

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 12, 2019

SUMMER

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

I Wish I Was More Patient

"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." - Galatians 5:22, 23

It should have been easier. I was at the grocery store. I was in the ten items or less express lane. I was in a hurry. I had two items. But then...(it seems like there is always a "but") the lady in front of me had sixteen items. I counted! Sixteen items! This included counting the bunch of bananas as one item, not seven. She wasn't even rebuked by the clerk at the register. Then, the lady takes out her checkbook. Isn't this the 21st Century? Had she not heard of debit cards? By the time it was my turn to check out, my mood matched the now squashed loaf of bread I was holding. I wish I was a more patient person.

We all have things that trigger our impatience. Maybe for you it's traffic, or kids, or being late, or parents, or your spouse. But, what is it that actually fuels impatience in our lives? I think there are three big enemies of patience:

First, overload. We try to cram too much activity into our schedules, and this results in a lifestyle that has no margin. It leaves no breathing room. So, when we find ourselves running behind, it breeds impatience. When we live a life with no margin, any little mismanagement or unforeseen circumstance can result in losing our patience.

Second, unrealistic expectations. Many of us place high expectations on those closest to us. Typically, these people are our spouse, kids, and closest friends. Then, when they don't live up to our expectations, we grow impatient. But, the truth is that people cannot possibly live up to every expectation (many of which are unspoken) that we place on them. People aren't perfect and sooner or later, they won't live up to our expectations.

Third, pride. Impatience rears its ugly head whenever pride is challenged. When we selfishly think we deserve better treatment than we receive, our egos puff up and our impatience blows out.

I wish there were some easy answers for resolving these enemies to patience. But, these are issues that most of us as Christians continue to wrestle with throughout our lives. I know that I do.

The bottom line is that we need to continually pursue the reign of God's kingdom in our lives, where we say, "Not my will Lord, but Yours". When we do this, we begin to see new options for how we can respond. We see that we don't have to walk hand-in-hand with the enemies of patience. When someone smacks our face we can turn and give them the other cheek. When someone wants our shirt, we can offer them our coat as well. When someone forces us to walk a mile on their behalf, we can walk a second mile voluntarily.

Each day we face choices where we either embrace the enemies of patience or embrace God's kingdom. As we seek His kingdom, patience grows. Our patience changes us, and it changes others as well. So, let us choose to allow God to reign in us and grow the fruit of patience in our lives.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/28/19
General Fund	1,615.00
Building Fund	565.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 2,180.00 = Short (\$1,966.00)	
OFFERING	08/04/19
General Fund	6,998.00
Building Fund	1,570.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 8,568.00 = Over \$4,422.00	
OFFERING	08/11/19
General Fund	2,251.00
Building Fund	315.00
Memorials	100.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 2,566.00 = Short (\$1,580.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 28, 2019	63
August 4, 2019	73
August 11, 2019	73



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Ed Pappert; Cobette & Cassidy Riza, Emmy Nash, Austyn Taylor, Lexi Hales, Dan & Lois Hockman, Hyla Finlayson, Cindy Carnes, Kae Metheny, Richard Petton, Lesley Baker, Celeste Davies, Will Davies, Ann Gartman, Helen McDonald, Brad King, Jack Hileand, Delton & Violet Berna, and our other regular visitors.

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

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Thank you everyone so much for jumping in helping out where help was needed this past weekend with the memorial services. Dee and the Fellowship Committee appreciates you and all of your willingness to help whenever there is a need! You are the best FCC!

Dee Fields & the
Fellowship Committee



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
10:30 AM Ladies Monet trip to Kimbell Art Museum (meet at the church to carpool)

6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

116 Pounds of Food
\$277.00 in Monetary Donations

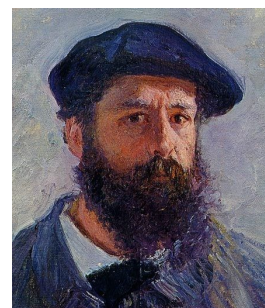


LADIES YOU ARE INVITED TO SEE "MONET: THE LATE YEARS"!

Wednesday, August 14, at 10:30 am, (right after Women's Bible Study), come to the church and join a group of ladies who plan to carpool to the Kimbell Art Museum to see the touring exhibit "Monet: The Late Years." Plans are to grab a late lunch afterwards.

Senior tickets are \$16 purchased at the door-that includes the loan of headphones to hear information about the various paintings. Scholarship money is available if needed. Please contact Mary Bryan or Dorothy Nash.

If you are planning to go and are willing to drive, please let Dorothy Nash know how many riders you can take.



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:

Matias Arguello-Pat & Carol Findley's grandson
Sue Bannister
The family of Lola Baron who passed away-Lola is a long time friend of Bonnie DePratter
Monty Ceder-Bonnie DePratter's nephew
Hyla Finlayson & family-Rae McGowan's daughter
Barbara Gallagher-Pat Powell's cousin
Jerry Hay
Elta Hogue - friend of the Gunn's
Rhonda Janusch
Joan Kearns
Dave Nash
Denise Nichol-Dee Fields' friend
Georgia Sanders
Pat Sartori
Sharon Vick-Mary Bryan's friend
The Wichterich Family
The family of Reda Works who passed away-Reda is James Peaks' aunt and James is the husband of Chris Peaks, Learning Center Assistant Director
Becky Hoover & family
Jackie-Beverly Sholders' friend
Kemper, Bonnie DePratter's brother
Mike, Karen & Tom and family on the passing of Sandra-Richard Bryan's friends
Mass shootings victims & families

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Jessica Kaker
Tommy Kaker's birthday
Steve & Diana McGee on the birth of their grandson, Luke Waylon Nelson in Washington. Mom, Stephanie & Luke are doing well.
Cobette Riza
All those who helped with services for Heinz Wichterich & Rae McGowan this weekend.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Will Davies, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, Becky Hoover, Joan Kearns, Brad King, Eric McGee; Carol Morris, OK & Jane Neal, Karen Parker, 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



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 14, 2019
6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM

BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 21, 2019
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER