

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 24, 2017



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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Mercy, Mercy!

"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." - Exodus 34:6b

God's number one characteristic in the Bible isn't His sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, anger or justice. It's His mercy!

Many people in our world want to portray God as someone who is completely focused upon judgment. But God describes himself first and foremost as a God of mercy.

When God revealed His glory to Moses, He said, *"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."* God wanted Moses to understand that, most importantly, He is merciful. And, of course, He wants us to understand that as well.

Quite simply, mercy is love in action. It has two distinct parts. Webster's Dictionary defines mercy two ways - as "refraining from harm or punishment" and as "unexpected kindness". God wants us to do both. The forgiving side is refraining from punishment. And the compassionate side is going the extra mile to help someone with unexpected kindness. We need to demonstrate both.

But what should motivate us to show mercy to others we encounter in our lives?

First, is our awareness that God is merciful. Jesus tells us according to Luke's gospel, *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"*. Before we judge others for their shortcomings and failures, we must remember how many times God has forgiven each of us. When it seems inconvenient to help someone in need, we ought to stop and remember how God has comforted us when we were hurting. When we think about those people who try our patience, we ought to stop and remember how patient God has been with us. And when we feel like getting even with someone who has been unkind or unfair to us, we ought to stop and remember how kind God was to us when we were less than faithful.

Second, we must remember that we need mercy every day. We can't expect to be perfect every moment of our lives, we're going to need more mercy. In the Letter of James we are told, *"For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy, mercy triumphs over judgment"*. We need God's forgiveness, kindness, patience and help every day of our lives. God tells us that we get what we give. Forgiveness and mercy are a two-way street.

And finally, we should be motivated to show mercy to others because showing mercy brings a sense of satisfaction and happiness. In Jesus' sermon on the mount He told His followers, *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy"*. Doing acts of mercy gets us out of ourselves. It gets our focus away from us and on to other people. And that produces happiness. In fact, a tremendous way to address times of sadness and feelings of hopelessness is through acts of mercy. As we mercifully give of ourselves, happiness begins to come back to us, and the clouds of discouragement begin to lift and blow away. Always striving to be merciful is more than just an attitude. It's a lifestyle.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/09/17
General Fund	4,541.00
Building Fund	482.00
CLOTH Fund	66.00
Easter Offering	20.00
The Warm Place	200.00
Anne English Memorials	75.00
Gas Royalties	413.29

OFFERING	04/16/17
General Fund	2,682.00
Building Fund	832.00
Easter Offering	176.00
The Warm Place	45.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 14, 2017-Good Friday Service	60
April 16, 2017-Easter Sunday Traditional	111
April 23, 2017 Chapel Service	2
Traditional	58



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Bob Lee & Jennifer Thomas in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Lois Peterson, Marlene Baysinger, Shad Hajecate, Skylar Hutto, Barrett Danelski, Robert Popiel, James Wood, Andrew Tvardzik, Bobby Hawley, Casey Nash & family, Lyle Rudolph, Monica Vavra, Elijah & Jacob Rudolph, Sammy Nash & family, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Nancy & Austyn Taylor, Robert & Debra Hiller, Findley & Walker Maxwell, Deborah, Jake & Lauren Wichterich, Kurt, Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss, 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 26, 2017

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

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)

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

6:30 PM Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

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, MAY 8, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

May 7, 2017

Harvest House is in need of regular cans of soup, especially broths, cream soups and chicken noodle. Right now all they have is tomato soup. These are very popular items and they don't stay on the shelves for long.

They also are always in need of cereal, mac n cheese, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, etc.

Harvest
HOUSE

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:

Bill Carlton
Will Davies-Karen Willette's friend
Jerry Hay
Gabby Houghton
Donna Huggins
Diana McGee
Bob McLaren-former member
O.K. Neal
Bill Sholders
Jack Stanley-stepfather of Donna Huggins' daughter-in-law
Heinz Wichterich
Carole Wright

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Bobby Hawley
John, Sue Bannister's son
Mike Kearns' birthday on 4/16/17
Congratulations to Centennial High School's Drum Line! They won the World Championship at the World Drum Line competition in Dayton, Ohio. Richard Kearns', Pastor Mike's son, is the drum line instructor.

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, 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

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



Wow, time flies by so fast. We are finishing up learning our letters, numbers, shapes and colors. Our journey through the Bible is almost finished too. We are starting to practice for our End of the Year Program and Pre-K Graduation, which will be on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
We would love to see you there!



YOU ARE INVITED....
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
2:00 PM

First Christian Church Sanctuary



To the Learning Center's End of the Year Program and Pre-K Graduation on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Come enjoy songs, Bible verses, pledges and poems from our wobblers and toddlers to our 4 year olds, and then listen to Pomp and Circumstance as our 4 year olds graduate to elementary school next year.



BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Kathy Welch
5/11	Hayley Vastine
5/13	Michiel Rubis
5/13	Caisey 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

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact the church office so that we can include you on our list!



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Vernon Fields, Margie Lile

Communion Preparation: Donna Huggins

Computer during Worship: Carol Findley

Attendance Registers: Sandra Hay

Children's Moment:

07 Mary Bryan

14 Disciples Men

21 Wayne English

28 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

07 Barbara Bond

14 Mary Bryan

21 Richard Bryan

28 Dee Fields

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;

Carol Gunn; Diana McGee

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;

Lolly Ellis



RELAY FOR LIFE

May 12-13, 2017

Kerr Middle School

7:00 pm-7:00 am

Sign up sheets to participate in Relay for Life are located in the foyer. There is a separate sign up sheet for survivors to participate in the walk/supper.

Start saving items for a Silent Auction benefitting Relay for Life. Silent Auction will be on Sunday, May 21, 2017, during the Fellowship Luncheon.



Luminaries are now available. There is a \$10.00 donation for each one.

Please contact Jim or Georgia Sanders for more information:

Jim's Cell: 713-775-1012.

DISCIPLES WOMEN
BRUNCH AND MEETING

Note: Earlier Times

Thursday, May 11, **10:00 a.m.**
 Angela Tolliver's Home
 8116 CR 1016A, Burleson
 817-447-9842

Hostesses:
 Mary Bryan, Carol Findley & Angela

Study & Worship:
 Juanice Wichterich & Iris Wilson

*Carpool from the FLC parking lot at **9:30 a.m.***
*Need a ride?
 Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

Note: Earlier Times

SERVICE PROJECT FOR HARVEST HOUSE:
 Laundry Detergent



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, May 11
 8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
 140 S. Wilson, Burleson



Easter Morning 2017



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	3	4	5	6
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR) 2:00 PM - FCCLC End of Year Pro- gram & Pre-K Graduation (S)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	10 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	11 8:30 AM - Disciples Men at The Porch 10:00 AM - Disciples Women at Angela Tolliver's Home	12	13
14 	15	16 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18	19	20 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Mexican Fiesta
21 12:00 PM - Mexican Fiesta Luncheon & Relay for Life Silent Auction (FLC)	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23 6:30 PM - Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)	24 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	25	26	27
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