

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 18, 2017

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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

Waiting on the Lord

"Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long." -- Psalm 25:5

Psalm 25, written at a time in David's life when he knew he was the focus of much discontent and opposition, is a profound statement of a life of faith and trust in a living God. "I trust you, God" and "I wait for you, God" are consistent themes in this Psalm. During the time of Advent, waiting on the Lord and trusting in God can be hopeful themes for our own spiritual lives as well. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Advent is a time of trust in God that needs will be met and issues will be overcome as families gather and gifts are given at season's end.

For many people, Advent is a time of great stress rather than a time of great joy. The season can bring forth bitter memories of past failures. The absence of people who once shared our Christmas feasts, but do so no longer can bring great sadness. Some are alone during the holidays, and not by choice. Others fret about having the resources to do 'enough' to meet the expectations of others. We can all benefit from 'waiting on the Lord', spending quiet time in God's presence.

What is 'waiting on the Lord' all about? It is a time of active listening and openness to God's truth. According to this Psalm, when we "wait upon the Lord," God makes God's ways and paths known to us. We regain clarity about our lives, and understand where we may have gone astray. We learn new truth about God, and can reshape the way we live.

When we "wait upon the Lord," we remember God's unfailing love for us, faithful and compassionate. We also remember our own failing and sin, and how we have experienced undeserved forgiveness because of God's innate goodness.

That goodness of God is the basis of our continuing trust in God! Advent is a time to renew our trust in God because we are reminded of the goodness of God. The goodness of God is more than a passive sweetness. It is an active goodness, reaching into our lives and seeking to accomplish specific things. Psalm 25 says that God's goodness shows sinners the way, leads the humble in what is right, teaches the humble the ways of God, and makes visible God's faithful love and truth to those who live in a covenant relationship with God.

The intent of the Advent season is to bring the goodness of God back into active focus in our lives. God did not allow us to go our own way without seeking to break into our reality and offer hope. Advent reminds us that God's promise-keeping is certain. A Savior is born. Reality and human history are changed. It is time for a new beginning.

This Advent, seek to live into the forgiveness you have already received from a God who is trustworthy and good. If your life's circumstances are not the best, remember David, who endured active opposition and discontent constantly. David's meditations on God's innate goodness helped him believe that God forgives, and restores, and is always faithful. May it be so for all of us!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/26/17
General Fund	1,895.00
Building Fund	807.00
CLOTH Fund	20.00

OFFERING	12/03/17
General Fund	5,323.00
Building Fund	852.00
CLOTH Fund	1.00
Christmas Special Offering	20.00
Gas Royalties	187.91

OFFERING	12/10/17
General Fund	1,790.00
Building Fund	412.00
CLOTH Fund	48.00
Christmas Special Offering	20.00
Budget Shortfall	(1,750.00)

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,850.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 3, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	68
December 10, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	62
December 17, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	62



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn & Karen Mason, David Williams, Beth Gregory, James Dennis, Peggy Mikas, Will Davies, Lesley Baker, Ann Gartman, Nevil Williamson, Angela Grimes, Hensley Mehaffey, Quinn, Luke, Bodie & Emmy Nash, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Kurt & Jacob Voss, 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.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

No Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Chapel Service Today

9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Church Office Closed Today-Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

No Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

EPIPHANY ENDS

10:00 AM Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

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)

3:00 PM Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival (UCC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WE NEED YOUR HELP



We will put away the Advent and Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 6th, at 10:00 am. It will go quickly with everyone's help! Thanks!

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:

Kim Bonds
Richard Edmonds
The Kaker Family
Kent Kilmer-Bonnie DePratter's son-in-law
Loree Lewis
Margie Lile
John Mayer
Carol Morris
Marilyn Murray
Flora Roe
Pat Sartori
Valerie Stuart
Angela Tolliver
Nola West-the Gunn's daughter
Needra Womack
Several people at Heritage Place

We Rejoice With:

Lexie Hobby
Valerie Stuart
New Moravian Star on the outside
of the church. Special thanks to
those who were instrumental in
seeing it purchased & installed-
Joan Kearns, Michelle McCrory,
Beth Hindman, Angela Tolliver &
Lyda Speirs

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Roy Cronenberg, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham,
M'Lee Gonzales, Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Kim & Shea Pulliam, Jim Sargent, Jack Stanley,
Don Vardeman, Iris Wilson, Needra Womack, Carole Wright & Pat Yarborough

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:
GySgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

100 Pounds

\$176.00 in Cash Donations

Harvest House Sunday
January 7, 2018

Please bring items to restock the shelves
from the holidays.

Harvest
HOUSE



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE
Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)
- ◆ Monday, Dec. 25th - Merry Christmas
- ◆ Monday, Jan 1st - Happy New Year



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Mary Bourland
1/9	Lolly Ellis
1/10	Richard Bryan
1/10	Onita Holton
1/12	Marilyn Murray
1/12	Pat Yarborough
1/13	Karen Willette
1/18	Linda Robinson
1/20	Jane Rudolph
1/25	Graysen Bryan
1/27	Ronnie Johnson
1/28	Nancy Taylor



During the Christmas Holidays the church office hours will be:

Monday-Wednesday, December 25-27 Closed
Thursday, December 28 - 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Monday, January 1st - Closed
Tuesday-Thursday, January 2-4
9:00 am-2:00 pm

Normal office hours resume on Monday, January 8th
6:30 am-4:30 pm

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



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole

Greeters: Bill & Beverly Sholders

Communion Preparation:

Juanice Wichterich

Attendance Registers: Burt Bond

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

07 Jack Gregory, Jr.

14 Kaye Gregory

21 Ronnie Johnson

28 Dorothy Nash

Scripture Reading:

07 Don Welch

14 Kathy Welch

21 Juanice Wichterich

28 Karen Willette

Deacon Team: Carol Gunn,

Tommy & Angela Kaker, Diana McGee

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan, Bill Gunn



*Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10*

The Christian Church in the Southwest is offering a daily advent devotional, "From Hope to Faith." Starting December 1 and extending to December 24, you can receive the devotional, written by one of our regional leaders, in your email inbox. To sign up and receive the advent devotional go to <http://ccsw.org/ccsw-connections/>



2018 CHURCH OFFICERS

2018 BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Gregory, Jr. (3 year term)
 Jerry Hay (3 year term)
 Jim Sanders (3 year term)
 Mike Toole (3 year term)
 Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2018 DEACONS

Ronnie Johnson (2 year term)
 Peggy Johnson (2 year term)
 Angela Kaker (2 year term)
 Tommy Kaker (2 year term)
 Marilyn Murray (2 year term)
 Jim Sanders (2 year term)
 Georgia Sanders (2 year term)
 Mike Toole (2 year term)

2018 YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds (1 year term)

2018 ELDERS

Mary Bryan
 Richard Bryan
 Lolly Ellis
 Wayne English
 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 Kaye Gregory
 Bill Gunn
 Steve McGee
 Dorothy Nash
 Mike Toole
 Karen Willette



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday
 January 11, 2018
 8:30 am
 The Porch
 140 S. Wilson Street
 Burleson



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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The Bryan Family

Our Children & Grandchildren:

Michael & Zach Ellis

Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

The English Family Children

Matthew & Samantha Findley

Spencer, Leann, Walker & Findley Maxwell

Hernan, Natalie, David, Iker & Matias Argüello

Ivan Walker

And all of our dear friends

Jack Gregory, Sr.

Margie Life

Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity Gregory

Ky, Sr., Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali Gregory

Cody Gregory

Tommy, Angela, Chance, Wesley & Jessica Kaker

Steven & Rhonda Janusch

Dewey Struck

Carolyn Parmley

Barbara Bond, Mary Bryan, Kaye Gregory, Peggy Johnson, Doreen Lewis

Margie Life, Dorothy Nash, Virginia Popiel, Pat Powell, Flora Roe

Lyda Speirs, Terri Tipton, Iris Wilson, Mike & Joan Kearns, Terri Lester

First Christian Church

Betty Grisham

Mike & Jean Rubis

Hayley, Scott, Caden & Kelby Vastine

Natalie & James Wood

Paul & Onita Holton

Kevin, Nancy & Austyn Taylor

Missy Pugh

Imogene Cottman

Kim Pulliam & Family

Doug Welch & Family

Blaize & Charley Jo Paigen

Chelsea, Madison, Connor, Garrett, Jake & Lauren Wichterich

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Steve & Diana McGee

Ann Miller

Virginia Popiel

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich

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Poinsettias In Memory Of

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Maribel Biggs
Orville & Marie Biggs

Our Parents

Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Anne English
Louise & Wayne English Sr.

Walter & Mary Helen Fields
Alan & Janet Nelson

Ruby Gregory
Annette Smith

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

Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Bob & Mark Mason

Dale Parmley
Becky & Welford McGee
Cheryl Tinkler

Those who came before me and set wonderful examples of faith

Dalton Grisham
Tempa Larsen
Doug Holton

Beatrice & George Winterhalter
Dean & Bruce Sanders

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

Mary & Clifford Rittenhouse
Frances & Walter Dewar

Clarence & Edith Welch
Wilbur Stout

Given By

Ralph Biggs

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Vernon & Cordelia Fields

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

JoAnn & Karen Mason

Steve & Diana McGee

Virginia Popiel

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Jim & Georgia Sanders

Lyda Speirs

Terri Tipton

Don & Kathy Welch



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany Ends 10:00 AM - Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 PM - Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival-UCC	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published 6:30 AM - FCC Learning Center Reopens	9	10 No Cabinet Meeting	11 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg- (The Porch) 6:00 PM - Disciples Dinner & Installation Mtg. (Location to be Announced)	12	13 10:00 AM - Set up for January Luncheon
14 12:00 PM - Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)	15	16	17 No Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24	25 6:00 PM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	26	27
28 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)	29	30	31	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) 3:00 PM - Line Dance Class (FLC)		Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)