

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 10, 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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817-295-0750

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

A New Commandment

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." -- John 13:34

Dr. Seuss' famous Grinch who lived just above Whoville had a problem. It is reported that his heart was two sizes too small. This is why the Grinch hated Christmas and everything else about the merry Whos. By the end of the story, however, something happens. After working to ruin Christmas, the Grinch saw the Whos celebrating and loving each other even though they had nothing. "And what happened then...? Well...in Whoville they say, that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!"

The Grinch's heart grew because he saw how the people loved each other no matter the circumstances. Once he saw their unconditional love, he wanted to be a part of it and he wanted to have it. It is no wonder his heart grew! He had never before experienced that kind of unselfish love that was not based on getting or gaining more.

Jesus gave His disciples a new command in the book of John. The old command says to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. His new command is to love one another, just as He loves us. What is the key difference in this additional command? We are to love as Christ loved. It is a love that was demonstrated to us on the cross, when He died for us.

This love is a revolutionary love. It is a sacrificial love that is willing to put others' needs ahead of personal needs. It is a forgiving love that is willing to forgive without limitations. It is a love that helps even when it does not fit into the schedule. It is a love that does not complain, even when it has been wronged. It is a love that is hard to live by, but it is a love that we are called to strive for. That is why God sent His Son and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us so that we could have the strength to love as He loved.

It is when we love like this that others will be able to catch a glimpse of Jesus. It is when we love like this, not only our own hearts will continue to grow, but other people, whose hearts are perhaps two sizes too small, will respond to God as they see love played out like they have never seen before.

So, in this Christmas season, in this season of gift-giving, perhaps the very best gift we can give to others is to follow Christ's command to love one another, just as He loves us. Merry Christmas!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/02/18
General Fund	4,266.17
Building Fund	437.00
Gas Royalties	158.21
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 4,861.38 = Over \$789.38	

OFFERING	12/09/18
General Fund	4,811.01
Building Fund	1,497.00
CLOTH Fund	19.40
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 6,308.01 = Over \$2,236.01	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 2, 2018	69
December 9, 2018	62



Visitors and Guests

Charles Davis; Marlene Baysinger;
Karen Mason; Wanda Crowder; Will
Davies; Jamas Toole; Hudson
Chappotin; Lesley Baker; James
Dennis; Sally Bradley; Judy Brown;
Peggy Mikas; Darb Dewar & Terri
Tipton and our other regular visitors.

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



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party
(Tiffanie Gregory's Home)
6:00 PM Disciples Men Caroling
(meet in Family Life Center parking lot)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

5:00 PM FCC Learning Center Christmas
Program (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



You may or may not have noticed the Portraits of Christ collection of plates that are hanging on the wall in the hallway across from the drinking fountains. This collection was generously donated by Vernon & Dee Fields for your reflection on the life of Christ. Please take a moment of your time, if you have not already done so, to see this collection and reflect on the life of Christ.



FCCLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 14, 2018

5:00 pm ♦ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come hear the precious voices of our 2-5 year olds as they sing songs about Baby Jesus and Christmas.

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:

Mary Butterbrodt - a friend of the Gregory's
Dave Carter - a friend of the Gregory's
Imogene Cottman - Kathy Welch's mom
Becky Hoover
Angela Kaker
Rae McGowan
Kemper Platt - Bonnie DePratter's brother
Megan Spradlin - the Gregory's great-niece
Darrell Tolliver
Beverly Sholders' friend's daughter
Ellen - Pene Enochs' cousin

We Rejoice With:

Welcome to Kyle, Gabe & Sebastian Reynoso who transferred their membership to our church family on 12/2/18! FCC float in Burleson Christmas Parade. Thanks to Jim Sanders for building the float. Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies, Alyssa Fleming, Samantha Findley, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston, 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

BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL INFORMATION

If you ordered tickets for the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival, please give a check or cash to Peggy Johnson or put it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 30, 2018. Checks should be made payable to First Christian Church (FCC) with a note in the memo line that it is for Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival ticket(s). If you have any questions, please call the church office or Pastor Mike 214-364-6453.



The 2018-19 Disciples Build is HERE!

The build begins
**Wednesday,
November 28.**

See build dates and sign up to volunteer at
<http://vhub.at/doctx>.

2018 Christmas Special Offering

COME they told me

December 16 and 23, 2018

The Christmas Offering supports the regions in our denomination by:

- ♦ Connecting congregations to each other
- ♦ Foster faith development
- ♦ Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- ♦ Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- ♦ Assist churches in calling new ministers
- ♦ Interpret the global mission of the Church
- ♦ Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- ♦ Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- ♦ Lead the Church to address racism
- ♦ Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- ♦ Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day Offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

During the Christmas Holidays the church office hours will be:

Monday-Wednesday, December 24-26 Closed
Thursday, December 27 - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, December 31 - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st - Closed

Wednesday-Thursday, January 2-3
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Normal office hours resume on Monday, January 7th
8:00 am-4:00 pm

If you have an emergency after hours, please call Pastor Mike (214) 364-6453 or you can contact your Elder.



Advent Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 13th

- ♦ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party (Tiffanie Gregory's Home)
- ♦ 6:00 pm Disciples Men Christmas Caroling (Meet in FLC parking lot at 6:00 pm to go caroling and then to Braum's for dinner/snack & meeting)

Friday, Dec. 14th

- ♦ 5:00 pm FCC Learning Center Christmas Program (S)

Sunday, Dec. 16th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

- ♦ Christmas Special Offering

Sunday, Dec. 23th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

- ♦ Christmas Special Offering

Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

- ♦ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.

Please take a moment to review the below listings, and if you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri in the church office (817) 295-4123.

Poinsettias In Honor Of

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Richard's Family
Mary's Family
Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Our Church Family

Michael & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The English Children

Jean Crawford

Our Children

Matthew & Samantha Findley
Spencer, Leann, Walker & Findley Maxwell
Hernan, Natalie, David, Iker & Matias Argüello
Ivan Walker
All of our dear friends

Jack Gregory, Sr.
Margie Lile
Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity Gregory
Ky Sr., Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali Gregory
Cody & Laura

Tommy & Angela Kaker
Steven & Rhonda Janusch
Chance, Wesley, Jessica & Teagan Kaker

My FCC Church Family

Brad King

Jehovah & His Son, Jesus Christ

Ralph Biggs

Our Family

Chris & Kathy Wichterich
Eric & Deborah Wichterich
Madison, Connor, Garrett, Jake & Lauren Wichterich
Chelsea & Josh Paigen
Blaize & Charley Jo Paigen

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Mary Ann Erickson

Vernon & Dee Fields

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Terri Lester

O.K. & Jane Neal

Virginia Popiel

Jeanette Weicht

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich

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Poinsettias In Memory Of

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Bobby's Parents & Brothers
Suzanne's Parents & Brothers

Mariel Biggs
Orville & Marie Biggs

Minnie Ruth Elrod

Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Anne English
Louise & Wayne English Sr.

Our Parents

Ruby Gregory and Annette McLendon Smith
McLendon Smith

June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck
Jimmy Huggins

Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Peggy Kelley

Bob & Mark Mason

Margaret & O.K. Neal, Sr.

All Faithful Christians

Darrell Warren

Doug Holton
Dalton Grisham
Toge & Tempa Larsen

Gary T. Speirs II
Rev & Mrs. E.H. Young

J.C. Toole
Ruby Toole

Joseph & Thelma White
Doyle White

Mom/Nana

Our Family

Clyde & Marie Wallis
Marian Spigener & Loree Lewis
Carol Wallis

Given By

Bobby & Suzanne Barton

Ralph Biggs & Jordyn Etherton

Wanda Crowder

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Vernon & Dee Fields

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Terri Lester

JoAnn & Karen Mason

O.K. & Jane Neal

Virginia Popiel

Linda Robinson

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Lyda Speirs

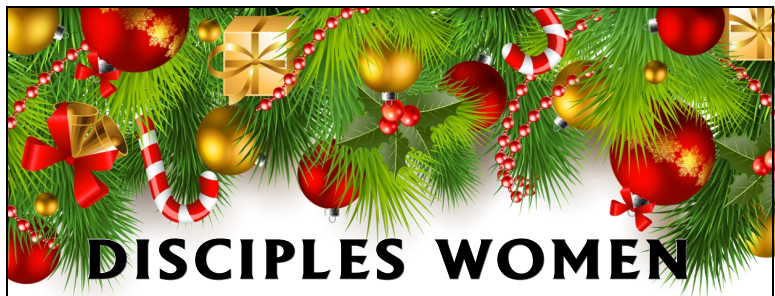
Mike Toole

Barbara Warren

Jeanette Weicht

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich



DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Thursday, December 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Tiffanie Gregory's Home
412 Bretts Way, Burleson
817-908-3081



Things to Bring:

Potluck Dish to Share

*Christmas Decoration for Our Exchange Game
(\$5.00 - \$10.00 max)*

Your Offering

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

Need a ride?

Call Dorothy Nash at 817-295-4773.



DISCIPLES MEN

Christmas Caroling & Meeting
This Thursday, December 13

Meet at the Family Life
Center parking lot at
6:00 pm to carpool.



*Wear a Christmas sweater, if you
have one. Afterwards, we'll go to
Braum's for dinner/snack and
have our meeting.*

Every year at Christmastime we present a
LOVE OFFERING to Pastor Mike Kearns and
our church secretary, Terri Lester. Please des-
ignate this special offering on your check or
offering envelope. Give to our church treas-
urer, Peggy Johnson, or
put in Sunday's offering
plate. This year's dead-
line is this Sunday, De-
cember 16.



CHRISTMAS Parade Old Town Burleson

Photos by Lolly Ellis, Collin Gregory,
Jack Gregory, Kaye Gregory, Brenda Yowell

