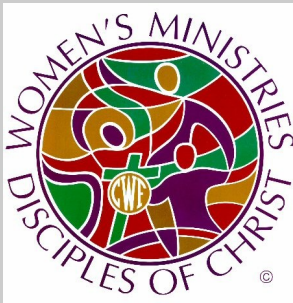


Just Desserts...

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**

