

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 24, 2017



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

Seeing and Hearing: Two Keys to Kindness

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

Kindness always begins with the eyes - the way we observe the world and are sensitive to the needs of other people. If we want to learn to be a kinder person, we must pay attention to the way we look at the world. We must become more observant of the needs around us. Hurry is the death of kindness. If we are going to learn to be a kinder person, we must slow down! When we are always distracted with other things, we don't have time to be kind.

If we were to take a cross-country trip, there are several ways we could get from one coast to the other. A plane would get us there fastest, but we wouldn't see much of the country. We could take a train or a car, and both would give us opportunities to see even more. But, if we really wanted to take in as much as possible, we would walk. That's because the slower we go, the more we see.

The first step to kindness is to ask God to give us spiritual radar to be on the lookout for people around us who are hurting emotionally, spiritually and physically. Maybe some of us were born with this gift and automatically sense when people around us are in need. If not, then we must be more careful not to get distracted or task-focused so that we become more sensitive to what's happening around us. Seeing the needs of others is the starting point of kindness.

If sensitivity to others' needs begins with our eyes, the sympathy for their hurt begins with our ears. We must learn to listen! The better listener we become, the more sympathetic we will be. It's not enough to just see someone's need. We must also feel that person's emotions. We must sympathize with the pain.

Sometimes all it takes to show kindness is just listening. In fact, advice-giving can be counterproductive to kindness. Joe Bayly wrote in his book on grief, *The View from a Horse*, "I was sitting, torn by grief and somebody came along and talked to me about God's dealing of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly. He said things I knew were true. But I was unmoved, except to wish he would go away. And he finally did. Then another one came and sat beside me, and he didn't talk at all. He didn't ask me any leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour or more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply and left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go.

Sympathy involves the ears. Listening is a form of kindness. Sympathy meets two of our basic needs: the need to be understood and the need to have our feelings validated. When we're hurting, it's comforting to know that we're not crazy, that what we feel is normal and that other people have felt it before.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" - What is the law of Christ? It's called the Great Commandment: *"Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself."* Are we comforted when people sympathize with us when we're hurting emotionally, physically or spiritually? Of course. Jesus tells us we are to do the same for others. And as we often hear said, "Kindness matters!" It really does!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/09/17
General Fund	3,227.00
Building Fund	487.00
CLOTH Fund	4.00
Gas Royalties	271.97
Honorarium-John & Marion Higginbotham	1,000.00

OFFERING	07/16/17
General Fund	1,913.00
Building Fund	812.00
Easter Offering	15.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 16, 2017	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	65
July 23, 2017	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	54



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Roy Fries & Jennifer Thomas in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Will Davies, James Dennis, Carol Morris, Emmy Nash, Keira Gregory, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Dave, Bodie, Nash & Quinn Nash, Brian, Rylee & Ivy Houghton, 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.



Remember that there will be no Cabinet Meeting, Board Meeting or Stewardship Meeting in July. We will meet again in August at our regular monthly meeting times.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

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 Elders' Meeting (MR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

6:30 AM Opening Day FCC Learning Center
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
6:30 PM Disciples Women Meeting, Dinner & Swimming Party (Linda Cronenberg's Home)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

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 Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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:

Jim Edmonds-Richard Edmonds brother
Tom Kaker-Tommy Kaker's dad
The family of Dick Lord who passed away
O.K. Neal
Eileen Pippin
Don Vardeman-Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law
Shea-the Welch's granddaughter

We Rejoice With:

Burt & Barbara Bond celebrated
their 61st wedding anniversary
on July 18th!
Lexie Hobby's book signing
Jean Rubis celebrated her 89th
birthday on July 21st!
Caesar-Valerie Stuart's friend
Congratulations to Pene Enochs on
the birth of her new great
grandson

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Mariel Biggs, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Roy Cronenberg, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham,
M'Lee Gonzales, Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Jim Sargent, Jack Stanley,
Iris Wilson, Needra Womack & Carole Wright

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

GySgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee

August Potluck Luncheon

August 13, 2017

12:00 pm immediately following the 11:00 am
service in the Family Life Center



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

August 6, 2017

In addition to the regular needs, other needs
include: canned meats (especially vienna sau-
sages), canned fruit, GoGurt, Nutella, peanut
butter, breakfast bars, cereal, macaroni and
cheese, canned and single serve pastas, pack-
aged cheese slices and packaged lunch meats.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUP-
PORT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

TITHES
AND
Offerings

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH YOUR GIVING

Harvest
HOUSE

DISCIPLES WOMEN

EATIN' MEETIN' SWIMMIN'

Thursday, August 10, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Cronenberg's Home
3505 Brett Jackson, Crowley
817-201-8074

Hostesses:

Mary Bryan, Carol Findley and Linda

Study & Worship:

Joan Kearns & Juanice Wichterich

*If you want to swim after the meeting,
wear or bring a swimsuit and a towel.*

Carpool from
FLC parking lot
at 6:00 p.m.
Need a ride?
Call Mary Bryan at
817-295-3390.

**HARVEST
HOUSE
SERVICE
PROJECT:**
Body Lotion



Starts at 6:30 pm



DISCIPLES MEN

BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, August 10
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Bill Gunn

Greeters: Lyda Speirs, Karen Willette

Communion Preparation: Tommy Kaker

Computer during Worship: Angela Tolliver

Attendance Registers: Angela Kaker

Children's Moment:

06 Richard Bryan

13 Wayne English

20 Jack Gregory, Jr.

27 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

06 Mike Toole

13 Don Welch

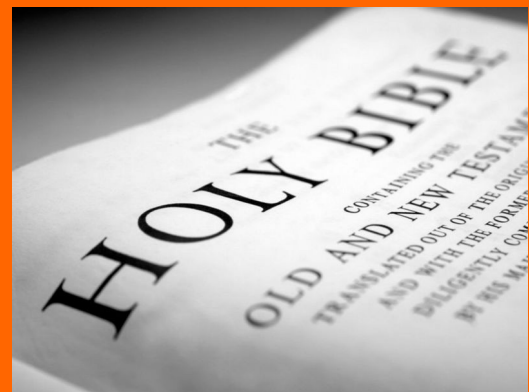
20 Kathy Welch

27 Juanice Wichterich

Deacon Team: Ralph & Mariel Biggs,

Kim Bonds, Bryson Bonds, Mary Bryan

Serving at the Table: Wayne English,
Lolly Ellis



AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

8/2	Rae McGowan
8/6	Andy Penney
8/15	Jack Gregory, Jr.
8/18	Angie Stanton
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

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact the church office so that we can include you on our list!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



August 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 8:00 AM - Chapel Worship (C) 9:00 AM - Prayer Group (E) 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)		1	2	3	4	5
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) No Choir Practice for the summer						
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	7	8 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	9 6:30 AM - Opening Day of FCCLC 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	10 8:30 AM - Disciples Men (The Porch) 6:30 PM - Disciples Women Swim Party (Linda Cronenberg's Home)	11 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	12 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon
13 12:00 PM - Fellowship Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	17	18	19
20	21	22 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24	25 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	26
27	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	30	31		