

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 22, 2019



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:

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Faith Produces Endurance

"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

A farmer's donkey had fallen into an old, abandoned well. The animal brayed and brayed as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. The farmer could not think of a way to get the donkey out of the well, so he decided to bury the donkey and fill the well in the process. The farmer grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and began braying louder. Finally, the donkey began to quiet down. After shoveling for a while, the farmer looked down into the well and was amazed at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit the donkey, the animal would shake the dirt off and take a step up. The farmer continued to shovel dirt into the well, and the donkey would shake it off and take another step up. After some time, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off.

What's the moral of the story? Look at it from the perspective of the donkey - like dirt being shoveled on the donkey, the negative experiences of life can seemingly bury us. Crying out is a natural and appropriate response when we find ourselves in tough times. But it doesn't solve the problem. The solution, with God's help in our lives, is to shake the experiences off and to use them as stepping stones. Further, if we don't give in - if we shake off the "dirt" and take a step up - allowing God to work in our lives, we become equipped not only to better handle more "dirt", but to reach out and help others who are experiencing similar trials and challenges.

None of us can escape life's "dirt". To remain silent and do nothing won't help. Instead, the next time we find ourselves on the verge of being buried by circumstances, we should reach out to God in prayer. With God's help, we can shake off the "dirt" and take a step up. Then, when we've come through our time of trial, we should not just "trot off", but rather look for the opportunities to extend a helping hand to someone else who is struggling.

With God's help, we continue to strengthen our faith through endurance - and that endurance brings joy to our lives, every day.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/14/19
General Fund	3,256.00
Building Fund	895.00
The WARM Place	180.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 4,151.00 = Over \$5.00	

OFFERING	04/21/19
General Fund	1,576.50
Building Fund	357.50
The WARM Place	20.00
Easter Special Offering	290.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 1,934.00 = Short (\$2,212.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 14, 2019-Palm Sunday	67
April 21, 2019-Easter Sunday	93



Visitors and Guests

Marlene & Jeff Baysinger; Brent Davis; Lesley Baker; Bobby Lewis; Marti Parker; Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Will Davies; James Wood; Kimberly Warren; Ed Pappert; William Collins; Doug McElroy; Peggy Mikas; Heinz Wichterich; Lexi Hales; Donna Gilley; Troy & Leslie Daniels; Nancy & Austyn Taylor; Deborah & Lauren Wichterich; and our other regular visitors.

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

APRIL HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



46 pounds of food

\$365.00 in monetary donations

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY May 5

Current needs include mac n cheese, jelly, refried beans, pork & beans, crackers, chili, sugar & flour.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

6:00 PM Relay for Life (North Texas
Jellystone Park)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

11:00 AM-4:00 PM Bring items to Family Life
Center for Relay for Life Community
Garage Sale

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
2:00 PM FCC Learning Center End of Year
Program & Pre-K/Trans-Kinder
Graduation (S)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

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

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

3:30 PM Set up tables in FLC & help sort &
display items for Community Garage
Sale (FLC)

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

9:00-4:00 PM Community Garage Sale to benefit
Relay For Life (Rain Date-May 11)
(FLC)

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (C)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

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

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting
(Peggy Johnson's Home)

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

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 conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

The family of Rosetta Bonds, who passed away-
Rosetta is Tommy Bonds' mother
Kay Bratcher-Kaye Gregory's half-sister
Emmett Decker
The family of Don Hogue who passed away-
Don is the Gunn's friend
Jessica Kaker
Margie Kaker
Rae McGowan
OK Neal
Emma, Lyda Speirs' granddaughter
Jason-the Gunn's friend

We Rejoice With:

Wayne English celebrated his
birthday April 14!
Lexie Hobby
Richard & Stacie Kearns are
expecting a baby in November!
Centennial High School Drum Line
finished 6th in the top class in
Dayton, Ohio last week!
Holy Week activities!
Thank you to Disciples Men for
Easter Breakfast!

Continued Prayers for:

Stella Andrews, Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Will Davies, Elizabeth Gamb,
Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, Becky Hoover, Brad King, Eric McGee; Carol Morris,
OK & Jane Neal, The Vardeman Family, Ivan Walker; V.J. Welch, Iris Wilson, Faye Wirsdorfer,
Needra Womack, Carole Wright & Pat Yarborough

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch



MEETING

CABINET MEETING
WEDNESDAY

May 8
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

FCC LEARNING CENTER END OF YEAR PROGRAM &
PRE-K/TRANS-KINDER GRADUATION

Sunday, April 28, 2019
2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

All are invited to attend!



LARRY MASON TO PREACH THIS SUNDAY

Following a very busy Lenten season and Holy Week schedule, Pastor Mike and Joan are taking some much needed R&R time over the coming week.

Our member, Larry Mason, will be in the pulpit on Sunday, April 28th.

Larry and his wife Pam retired in August of last year and moved to Burleson to be near their family. Larry spent nearly 40 years with the American Baptist Churches USA, serving as pastor and denominational executive. Larry received his Bachelors degree at St. Mary's University, his Masters at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City and his Doctorate at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

If you have an emergency during this time, you can contact Pastor Mike on his cell at (214) 364-6453, the church office or an Elder.



BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Kathy Welch
5/10	Kyle Reynoso
5/11	Haley Vastine
5/13	Michiel Rubis
5/13	Casey Yowell
5/19	Carol Findley
5/19	Brett King
5/19	Ky Gregory
5/24	Flora Roe
5/25	Jerry Hay
5/27	Steve McGee
5/29	Mary Bryan



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Wayne English; Vernon Fields; Becky Hoover
Communion Preparation: Donna Huggins
Attendance Registers: Margie Lile
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 05 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 12 Disciples Men
 19 Wayne English
 26 Diana McGee
Scripture Reading:
 05 Ann Miller
 12 Marilyn Murray
 19 Steve Rubis
 26 Angela Tolliver
Deacon Team: Tommy, Angela & Jessica Kaker; Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan; Mike Toole



RELAY FOR LIFE
 APRIL 26 6:00 PM-MIDNIGHT
 NORTH TEXAS JELLYSTONE PARK



It's not too late to sign up to be a part of our team!
 For more information or to purchase \$10 luminarias,
 please contact Dee Fields or Jim Sanders.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

Volunteers are needed. You don't have to be a team member to help out!

Saturday, April 27 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Bring items for sale to the Family Life Center. *Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for shifts.*



Friday, May 3 3:30 pm

Set up tables & help sort & display items.
Sign-up sheets in foyer for shifts.

Saturday, May 4 9:00 am-4:00 pm

All are invited to participate in a Community Garage Sale at FCC to benefit Relay for Life. *All helpers are greatly appreciated.*
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for shifts.

For more information, call Terri Tipton 513-708-5480.

The WARM Place

Grief Support Center for Children

Donations In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Mariel Biggs
Marie & Orville Biggs

Burt Bond

Our Parents
Annie Cromwell
Diane Chilton

Doyle DePratter

Our Parents:
Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Anne English

Ruby Gregory
Annelle McLendon Smith

June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck
Jimmy Huggins, Leslie Lewis, Robert Struck

Our Parents:
Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Peggy Kelley

Bob & Mark Mason

Bonnie Miller

Dalton Grisham
Tempa Larson
Doug Holton

Our Parents

Edward Willette

Given By

Ralph Biggs

Barbara Bond

Richard & Mary Bryan

Bonnie DePratter

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne R. English

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Terri Lester

JoAnn & Karen Mason

Ann Miller

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Don & Kathy Welch

Karen Willette



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Donations In Honor Of

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Jack & Kaye Gregory
Our Church Family

Darrin & Derek DePratter
Kent & Dana Killmer, Grandchildren &
2 Great-Grandchildren

My Family
Brent, Brandy, Troy, Jacob & Elizabeth

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Michael & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The English Children

Our Family & Friends

Jack Gregory, Sr.
Margie Lile
Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity
Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali
Cody & Laura

Donna Huggins
Tommy, Angela, Wesley & Jessica Kaker
Chance & Teagan Kaker
Steven & Rhonda Janusch

Pam Mason

Our Children & Grandchildren

Kevin, Nancy & Austyn Taylor
Missy Pugh, Doug McLeroy

Our Family

Our Children, Grandchildren
& Great-Grandchildren

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Bonnie DePratter

Lynn Dover

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Becky O'Neal

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Don & Kathy Welch

Heinz & Juanice Wichterich



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.

Peggy Johnson's Home

117 NE Timber Ridge, Burleson

817-295-7420

Hostesses:

Carol Findley, Joan Kearns & Peggy
Study and Worship: Janie Rudolph

*Carpool from FLC parking lot
at 11:15 a.m. Need a ride?*

*Call Peggy Johnson at
817-295-7420.*

**Harvest House Service Project:
Jars of Peanut Butter**

Please Note: New Meeting Place

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 2019

8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson, Burleson



Attention All Mothers

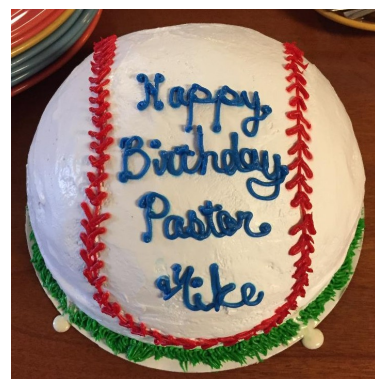
We are asking all mothers (members and visitors) to provide a picture of themselves and their children for a special surprise on

Mother's Day, Sunday,
May 12, 2019.

Give your picture to Kaye Gregory so it can be scanned and returned or email one to her at JackGregoryJr@aol.com.
Deadline to turn in pictures is Sunday, May 5.



Pastor Mike's Birthday Party



HOLY WEEK 2019

PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)			1	2	3 3:30 PM - Set up tables & sort & display items for Community Garage Sale (FLC)	4 9:00 am- 4:00 pm - Relay for Life Community Garage Sale (FLC)
5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	6	7	8 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Peggy Johnson's Home)	10	11 Rain Date for Relay for Life Community Garage Sale (FLC)
12 	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14 5:30 PM - Membership Committee Meeting (MR)	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17	18 10:00 AM - Set Up for Potluck Luncheon
19 12:00 PM - Mexican Potluck & New Member Luncheon (FLC)	20	21	22 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	23	24 Last day of FCC Learning Center for 2018-2019 School Year	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31 	