

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 28, 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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Telephone: 817-295-4123
Fax: 817-295-0750

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

How Can We Help?

"Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:40

It's a day, now long ago, that will remain etched in my memory forever -- August 4, 1970. I was home in Corpus Christi from my freshman year at TCU. The day before, on August 3rd, Hurricane Celia came ashore causing extensive damage throughout the city. No electricity, no phones, and in some areas no safe drinking water. After sunrise on the next morning, my Dad and I carefully drove from our home to South Shore Christian Church, changing our route many times to avoid streets clogged with debris. South Shore CC was our home church and that year my Dad was chairman of the board. When we arrived we found that the entire roof of the sanctuary had been ripped away, stained glass windows destroyed and significant damage to other parts of the church. The large wooden cross that hung over the communion table by heavy chains attached directly to the vaulted ceiling was later found 10 blocks away, still attached to the boards that were once part of the roof.

I tell you this because one of the earliest and most significant sources of assistance in the following weeks and months was Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Their stated mission is to seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. Although South Shore Christian Church had insurance, the Week of Compassion assistance helped bridge the financial gaps created by deductibles and other non-covered repairs so that the church could maximize the use of its resources in responding to needs throughout the community.

As I know you are aware, Hurricane Harvey has now inflicted immeasurable damage to large areas of Southeast Texas, affecting literally millions of people. As I write this, the relentless rain is still coming down and the pictures of the damage and the flooding are heartbreaking. And, it's far from over. So, HOW CAN WE HELP?

Our regional leadership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest recommends that we financially support Week of Compassion who already have staff "on the ground" in affected areas coordinating meaningful and needed responses with our sister congregations in these areas. And, we are assured that 100% of financial support that we can provide and designate for Hurricane Harvey relief will be used to meet the most urgent needs.

This morning (Monday), at my request, our Board Chair Ronnie Johnson convened a called board meeting via e-mail and telephone to consider how we can help. Board member Bill Gunn made a motion "that the board of First Christian Church of Burleson authorize a special, over-an-above offering to be taken during worship on Sunday, September 3rd to assist the Christian Church's Week of Compassion Office in responding to the widespread needs arising from Hurricane Harvey and the aftermath of that storm. I understand that 100 percent of these funds will be distributed by our Week of Compassion Office to assist our sister congregations in the affected areas as they minister to the needs in their cities and communities." Board Vice-Chair, Karen Willette, seconded the motion. By Monday afternoon all 12 voting members had responded to the motion in the affirmative. I extend my sincere thanks to all.

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OFFERING	08/20/17
General Fund	2,125.00
Building Fund	492.00
CLOTH Fund	60.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 20, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	59
August 27, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	60



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Jackie Ware in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Mike McGraw, James Dennis, Emmy Nash, Terri Tipton, Martha Lane, Sofie Dees, Dr. OK & Jane Neal 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.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Come join us for our
Are You Ready for Some Football?
Potluck Luncheon on
Sunday, September 10. We will meet in the Family Life Center immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. Come join us for some good food, fun and fellowship!!

If you have any questions, please call Dee Fields 817-295-4664 or you can call the church office 817-295-4123.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

7:00 PM Choir Practice Resumes (S)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

6:30 AM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

10:00 AM Set Up FLC for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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 Are You Ready for Some Football?

Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



How Can We Help (Continued from Page 1)

Therefore, this Sunday, in addition to our "Harvest House Sunday offering" we will receive an offering to be forwarded to Week of Compassion, specifically designated to be used for "Hurricane Harvey Relief." A bulletin insert regarding this offering and an offering envelope will be enclosed in our worship bulletins. Checks should be made payable to "First Christian Church" and "Hurricane Harvey relief" noted in the memo field. Peggy Johnson will forward a check from the church for the total amount to our Week of Compassion Office.

I hope you will join with me in prayerfully considering a gift through this offering as well as keeping our countless neighbors in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

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:

The family of Ed Ambrister who passed away-
Ed is the husband of Jack Gregory Jr's cousin
Doyle DePratter
Melissa Goelher
Tom Kaker-Tommy Kaker's dad
Carolyn Parmley-Diana McGee's mom in Beaumont, TX
Eileen Pippin-Angela Tolliver's mom
Shea Pulliam-the Welch's granddaughter
Pat Sartori
Don Vardeman-Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law
Pat Yarborough-church member in Hillsboro
Bryan-old neighbor of Valerie Stuart
Gloria-a friend of Needra Womack
Victims of Hurricane Harvey on the Texas gulf coast
Riley-Angela Tolliver's nephew

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Richard & Mary Bryan on the birth of their 5th grandson on 8/17/17. Thomas Cush Bryan weighed 6 lbs, 2 oz, and was 19-1/2" long. Proud parents & brother are Wade & Caroline Bryan & Andrew Jerry & Sandra Hay celebrated 55th Wedding Anniversary! Carol Morris placed her membership with our church on 8/20/17. Don & Kathy Welch celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Thank you for the school supplies that were used as decorations at our August luncheon. Many thanks to Mike Rubis & Vernon Fields who prepared the brisket! String Trimmer Olympics

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

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

September 3, 2017



Harvest House is already receiving calls for help from Hurricane Harvey refugees that have arrived in Burleson. We want to be able to help them while they are here staying in local hotels and other places, and most left with little but the clothes on their backs and their vehicle. We need donations of: Non-perishable foods-canned goods with pull-tab lids are preferable, packages of lunch meat, hot dogs, or microwaveable foods (sizes that can be stored in a cooler), diapers & other baby essentials, gift cards for restaurants along I-35, laundry detergent, new packages of underwear.

Harvest House requirements for those who seek aid will have to provide evidence of residency in a city or county affected by the storm.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 11:30 a.m.

Juanice Wichterich's Home

325 Fox Lane, Burleson

817-295-1502

Hostesses:

Lolly Ellis, Joan Kearns and Juanice

Study & Worship:

Janie Rudolph and Angela Tolliver

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 am

Need a ride?

Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT:
Deodorant

Starts at 11:30 am



BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Linda Cronenberg
9/4	Lyda Speirs
9/5	Jack Gregory, Sr.
9/5	Brandon Ptak
9/12	Maxine Lee
9/17	Tony White
9/19	Angela Tolliver
9/23	Wade Bryan
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/24	Scott Vastine
9/24	Steve Hindman
9/29	Magunn Carroll

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

September

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Steve McGee

Greeters: Don & Kathy Welch

Communion Preparation: Diana McGee

Computer during Worship: Carol Findley

Attendance Registers: Diana McGee

Children's Moment:

03 Ronnie Johnson

10 Dorothy Nash

17 Angela Tolliver

24 Karen Willette

Scripture Reading:

03 Karen Willette

10 Carole Wright

17 Suzanne Barton

24 Barbara Bond

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
Carol Gunn; Diana McGee

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan; Bill Gunn



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, September 14

8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson, Burleson



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship (C) 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)					1	2
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17	18	19 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	20 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	21	22 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	23
24 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING	25 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	26 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	27 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	28	29	30