

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 31, 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:

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

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Closed Fridays

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Welcoming in the New Year - TOGETHER

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'" -- Genesis 2:18

On Tuesday, we will celebrate New Year's Day - welcoming in 2019. We will turn to a new page on our calendars, leaving 2018 behind and looking forward to all that 2019 has in store for us - the good times, the difficult times, and the challenging times.

However, as we welcome in this New Year, we do not acknowledge this new beginning alone. As a community of faith here at First Christian Church, we welcome the New Year TOGETHER! As a family of faith gathered here, we share our lives with one another as we witness to the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As a family of faith, we share life with our neighbors, both those close to home and around the world. We are called to live our lives in relationship with others - TOGETHER - not only as we begin a new year, but each day of our lives.

The book of Genesis is a book about beginnings. It tells of how our world came into being and why it is the way it is. The first three chapters tell an epic story - a beautifully crafted piece of poetry. And like all good poetry, its use of words and phrases are important to the overall message.

In the first two chapters, we find a phrase that is repeated over and over. God speaks something into existence, and it appears. God surveys His work of creation, while the following phrase is repeated over and over - "and God saw that it was good." Whatever God created, He saw as good. Everything was good. Everything was right. Everything was as it should be. Except one thing. In Genesis 2:18 we find an astounding statement. In a world where everything God has created is "good", one thing in the garden isn't - "it is not good that man should be alone". Even before mankind's fall into sin, we hear that aloneness is the only thing wrong in the garden. Humanity was never meant to live life alone.

From the very beginning of creation, the portrait we see is that humanity is wired for relationship. People crave relationships. We crave relationships because God is a relational being, and when He created humanity in His own image, He created us as relational beings as well. According to Genesis 2:18, we have a need for others. Consider how many times God has used others in our lives - through a friend or loved one, who was "there" for us - just at the right moment.

The New Testament reminds us 46 times of what we should be doing for "one another" - loving one another, serving one another, forgiving one another, meeting one another's needs, and bearing one another's burdens - just to mention a few. The scriptures, from beginning to end, proclaim this one fact - humanity was not meant to live life alone. We really do need one another.

So, on this New Year's Day, take a few moments and give thanks to God for the richness of the community of others that share life with us. And embrace every opportunity to love one another, just as Christ loves us. Happy New Year, y'all!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/16/18
General Fund	2,196.00
Building Fund	772.00
Christmas Special Offering	95.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 2,968.00 = Short (\$1,104.00)	

OFFERING	12/23/18
General Fund	1,421.00
Building Fund	297.00
Christmas Special Offering	155.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 1,718.00 = Short (\$2,354.00)	

OFFERING	12/30/18
General Fund	882.39
Building Fund	337.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 1,219.39 = Short (\$2,852.61)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 16, 2018	73
December 23, 2018	72
December 30, 2018	49



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Peggy Mikas; Ed Pappert; Lesley Baker; Will Davies; Cindy Pix; Hensley Mehaffey; Joy Young; Steve & Kerry Horst; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Chris Redmond, Jackson, Jennifer & Sophia; Manny, Nancy, Alyssa & Annalee Sepulveda and our other regular visitors.

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

JANUARY HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY January 6, 2019

Please bring canned goods, cereal, rice, beans, Mac n cheese, etc to restock the shelves from the holidays.

Harvest
HOUSE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study & Brunch
(Dorothy Nash's Home)
7:00 PM NO Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

10:00 AM Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

EPIPHANY

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
1:00 PM Meet in FLC parking lot to carpool to UCC in Ft. Worth for Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival
3:00 PM Boar's Head Yule Log Festival (University Christian Church-Ft. Worth)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM No Cabinet Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
6:00 PM Disciples Women Installation Dinner & Meeting (Antonio's Mexican Restaurant)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Soup/Stew Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Soup/Stew Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts to each of us this Christmas. We also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day. Thank you again for your generous gifts!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri



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 Bill Carlton who passed away
Wanda Crowder
Betty Grisham - Vicki Rubis' mom
Teagan Kaker - Chance Kaker's baby daughter
Joan Kearns
Rae McGowan
The family of Jennifer Roland who passed away-friends of the Kaker's
Valerie Stuart
The family of Jenny West who passed away
Nola Gunn West's mother-in-law

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
Ky & Tina Gregory family &
Manny & Nancy Sepulveda
family here from CA!
Bill & Carol Gunn celebrated their
57th Anniversary on Sunday,
December 30, 2018!
Diana McGee
Valerie Stuart gave thanks for
support from church members.
Melissa - Pat Powell's daughter

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, 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**
January 6th ♦ 3:00 PM
University Christian Church
Ft. Worth

If you would like to carpool with us, we will meet
in the FLC parking lot at 1:00 pm. The Family Life
Center will be open after church if you would like
to bring a sack lunch and eat there. If you have
any questions, please call the church office or
Pastor Mike 214-364-6453.



SOUP/STEW POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 13
12:00 PM

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for you to sign up for
what you would like to bring.

We will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, January
12th to set up the Family Life Center for the
luncheon. All help is appreciated!!

*Donations are greatly appreciated.
Money goes toward purchases of paper goods,
condiments, tea, coffee, etc.*



DISCIPLES WOMEN DINNER
AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY
JANUARY 10, 2019
6:00 PM

Antonio's Mexican Restaurant
344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Suite K
Burleson

If you would like to carpool,
meet in the FLC parking lot at
5:45 p.m.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST
AND MEETING

Thursday
January 10, 2019
8:30 am
The Porch
140 S. Wilson Street
Burleson

JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

THURSDAY
JANUARY 24
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



There will be no individual Cabinet and
Board meetings this month.



BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Mary Bourland
1/8	Codi Yowell
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



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole
Greeters: Bill & Carol Gunn
Communion Preparation: Juanice Wichterich
Attendance Registers: Barbara Bond
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 06 Mary Bryan
 13 Karen Willette
 20 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 27 Kaye Gregory
Scripture Reading:
 06 Kim Bonds
 13 Mary Bryan
 20 Richard Bryan
 27 Wayne English
Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;
 Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Lolly Ellis;
 Dorothy Nash



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)		1  Church Office Closed	2	3	4	5
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)						10:00 AM - Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 PM - Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival-UCC	7 6:30 AM - FCC Learning Center Reopens	8	9 No Cabinet Meeting	10 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg. (The Porch) 6:00 PM - Disciples Dinner & Installation Mtg. (Antonio's Mexi- can Restaurant)	11	12
13 12:00 PM - Soup/Stew Luncheon (FLC)	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16 No Board Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No Stewardship Meeting	24 6:00 PM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	25	26
27 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31		