

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 23, 2018



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: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

In Times of Trouble

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me." -- Psalm 138:7

The Hebrew rendering of the above is "go on in the center of trouble". What descriptive words! We have called on God in the day of trouble; we have pleaded His promise of deliverance, but no deliverance has been given; the enemy has continued oppressing until we were in the very thick of the fight, in the center of trouble. Why then trouble the Master any further?

When Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died", our Lord met her lack of hope with His further promise, "Your brother will rise again". And when we walk "in the center of trouble" and are tempted to think like Martha that the time of deliverance is past, He meets us too with a promise from His Word. "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me".

Though His answer is often so long delayed, though we may still continue to "go on" in the midst of trouble, "the center of trouble" is the place where He preserves us, not the place where He fails us. When in the hopeless place, the continued hopeless place, is the very time when He will stretch forth His hand against the wrath of our enemies and perfect that which concerns us, the very time when He will make the attack to cease and fail and come to an end.

THE EYE OF THE STORM

Fear not that the whirlwind shall carry thee hence, nor wait for its onslaught in breathless suspense, nor shrink from the whips of the terrible hail, but pass through the edge to the heart of the gale, for there is a shelter, sunlighted and warm, and Faith sees her God through the eye of the storm.

The passionate tempest with rush and wild roar and threatenings of evil may beat on the shore, the waves may be mountains, the fields battle plains, and the earth be immersed in a deluge of rains, yet, the soul, stayed on God, may sing bravely its psalm, for the heart of the storm is the center of calm.

Let hope be not quenched in the blackness of night, though the cyclone awhile may have blotted the light, for behind the great darkness the stars ever shine, and the light of God's heavens, His love shall make thine, let no gloom dim thine eyes, but uplift them on high to the face of thy God and the blue of His sky.

The storm is thy shelter from danger and sin, and God Himself takes thee for safety within; the tempest with Him passeth into deep calm, and the roar of the winds is the sound of a psalm.

Be glad and serene when the tempest clouds form; God smiles on His child in the eye of the Storm. - Anonymous

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/08/18
General Fund	2,720.00
Building Fund	417.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - Short (\$935.00)	
OFFERING	04/15/18
General Fund	1,930.00
Building Fund	712.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - Short (\$1,430.00)	
OFFERING	04/22/18
General Fund	3,509.00
Building Fund	267.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - \$3776.00 = Short (\$296.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 15, 2018	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	63
April 22, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	83

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY May 6, 2018

Items needed this month include cereal, canned fruit and crackers.



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn & Karen Mason; Jordyn Ethetton; Don & Elaine Walker; Doug & Julie Walker; Christina Murray, Scarlett Murry, Emily & Jennah Ashcraft; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Lesley Baker; Dave, Bodie, Luke & Quinn Nash; Emmy Nash; Donna Gilley; Becky Hoover; Neva & Allie Terry 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, APRIL 25, 2018

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 3:30 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

- 9:00 AM Roadrunner Square Dance Lessons (FLC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 2:00 PM FCCLC End of Year Program & Pre-K Graduation (S)
- 3:00 PM Reception for Amber Miller-New Learning Center Director (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

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

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

- 3:00 PM Ice Cream Social (FLC)

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (C)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

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

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

- 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:

Burt Bond
Margie Kaker-Tommy Kaker's mom
Joan Kearns
Brad King-Jane Neal's son
Wynell Ogden-Dorothy Nash's sister
The family of Howard Purvis who passed away-Howard
is Bonnie DePratter's brother-in-law
The family of Jeanene Richardson who passed away-Jeanene
is Sharon Matzner's sister
The family of Darrel Warren who passed away-Darrel is
Barbara Warren's ex-husband & Linda Robinson's dad
Raymond Wood-a friend of the Bryan's

We Rejoice With:

Dorothy Nash's birthday 4/22/18
Virginia Popiel was in worship!
Alex-the Field's grandson
Bernice Williams has a new great
granddaughter
Centennial High School Indoor
Drumline finished 6th out of 22
teams in World Class
competition in Dayton, OH
Harvest House Harvest Feast
fundraiser netted \$55,000!

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Imogene Cottman,
Alyssa Fleming, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, Doreen Lewis, Karen Milburn,
Carol Morris, Jack Stanley, Don Vardeman, 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

TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY

May 5 at 2:00 pm

University Christian Church
2720 S. University Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76109



Much is happening at the Assembly this year! There
will be conversations and voting on the
proposed plan for restructure and a worship service
celebrating the connection with one another through all
the ministries of the TBA.

Rev. Renee Hoke will be the preacher for worship and
there will be reports from all the ministries
in the TBA.

RELAY FOR LIFE
APRIL 27
NORTH TEXAS JELLYSTONE PARK
6:00 PM-MIDNIGHT



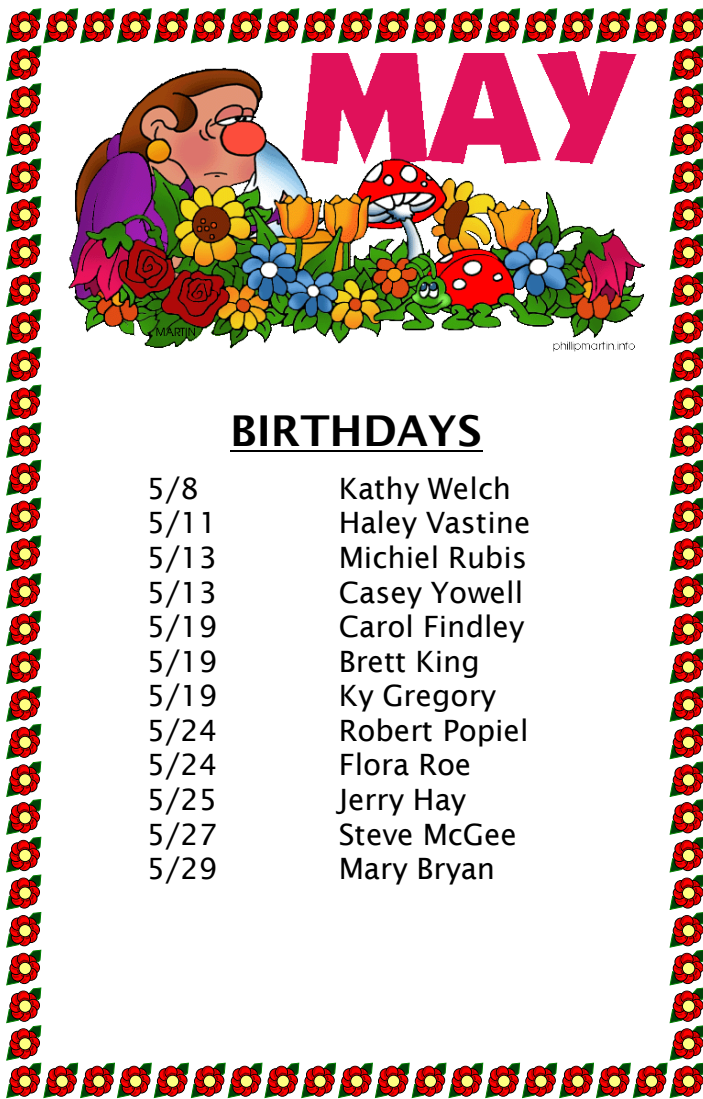
It's not too late to sign up to be a part of our team!
We are partnering with Chisholm Trail Optimist Club
again this year. For more information or to purchase
\$10 luminarias, please
contact Jim or Georgia Sanders.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 20, 2018
(During Worship and the Fellowship Luncheon)



Congratulations to our two graduates.
Bethany Bonds graduated with a
Bachelor of Science in Nursing from
The University of Texas at Arlington
and Emily Cronenberg graduated from
Centennial High School in Burleson.



BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Kathy Welch
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	Robert Popiel
5/24	Flora Roe
5/25	Jerry Hay
5/27	Steve McGee
5/29	Mary Bryan



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Donna Huggins; Margie Lile
Communion Preparation: Tommy Kaker
Attendance Registers: Bill & Carol Gunn
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 06 Wayne English
 13 Disciples Men
 20 Kaye Gregory
 27 Angela Tolliver
Scripture Reading:
 06 Ann Miller
 13 OK Neal
 20 Steve Rubis
 27 Diana McGee
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
 Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;
 Mike Toole

Disciples Habitat House Fundraiser

The Trinity-Brazos Area will be hosting two fundraisers in the coming months to help with the efforts of building a Habitat for Humanity house later in 2018. We want as many Disciples out as possible to support the cause and help us raise funds for the house we will build together!



MAY 10 - 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Spring Creek BBQ has graciously agreed to have three stores support our cause of Habitat for Humanity. We need 200 Disciples at each store to meet our minimum for maximum fundraising efforts. We will have stores in Arlington, Fort Worth, and Mid-Cities open *May 10, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM*. Please let the greeter at the door know that you are supporting Disciples for the Habitat Build Fundraiser. You can attend any of the three stores for this cause.

The three locations supporting our cause are:

- ♦ Arlington-3608 S. Cooper, Arlington, TX 76015
- ♦ Fort Worth-8628 West Camp Bowie Blvd,
Fort Worth, TX 76116
- ♦ Mid-Cities-1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX 76021

Dear First Christian Church of Burleson,

We can't begin to thank you enough for your generosity and truly appreciate your gift of \$620, dated March 25, 2018.

When children come to The WARM Place, their world has been turned upside down. Experiencing the death of a loved one at any age is hard, but when you are a child, it's unimaginable. That is why The WARM Place exists-so that no child will ever have to grieve alone. Your donation makes it possible for them to participate in our Grief Support Program at absolutely no cost to their family.

For over 28 years, The WARM Place has stayed true to its mission of providing unwavering support to grieving children and their families. It is because of donors like you that children in our community have a safe place to express their deepest emotions and connect with other children who are also grieving the death of a loved one.

We are so grateful to First Christian Church of Burleson for making our mission possible.

WARMest Wishes,
Shelley Spikes
Executive Director

Katie Lane
Director of Development

What a wonderful tradition you have! We appreciate your ongoing support!



DISCIPLES MEN
Breakfast & Meeting

Thursday, May 10th
8:30 am

The Porch
140 S. Wilson St.
Burleson, TX 76028

DISCIPLES WOMEN
Luncheon & Meeting
Thursday ♦ May 10
11:30 am

Peggy Johnson's Home
117 N.E. Timber Ridge Dr.
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 295-7420

Hosted by
Carol Findley and Peggy Johnson

Study and Worship by
Kaye Gregory and Barbara Bond

Meet at the Family Life Center
parking lot at 11:15 am to carpool
or if you need a ride, call
Dorothy Nash so arrangements
can be made
817-295-4773.

ITEMS TO BRING FOR HARVEST HOUSE
SERVICE PROJECT

Canned meats, such as tuna, salmon, Vienna
sausages, canned chicken, Spam, beef hash

FCCLC End of Year Program and
Pre-K Graduation

Sunday, April 29 ♦ 2:00 PM

Our program will be followed by a reception in the
Family Life Center, where you will be able to meet
our new Learning Center Director, Amber Miller.

Volunteers are needed to bring cookies for the
reception. If you can help with cookies, please call
Mary Bryan 817-295-3390 or email her at
mbryan@gmail.com so she'll know
if we have enough.



Greater Burleson Area RELAY FOR LIFE FESTIVAL

Relay for Life is getting close. We have 16 folks signed up to walk at North Texas Jellystone Park, on April 27, 6:00 pm to midnight.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE THE EVENT

1. Sign up online in order to be officially counted as a team member: www.relayforlife.org/burlesontx. Scroll down to All Teams and click on that. Search for First Christian Church of Burleson/Chisholm Trail Optimist Club and follow the directions. If you need help, you can call Nanette Stockstill at 817-694-9077 or call 1-800-227-2345 and pick Option #2. If you need more help, they will be happy to do it for you. The online sign up will also allow you to individually set a goal to raise money in your name for our team.
2. Arrive between 5-5:30 pm in order to help finish setting up and decorate our area.
3. When you enter Jellystone, watch for signs that tell you where to park, etc. We will be at **CAMP SITE #9** on the North side, near the fire trucks.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Wear a solid colored T-shirt or polo shirt. We will have something to put on them to identify us as a team.
2. Wear other weather appropriate clothes and walking shoes. Weather forecast for Friday night is mostly clear skies with a low of 46 and winds north at 10-15 mph.
3. Bring a lawn chair, water and snacks. However, plan on supporting the concessionaires who will be selling drinks and food with proceeds benefiting Relay for Life.
4. Bring money to support the onsite fundraisers as well as the concessionaires.
5. No electricity so bring your phones fully charged.
6. Bring flashlights and bug spray, just in case.
7. Bring your decorated luminaria with you that night or give it to Jim Sanders ahead of time. An area will be designated for the Luminaria Garden.



DO NOT BRING

Alcohol
Tobacco
Firearms
Pets (unless service animals)



If you have any further questions, please call
Jim Sanders at 713-775-1012 or Dee Fields at 817-295-4664.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship (C) 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (MR) 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)		1	2	3 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	4	5 2:00 PM - TBA Regional Assembly (UCC Ft. Worth) 3:00 PM - Ice Cream Social (FLC)
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)						
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	7	8	9 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	10 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon & Mtg (Peggy Johnson's Home)	11	12
13 	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	17	18	19 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon & Graduate Recognition
20 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon & Graduate Recogni- tion (FLC) PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING PENTECOST	21	22	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24	25 Last day of FCCLC 2017-2018 School Year	26
27 PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING	28  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	30	31		