

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 12, 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:

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

Our Journey in this Season of Lent

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!" -- Psalm 95:6-7

As we observe the liturgical calendar of the church, the Lenten Season begins tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14th. I hope you are planning on attending our Ash Wednesday worship service beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. It is a season for each of us to reflect on our lives as they are and as they could be.

The season of Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. The Lenten season spans 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not counting Sundays as they are the day of the resurrection. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness.

During these 40 days, we Christians take on a mantle of spiritual discipline as a way of deepening our faith in God. Observing Lent looks different for every believer, though fasting is often a major factor. Some choose to fast in the traditional way, giving up a meal or certain types of foods. Others after evaluating their lifestyle, determine to give up luxuries to focus more on their walk with our Heavenly Father, such as turning off the television or radio, or cutting back on their sleep to devote the early morning hour to prayer and Scripture reading. More recently, many Christians re-direct their focus of fasting during the Lenten Season by determining not what they are "fasting from", but rather what they are "fasting for".

The goal of fasting during Lent is not to induce suffering, but rather to free up space, time, money and energy for the sake of what God loves-justice and compassion. Giving up an expensive habit frees up money that can be spent helping others. Giving up something that consumes our time gives us more time we can use for the sake of our community. I believe that this type of fasting - fasting for - is what God calls us to choose as we walk in the way of Jesus.

As we explore how we might initiate a "fasting for" posture during our journey in this season of Lent, the options are endless. The important thing is to be obedient to the moving of the Holy Spirit and follow through on exercising self-control in the area God is touching His finger on in our lives. We should also remember Jesus' words that we find in the 6th chapter of Matthew's gospel where He says, *"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

My prayer for each of us as we journey through this Season of Lent is that God will touch both our hearts and minds in such ways as to prepare us for the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Morn. I look forward to being on the journey with you.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/21/18
General Fund	3,058.00
Building Fund	482.00
CLOTH Fund	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Short (\$532.00)	

OFFERING	01/28/18
General Fund	1,959.00
Building Fund	587.00
Gas Royalty	241.90
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Short (\$1,284.10)	

OFFERING	02/04/18
General Fund	5,150.00
Building Fund	817.00
Harvest House	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Over \$1,895.00	

OFFERING	02/11/18
General Fund	911.00
Building Fund	217.00
Harvest House	11.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Short (\$2,944.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 28, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	48
February 4, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	57
February 11, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	43



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Will Davies; Peggy Mikas; Sara Juarez; Lesley Baker; JoAnn Mason; Jordyn Ethetton; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Mike & Marla Wills 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, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

7:00 PM Valentine's Party hosted by Disciples Men (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



If you would like a CD of Sunday's worship, you can order one by calling Terri in the church office 817-295-4123



Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Family Life Center

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:

Burt Bond
The family of Nelda Boots who passed away
The family of Norman Lee Christian Sr. who passed away
Imogene Cottman-Kathy Welch's mom
Melissa Ellis-Pat Powell's daughter
Wayne English
Cody Gregory
Brian Hollman-Valerie Stuart's friend
Powell Johnson-friend of Mary Bryan
The family of Tom Kaker who passed away
Everett Kilmer-Bonnie DePratter's newborn great grandson
Dorothy King-daughter-in-law of OK & Jane Neal
Doreen Lewis
Kylie Love-Len & Diane Gerstner's granddaughter
Steve McGee
Peggy Mikas's stepfather
Flora Roe
Jim Sanders
The family of Dewey Struck who passed away
Kevin & Austyn Taylor
Gary Whites
Pat Yarborough
Leslie, Dewey Struck's daughter
Young family who needs help

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Bonnie DePratter on the birth of her great grandson!
Genna Edmonds was back in worship!
Fields' grandson received his Eagle Scout award.
Fields' granddaughter-in-law Bill Sholders celebrated his 80th birthday Feb. 11th!
Bill & Bev Sholders celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on February 13th!

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, Doreen Lewis, Karen Milburn, Carol Morris, Kim & Shea Pulliam, Jack Stanley, Don Vardeman, Iris Wilson, Faye Wirsdorfer, 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



More Than We Can Imagine
February 18-25, 2018



DISCIPLES CROSSING SUMMER CAMP-2018

May 25-27 Family Camp 1
June 1-3 Grand Camp
June 4-9 Adventure Camp
June 8-10 Discovery
June 11-16 Chi Rho 1
June 18-23 CYF
June 18-23 Niners
June 24-30 Eighters
June 24-30 ADDaM Camp
July 2-6 JYI 1
July 16-21 Chi Rho 2
July 30-August 3 Water Sports Camp
August 6-10 JYF 2
August 10-12 Family Camp 2

Registration Begins February 18, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Disciples Crossing would like to thank you for your support through prayer and monetary donations throughout 2017. The \$6,534.98 that you donated to the camp was very much appreciated. Without your kindness and the generosity of the many churches that support the camp, Disciples Crossing, would be hard pressed to keep its doors open.

This past year we had 4,418 campers come through the gates. Were it not for the blessings that you provided, many of these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend a retreat or summer camp at Disciples Crossing.

Again, thank you for your generous financial donation and for your spiritual support. Please continue to keep the camp and its staff in your thoughts and prayers through 2018.

Thank you,
Matt Chandler
Executive Director
Disciples Crossing



Dear First Christian Church of Burleson,
Thank you for your support of Harvest House! Your generous gift of \$5,706.98 is important in assisting us to reach out to help our neighbors. With your gift, we were able to serve over 19,000 individuals in 2017.

Without your support, we would not be able to provide free food, clothing and financial assistance. If you would like to find out more ways you can get involved or support us, please contact me. I would love to provide a tour of our facility.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Woods
Executive Director
Harvest House

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HOUSE

VALENTINES PARTY

Saturday ♥ February 17 ♥ 7:00-9:30 pm (or so)
Family Life Center

EVERYONE is invited to partake of good food, be entertained by "great talent" and participate in fun, games and fellowship.

There is no admission charge, but we ask that you bring a dessert, chips and dip, OR other light finger food to be shared and spread for refreshments. Bring food to the Family Life Center between 6:30 & 7:00 pm.

Iced tea, coffee, lemonade, etc., along with table favors and prizes will be provided.

Hosted by Disciples Men

FEBRUARY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

79 Pounds of food

\$242.00 in cash donations

