

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 8, 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

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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm  
Closed Fridays

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

### How 'Bout Those New Year's Resolutions

*"One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." -- Philippians 3:13-14*

Now that we are, for all intents and purposes, two weeks into the new year, I wonder how many of our new year's resolutions are still unbroken. Experience tells me that we are able to maintain the new course set by our new year's resolutions only for a brief time before we fall back into more comfortable, predictable routines. If that is the case for you, don't go on a guilt trip for it's the case for most of us, including me.

With that being said, consider this: every day we depend on the memory of things we have learned about in the past. Without memory none of us could ever function. We would constantly be asking the same people what their name is, but then we wouldn't be able to remember our own name either! And we would be permanently lost, not knowing where places are - and we could never go out, because we would never be able to remember where we lived in order to get back home! Life would be totally chaotic. It doesn't take much thought to realize that memory is one of the most important facets of our God-created humanity. We cannot, literally, forget what lies in the past for, if we did, life would become intolerable.

So, in this very important scripture from Paul's letter to the Philippians, he cannot be telling us to forget the past by wiping our brain clean of its memories. But he is telling us not to so dwell on the events of the past, that we fail to live in the present and we miss God's best for our future.

Perhaps you are among the many who began the new year by making new year's resolutions. These resolutions almost always focus on things we want to change - such as our weight - or things we would like to do in the new year. But, as I noted earlier, most of these resolutions are long forgotten within a short period of time. Shallow enthusiasm for something new will never stand the test of time.

But what would happen if we approached the new year with a different question and asked God what were His plans for us? And then we spent some time with God waiting on Him so that we could listen to His still small voice? We would then have a fresh vision for the year ahead - and if it is vision from Him then we wouldn't run out of energy and enthusiasm in no time at all, but we would discover His sustaining power, enabling us to press on toward the goal He has put before us.

For Paul, his days on earth were coming to an end, but even in those conditions he wanted to make the most of whatever time he had left, so that he would not be found wanting when his call heavenward finally came. What an encouragement Paul is to us to redeem all the years that are to come, not dwelling on what has been, but rejoicing in what is to come, knowing that what He envisions, He will also enable!

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

| <b>OFFERING</b>            | <b>12/17/17</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund               | 3,086.00        |
| Building Fund              | 782.00          |
| Christmas Special Offering | 20.00           |

| <b>OFFERING</b>            | <b>12/24/17</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund               | 1,831.00        |
| Building Fund              | 532.00          |
| Christmas Special Offering | 75.00           |
| Gas Royalties              | 121.81          |

| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>12/31/17</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund    | 670.00          |
| Building Fund   | 577.00          |

| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>01/07/18</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund    | 4,400.00        |
| Building Fund   | 814.00          |
| Harvest House   | 20.00           |

**Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,850.00**



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| December 24, 2017           |    |
| No Chapel Service           |    |
| Traditional                 | 65 |
| Candlelight Service-6:00 pm | 95 |
| December 31, 2017           |    |
| Chapel Service              | 1  |
| Traditional                 | 33 |
| January 7, 2018             |    |
| Chapel Service              | 2  |
| Traditional                 | 47 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Jordyn Ethetton; James Dennis; Robert Popiel; Austyn Taylor; Will Davies; OK & Jane Neal; Andrew Tvardzik; Peggy Mikas; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; 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, JANUARY 10, 2018**

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

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018**

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)  
6:30 PM Disciples Women Dinner & Installation of Officers Meeting (Mary Bryan's Home)

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

10:00 AM Set Up for Soup/Stew Potluck Luncheon

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)  
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
12:00 PM Soup/Stew Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

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

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

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 22, 2018**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



## **JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING**

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 25**

**6:00 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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



# 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:

Larry Atkins-Peggy Mikas' relative  
Leslie Baker  
Kim Bonds  
Richard Bryan  
Richard & Genna Edmonds  
Pene Enochs  
Susie Friels' baby granddaughter, Olivia  
The family of James Anton who passed away  
Tommy Kaker's mom  
Doreen Lewis  
Marilyn Murray  
OK & Jane Neal  
Jim Sanders  
Pat Sartori  
Bill Sholders  
Valerie Stuart  
Dave Tinkler-Steve McGee's brother-in-law  
Nola West-the Gunn's daughter  
Needra Womack  
Several people at Heritage Place  
Atticus-the Gunn's grandson

## We Rejoice With:

Bethany Bonds  
Kim Bonds  
Richard Edmonds  
Jack & Kaye Gregory celebrated  
their 44th Anniversary on Dec. 29!  
Margie Lile  
95 attended the Christmas Eve  
service.  
OK & Jane Neal joined our church  
family on January 7, 2018!

## 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, 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



## SOUP/STEW POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 14  
12:00 PM



Please bring your favorite soup, stew, salad, bread, cornbread, crackers or dessert and join us in the  
Family Life Center for some good food, fun and fellowship.

DISCIPLES WOMEN DINNER  
AND  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 11, 2018  
6:30 PM

Mary Bryan's Home  
216 SW Taylor, Burleson  
817-295-3390

Dinner is provided  
Carpool from the FLC parking  
lot at 6:15 p.m.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST  
AND MEETING

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

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

HARVEST HOUSE 2018 HARVEST FEAST  
Friday, March 23, 2018 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Dinner, Auction, Dancing  
The Oaks Event Center at Southern Oaks Golf and Tennis Club

Benefiting Harvest House

For questions or more information, please contact Jennifer Woods at 817-298-1981.

