

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 14, 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: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Reaping God's Blessings in Every Season

"God has made everything suitable for its time." - Ecclesiastes 3:11a

Life is full of contrasts. We go through mountains, and we go through valleys. We go through successes, and we go through failures. We have wins and we have losses. In weather, there are four seasons. But in our lives, there are dozens of different seasons. And every season of life includes both good times and bad times.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 gives us a representation of different life experiences. *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."*

Life is a combination of contrasting seasons. All sunshine and no rain makes a desert. If we are following God's will, if we are trying to live our lives according to the way God wants us to live, then we will eventually see that these experiences can have purpose and value in our lives and we will reap God's blessing in every season.

We may think that the only time we are in God's will is when we are at church or having a quiet time of prayer and meditation. And although those are important times in our lives, there are many other ways and times that we are in God's will. We can be in God's will as we are cleaning out a closet. We can be in God's will as we are mowing the lawn. There is a time and a season for everything.

Scripture tells us in Ecclesiastes, *"God has made everything suitable for its time."* In other words, God can take even the bad things and, in the proper season, turn them around and use them for good in the way He intends. Therefore, when we experience seasons of difficulty in our lives, we must remember that God can make something good out of it as we continue to place our trust in Him.

Farmers know that what they sow in one season, they will reap in another season. They plant in the spring, and they harvest in the fall. That is true for us as well. In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians he writes, *"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."* The way we respond to someone or to a situation in the season in which we find ourselves is going to affect the seasons to come. If we respond trusting in God's love and goodness - if we respond by doing the right thing - it pays great dividends in the seasons to come.

No matter what season we find ourselves in right now, remember Paul's words of encouragement in 1 Thessalonians when he wrote, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* We are to live each day of every season - both the good days and the bad days - with a sense of gratitude, because each day is a gift from God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/23/17
General Fund	1,359.00
Building Fund	202.00
OFFERING	07/30/17
General Fund	1,955.00
Building Fund	532.00
OFFERING	08/06/17
General Fund	6,051.00
Building Fund	1,002.00
CLOTH Fund	142.00
Gas Royalties	256.76
OFFERING	08/13/17
General Fund	2,205.00
Building Fund	1,032.00
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 30, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	59
August 6, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	62
August 13, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	57



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Veronica Sanchez in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Carol Morris, Mike McGraw, James Dennis, Will Davies, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Dr. O.K. & Jane Neal, Robert & Debra Hiller, Richard, Stacie & Sam Kearns, 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 16, 2017

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
1:00 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

6:30 AM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



STRING TRIMMER OLYMPICS

Saturday ♦ August 19 ♦ 8:00-10:00 am

All entrants please come with a working string trimmer in hand, and meet in the parking lot of the Family Life Center.

Events are a closely guarded secret! Prizes will be awarded. Call Richard Bryan for questions 817-295-3390.

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:

Mariel Biggs
Will Davies
Jim Edmonds-Richard Edmonds' brother
Tom Kaker-Tommy Kaker's dad
Steve McGee
Shea Pulliam-the Welch's granddaughter
Jean Rubis
Vicki Rubis
Janie Rudolph
Ashley Sholders-the Sholders' granddaughter
Don Vardeman-Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law
Jay-Beverly Sholders' friend
Caesar-Valerie Stuart's friend

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Tommy Bonds
Dee Fields
Tommy Kaker's birthday!
OK Neal in worship
Juanice Wichterich in worship

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Mariel Biggs, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Roy Cronenberg, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham,
M'Lee Gonzales, Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Jim Sargent, Jack Stanley,
Iris Wilson, 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

AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

66 pounds of food

\$248.00 in Cash Donations

Harvest
HOUSE

Habitat for Humanity Community Outreach Project

Trinity-Brazos Area is joining hands with the Trinity Habitat for Humanity chapter to build a "Disciples House" in the Fall of 2018! The plan is to build a house for a Habitat family, and build bridges and community between our Disciples congregations in the TBA. The total cost for building a "Disciples House" is approximately \$85,000. For a "Disciples House" to happen 3 things are needed now: Prayers for the project, Participation in planning meetings, and Publicity by informing members and friends of the opportunity to contribute to this project over the next 16 months by engaging in fundraisers.

To learn more about this project, you can go to www.trinityhabitat.org.