

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 13, 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

Summer Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Closed Fridays

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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Life Well-Lived

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
-- John 10:10

Recently, a pastor shared the following account of an excursion that he and some of his youth had experienced. As I read his story, I was encouraged to re-examine many of the choices I make day-by-day, and how those choices contribute to the abundant life promised by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Perhaps you too, will be encouraged. Here is his story:

Far off the beaten path in a rural Illinois town lays the entrance to Illinois Caverns, a wild cave system. The 50 to 75 steps that lead into the mouth of the cave betray the true wilderness that is within. This isn't the type of cave you can ride through on a tram. No, this is the dark, damp, get down on your knees and get dirty kind of cave that requires special footwear, backpacks, headlamps, and a little courage.

At the beginning of the journey, most spelunkers try to avoid getting wet. After all, the water is cold and the temperature in the cave is only in the low 60's. The walls are wet, and the ground is slippery. As the water rises, most participants get used to the idea that it's going to be wet. When my youth group took an adventure through the caves, we didn't anticipate that the water would eventually reach our waists, and at times, we would have to crawl on our hands and knees maneuvering between stalagmites and stalactites.

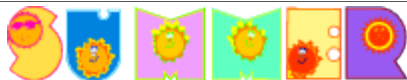
In a few places, park rangers had brought in ladders for those who didn't want to crawl, squeeze or slither through the tighter spots. When it came my turn to either take the ladder or crawl, I was forced to make a choice. Observe or participate? In the heat of the moment, I chose the latter. There I was crawling on my hands and knees with the cave ceiling literally two inches above my head and water up to my chin! It was one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life and one that I would have missed by choosing to take the easy way up the ladder.

In the book "Seizing Your Divine Moment," author Erwin McManus says, "I am convinced the great tragedy is not the sins we commit, but the life we fail to live." Too often, many Christians sit on the sidelines observing others living the life of true faith. In the first chapter of James we read, "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

So, the questions now is, "Are you living your life to the fullest or watching life go by?" The cave was dark, wet, and a little scary, but the experience was amazing. A life well-lived is the same.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/22/18
General Fund	1,635.00
Building Fund	962.00
CLOTH Fund	37.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 2,597.00 Short (\$1,475.00)	
OFFERING	07/29/18
General Fund	1,384.00
Building Fund	237.00
Harvest House	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 1,641.00 Short (\$2,431.00)	
OFFERING	08/05/18
General Fund	4,929.03
Building Fund	1,027.00
CLOTH Fund	105.00
Gas Royalties	178.54
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 6,134.57 Over (\$2,062.57)	
OFFERING	08/12/18
General Fund	2,031.00
Building Fund	772.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 2,803.00 Short (\$1,269.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 29, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	60
August 5, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	64
August 12, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	63



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

Emmy Nash; Tyler, Ashley, Myles & Gentry Williams; Joel & Annette Abt; Will Davies; Barbara Smith; Taunja Carlisle; Aurora Dominguez; Rylee & Ivy Houghton; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Lynn & Billie Loe; Aria Welch; Austyn Taylor; Lauren Wichterich; Jordan Ethetton; Kent Schroeder & Jeanette Materkowsk; 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, AUGUST 15, 2018

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

2:00 PM Jimmie Smith Memorial Service (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

60 Pounds of Food

\$285.00 in Monetary Donations

Harvest
HOUSE

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT**

Tithes & Offering

**DURING THE SUMMER
MONTHS**

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
The family of Dan Butler who passed away - Scott & Doris Butler's son
Bonnie DePratter
Rev. Bobby Hawley & family
The family of Peggy Kelley who passed away - Terri Lester's mom
Martha Jane Lane
Jeanette McDermott - Pat Sartori's mom
OK Neal
Wynell Ogden - Dorothy Nash's sister
The family of Jimmie Smith who passed away
Jessica Watson - Marilyn Murray's friend
Needra Womack
Angela Kaker's friend
Pam Toole's mom

We Rejoice With:

Roy & Linda Cronenberg
celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary!
Dottie Mehaffey's birthday!
Lauren Wichterich - Juanice Wichterich's granddaughter was in worship with us.
Aria Welch, Don & Kathy Welch's granddaughter was in worship with us.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman,
Will Davies, Alyssa Fleming, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston,
Sara Juarez & Teagan Kaker, Brad King, Carol Morris, OK & Jane Neal,
The Vardeman Family, 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

YOU ARE INVITED TO HABITAT BUILD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 10, 2018
7:00 am-5:00 pm

Waterchase Golf Club
8951 Creek Run Road
Fort Worth, TX 76120



Several Disciples of Christ congregations are partnering together with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a family in need beginning in late November of 2018. All sponsorship money goes directly to the Habitat build.

This tournament is planning on 30 teams of 4 people (120 golfers). The shotgun start will be at 8:00 am. You can arrive early for registration, hit range balls, and receive a quick breakfast before you tee off. A lunch is included which will follow tournament play that includes a raffle and prizes.

BOARD MEETING
Wednesday ♦ August 15, 2018
6:00 pm
Family Life Center

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday ♦ August 22, 2018
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

CCSW Regional Assembly 2018
Friday-Saturday, November 2-3
Central Christian Church in Austin



More information about the Regional Assembly and the Assembly schedule is posted on the website at ccsw.org/ra2018.