

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 28, 2019



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

**Website:** [www.fccburlleson.org](http://www.fccburlleson.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

### We're Always Better Together

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help" -- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

In a church newsletter I received several years ago, the church's slogan caught my attention: "We are better together!" Better together is a fantastic slogan. It simply means that when other people are in our lives, we'll thrive.

Better together also means that God has created and called us into relationships. Not only has He summoned us into a personal relationship with Himself, but He invites us to have significant relationships with other people. Apart from entering those kinds of deep, real relationships, we cannot live the lives of abundance that God intended. But when we do have real, connecting relationships in our lives, we can - Know and be Known - Love and be Loved - Celebrate and be Celebrated - and Serve and be Served. That's the invitation that God extends to every one of us, every day of our lives.

When I think of friendships, three images come to mind:

First, friendship is sometimes like a lump of unformed clay. It just sits there like a big gray blob of muck. It's undeveloped; it's not good for much; but it has potential. It's just going to take some work to shape it.

Second, friendship is sometimes like a lump of clay that's being formed. Time and intention have been put into it. Maybe it's developing the shape of a bowl or an urn or a mug. The friendship is nice, it could be functional, but it isn't yet all it's meant to be.

And third, friendship is occasionally like a beautiful vase. Here, the clay that started as a lump has been formed and put through the fire. When it comes out the other side, it's complete. It's functional, and it's all it's meant to be. It's a thing of beauty.

That's always God's invitation with friendships - to let them be all they can be.

These types of relationships are always within our grasps. God brings them our way, and He invites our cooperation in their forming. If we're holding back, drowning in a pool of isolation, the good news is that we can change! We should find someone. We should connect. We should cultivate. And we should commit to cherish our newfound friendships. Seize the day! Because, remember, we're always better together!

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                        | <b>01/20/19</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                           | 3,325.13        |
| Building Fund                                          | 462.00          |
| CLOTH Fund                                             | 23.00           |
| Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 3,787.13 = Short (\$358.87) |                 |



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| January 20, 2019 | 58 |
| January 27, 2019 | 66 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Emmy Nash, Marlene Baysinger, Wanda Crowder, Pam Mason, Will Davies, Jordyn & Maggie Ethetton, Ed Pappert, James Dennis, Peggy Mikas and our other regular visitors.

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



## **HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY**

**February 3, 2019**

Bring cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, rice, beans etc.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019**

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

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

##### **HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY**

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)  
7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019**

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Italian Potluck Luncheon

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
12:00 PM Italian Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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 2018. The \$7,034.75 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 4,550 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 throughout 2019.

Thank you,

Matt Chandler  
Executive Director



# 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:

Imogene Cottman-Kathy Welch's mom  
Will Davies  
The Gunn's new great-granddaughter  
The family of Don Miller who passed away-  
The Miller's are former neighbors of Barbara Warren  
Virginia Popiel  
The family of Landon Smith who passed away  
Valerie Stuart  
Angela Tolliver  
Robert Struck-Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' half brother  
Darb Dewar's brother & brother-in-law  
Adrian & his family due to the passing of his father-  
Adrian is Kyle Reynosos' friend

## We Rejoice With:

Wanda Crowder was in worship!  
Darb Dewar  
We welcome Darb Dewar & Terri  
Tipton who joined our church  
family on January 27.  
Happy Birthday to Ronnie Johnson  
whose birthday was January 27!  
We welcome Larry Mason who  
joined our church family on  
January 27 from Old Stonington  
Baptist Church in Stonington, IL  
Installation of new church officers.

## Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies,  
Samantha Findley, Elizabeth Gamb, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham,  
John Houston, Brad King, Carol Morris, OK & Jane Neal, Robert Struck, 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

## FEBRUARY ITALIAN POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 10  
12:00 PM

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

We will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 9 to set up the  
Family Life Center for the luncheon. All help is appreciated!!

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



## Disciples Women Giving 2018



|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Burleson Harvest House                   | \$1,000.00 |
| Week of Compassion                       | 500.00     |
| Disciples Mission Fund                   | 500.00     |
| Salvation Army                           | 200.00     |
| Meals on Wheels                          | 300.00     |
| SOS                                      | 100.00     |
| Burleson Fire Dept (Fire Safety Program) | 50.00      |
| Heifer International                     | 250.00     |
| DFW Chaplaincy                           | 150.00     |
| Holiday Friends                          | 250.00     |
| First Christian Church                   |            |
| FCC Learning Center Staff Gifts          | 175.00     |
| Supplies for Church luncheons            | 115.00     |
| CLOTH Fund                               | 400.00     |
| Blessing Boxes                           | 252.00     |
| Disciples Crossing Capital Campaign      | 400.00     |
| Smile Train                              | 250.00     |

Total \$4,892.00

# February

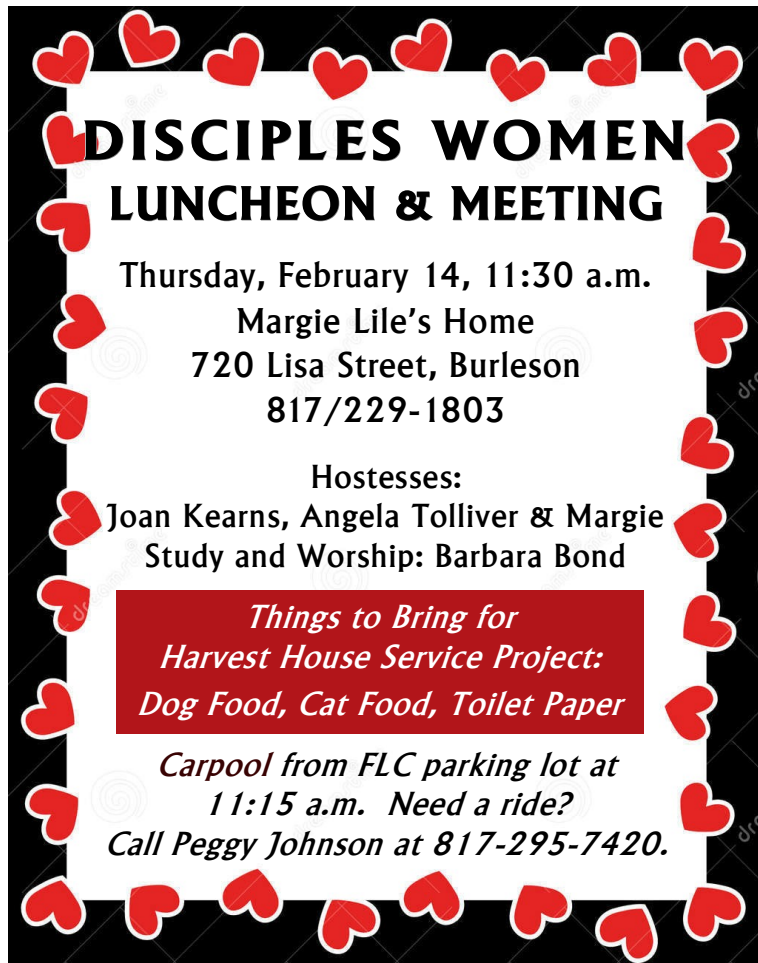
### BIRTHDAYS

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 2/4  | Bill Sholders     |
| 2/4  | Linda McDowell    |
| 2/6  | Virginia Popiel   |
| 2/7  | Georgia Sanders   |
| 2/7  | JoAnn Mason       |
| 2/8  | Marlene Baysinger |
| 2/8  | Kim Bonds         |
| 2/10 | Terri Tipton      |
| 2/10 | Bethany Bonds     |
| 2/11 | Ann Miller        |
| 2/11 | Bonnie DePratter  |
| 2/12 | Carole Wright     |
| 2/12 | Cordelia Fields   |
| 2/13 | Carol Gunn        |
| 2/17 | Beth Hindman      |
| 2/20 | Diana McGee       |
| 2/24 | Brenda Yowell     |

# February

### HONORED TO SERVE

**Worship Leader:** Mary Bryan  
**Greeters:** Bill & Carol Gunn  
**Communion Preparation:** Lolly Ellis  
**Attendance Registers:** Angela & Jessica Kaker  
**Computer during Worship:** Lyda Speirs  
**Children's Moment:**  
03 Ann Miller  
10 Dorothy Nash  
17 Richard Bryan  
24 Jack Gregory, Jr.  
**Scripture Reading:**  
03 Cordelia Fields  
10 Vernon Fields  
17 Marilyn Murray  
24 Mike Toole  
**Deacon Team:** Vernon & Cordelia Fields, Marilyn Murray, Mike Toole  
**Serving at the Table:** Richard Bryan, Karen Willette



## DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

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

Margie Lile's Home  
720 Lisa Street, Burleson  
817/229-1803

Hostesses:

Joan Kearns, Angela Tolliver & Margie  
Study and Worship: Barbara Bond

*Things to Bring for  
Harvest House Service Project:  
Dog Food, Cat Food, Toilet Paper*

*Carpool from FLC parking lot at  
11:15 a.m. Need a ride?  
Call Peggy Johnson at 817-295-7420.*

**Elders' Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 3**  
**After Worship (MR)**

## DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 2019  
8:30 a.m.

**THE PORCH**  
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



Heartfelt  
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Many thanks to  
everyone who  
volunteered to  
help with wor-  
ship this year.  
From **Worship**  
**Leaders** to  
**Greeters** to

**Communion Preparers** to those who pick up  
the **Attendance Registers** to those who give  
**Children's Moment**, to those who read **Scripture**,  
to those who run the **Computer** and  
**Sound**, to our **Choir Members** as well as our  
**Deacons** and **Elders**, our worship service  
could not happen without you!

Kaye Gregory  
2019 Worship Chair



## *A Valentine's Party*

**Saturday**  
**February 16**  
**6:30 pm**  
**(FLC)**

**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 & dip,  
OR other light finger food to be shared and spread for refreshments.

*Bring food to the Family Life Center at 6:30 pm.*

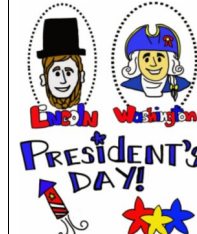
Iced tea, coffee, lemonade, etc., along with table favors, and prizes will be provided.

**Join us on "Valentine's Day ... the 16th" !!!**

*Hosted by Disciples Men*

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## February 2019

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                   | Thu                                                                                                                                           | Fri                                                                                   | Sat                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p>Regular Sunday Activities:<br/>10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes<br/>11:00 AM - Worship (S)</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Activities:<br/>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR)<br/>7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)</p> |                                                                                     | <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>  |                                                       |                                                                                                                                               | 1                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                                       |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       | <p><b>GROUND HOG DAY</b></p>                                        |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                   | 5                                                                                                                      | 6                                                     | 7                                                                                                                                             | 8                                                                                     | 9                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY</p> <p>12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)</p>                                                                                                                                            | <p>Ministers Week (Brite Divinity School)</p>                                       |                                                                                                                        |                                                       |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       | <p>10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Italian Potluck Luncheon</p>                                                                                              |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11                                                                                  | 12                                                                                                                     | 13                                                    | 14                                                                                                                                            | 15                                                                                    | 16                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>12:00 PM - Italian Potluck Luncheon (FLC)</p>                                                                                                                                                              | <p>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published</p>                                               |                                                                                                                        | <p>6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)</p>                 | <p>8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast &amp; Mtg. (The Porch)</p> <p>11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon &amp; Meeting (Margie Lile's Home)</p> |                                                                                       | <p>6:30 PM - Valentine Party (Hosted by Disciples Men) (FLC)</p>  |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 18                                                                                  | 19                                                                                                                     | 20                                                    | 21                                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                    | 23                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                        | <p>6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)</p>                  |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 25                                                                                  | 26                                                                                                                     | 27                                                    | 28                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>9:00 AM - Newsletter Published</p>                                               |                                                                                                                        | <p>6:00 PM - Relay for Life Walkers Meeting (FLC)</p> | <p>6:00 PM- 7:30 PM Baby Shower for Amber Miller FCCLC Director (FLC)</p>                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                        |