

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 23, 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

Summer Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Closed for the summer

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Power of the Seed of God's Word

"But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance." -- Luke 8:15

Most people love a good story. Good stories have a way of transporting us to a different world, a world where we can forget the current one, albeit for only a moment. We find ourselves wrapped up in the drama of others, somehow feeling a connection with the story ourselves.

I think this is the reason Jesus spoke so often in parables; He knows how we are wired. In a world that is captured by truth delivered in quick sound bytes, Jesus says, "Once upon a time..." Truth conveyed in stories; stories that grabbed a hold of people.

Jesus' stories used common imagery from His day, but He told stories in such a way that listeners were drawn in, only to find their ideas of God and the world in which they lived somehow expanded. His stories were like seeds planted deeply in the soil of His listeners' hearts. These seeds would lie dormant for a while, but when the time came, they pushed forth through the surface to produce something beautiful in the lives of those who nurtured the seed.

In perhaps one of Jesus' most well-known stories, He tells of a sower spreading seed over a variety of different soils. Some soils receive the seed; others do not. Some see a crop produced by the seed; others do not. One soil, which eagerly awaits the seed and nurtures it, produces a crop 100 times that which was sown, a remarkable feat, one well beyond anything that could be imagined when the seed was sown.

Jesus' meaning was clear. If you allow the seed to take up residence in you, if you choose to re-orient your life around these teachings, you will see God produce something in you that is beyond your wildest dreams.

When Jesus spoke of allowing these truths to take up residence in you, He spoke of "retaining" the seed planted. This word "retaining" is a fascinating word. It's the Greek word *katecho*, which means to possess, but it can also mean to be possessed by. By the use of this word, Jesus made a profound statement. These teachings are not something to know and possess, but also something to be possessed by. We are not called to master these teachings, like a scientist studying something from afar. Rather, we are called to be in relationship with them, to allow them to explore our hearts and our motives, to be captured by them.

Only when we come into this kind of relationship with the Scriptures are we truly transformed by them. Only when they take up residence in us, capturing us by their profound beauty and mystery, is a crop produced in us, one that is beyond our wildest dreams.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/15/18
General Fund	3,447.00
Building Fund	817.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 4,264.00 Over (\$192.00)	

SUMMER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 15, 2018	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	71
July 22, 2018	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	57



Visitors and Guests

No Chapel Service.

Lesley Baker; Will Davies; Marcia Currie; Jerri Walker; Bodie & Luke Nash; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Lexis Cook; Pam Toole; Lynn & Billie Loe; 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.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR HARVEST HOUSE'S LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

*Put in the Little Red Schoolhouse in the foyer.
Supplies needed for all age groups!*

- ◆ Backpacks ◆ Pencils ◆ Erasers ◆ Crayons
- ◆ USB Drives ◆ Highlighters ◆ Glue ◆ Index Cards
- ◆ Dry Erase Markers ◆ Dividers ◆ Notebook Paper
- ◆ Composition Notebooks ◆ Markers
- ◆ Spiral Notebooks ◆ Earbuds
- ◆ Ball Point Pens - Blue, Black, Red
- ◆ Graph Paper ◆ Construction Paper
- ◆ 12" x 18" Manila Paper
- ◆ Pencil Boxes/Pouches

**Deadline to bring supplies is
Next Sunday, July 29th.**



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
No Stewardship Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

6:30 AM First Day of Learning Center
2018-2019 School Year
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
TBD Disciples Women Swim Party & Potluck
(Joan Kearns' Home)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018

10:00 AM Set up Family Life Center for Potluck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Back to School Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, August 9
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson

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 Ruby Carlton who passed away
Sandra Hay
Lynn Loe
Mike Rubis
Georgia Sanders' friend in Baytown

We Rejoice With:

Our "Choir" in the Burleson Fire Department lip sync video on Facebook!
Christina Murry joined our church family on July 15, 2018.
Jean Rubis' 90th Birthday Party was wonderful. Thanks to those who came.
Iris Wilson was back in worship. She thanks everyone for the cards and prayers.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies, Alyssa Fleming, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston, Sara Juarez & Teagan Kaker, 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

BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK
Sunday, August 12, 2018
Immediately following the
11:00 am service
Family Life Center

Wear your School Colors!

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Foyer.

Come help set up on Saturday,
August 11 at 10:00 am.

Donations are appreciated.

**big
Thank
You!**

The Fellowship Committee says a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Fourth of July Luncheon. A fun time was had by all and because of all the help, it went very smoothly

CCSW Regional
Assembly
Friday-Saturday,
November 2-3
Central Christian
Church in Austin



More details to follow.



DISCIPLES WOMEN
Swim Party & Potluck

Thursday, August 9, 2018
 Joan Kearns' Home
 6424 Branchwood Trail
 The Colony - 469-878-5626

Hostesses: Joan Kearns & Terri Tipton

Details to be announced!
Watch for emails & weekend PDFs.

**HARVEST HOUSE
 SERVICE PROJECT:**
 Canned meats such as tuna,
 spam, Vienna sausages, etc.

**Mark Your
 Calendars**

**Disciples Women Retreat
 In Athens
 September 21-23, 2018**



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Karen Willette
Greeters: John & Dottie Mehaffey
Communion Preparation: Bill & Bev Sholders
Attendance Registers: Tommy & Angela Kaker
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 05 Angela Tolliver
 12 Ann Miller
 19 Karen Willette
 26 Kaye Gregory
Scripture Reading:
 05 Richard Bryan
 12 Dee Fields
 19 Vernon Fields
 26 Carol Findley
Deacon Team: Bryson Bonds; Kim Bonds;
 Mary Bryan; Carol Gunn; Marilyn Murray
Serving at the Table: Dorothy Nash;
 Wayne English



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



BIRTHDAYS

8/2	Rae McGowan
8/15	Jack Gregory, Jr.
8/17	Thomas Bryan
8/19	Jessica Kaker
8/23	Matthew Hindman
8/24	Maya McGee
8/25	Terri Lester
8/27	Donna Huggins
8/28	Imogene Cottman
8/29	Natalie Argüello
8/30	Needra Womack

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HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2018

Bring boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, crackers, snacks for children's lunches, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, personal hygiene items, etc.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 CONTINUED SUPPORT

Tithes & Offering

DURING THE SUMMER
 MONTHS



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) No Choir Practice this summer			1	2	3	4
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship (C) No Prayer Group this summer 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)						
5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders’ Meeting (MR)	6	7	8 6:30 AM - First day of FCCLC 2018-2019 School Year 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9 8:30 AM - Disciples Men (The Porch) Time TBD - Disciples Women (Joan Kearns’ Home)	10	11 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon
12 12:00 PM - Back to School Potluck- Luncheon (FLC)	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 6:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting (MR)	23	24	25
26	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30	31 	