

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 9, 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

Developing Your Strengths

"Do not neglect the gift that is in you." -- I Timothy 4:14a

The following parable (author unknown) shares the story of a school for animals:

The school was to include classes in swimming, climbing, flying and running. All the animals were required to take all of the classes. The duck was good in swimming and he was pretty fair in flying, but he was just terrible in running. As a result, the duck was forced to drop his swimming class and stay after school so he could practice his running. He kept this up until he was only average in swimming, but average was okay, that was acceptable, and the others were no longer threatened by his swimming abilities. Everyone felt more comfortable, except the duck.

The eagle was somewhat of a problem student from the very beginning. In climbing, the eagle beat everyone to the top of the tree but did it in her own way. She flatly refused to climb the tree and had to be severely disciplined. She was so uncooperative in swimming classes that she finally had to be kicked out of the class.

The rabbit started at the top of the class in running but was obviously not up to speed in other areas. In fact, the rabbit almost broke its leg trying to fly by using its ears as wings. The rabbit had so much make-up work to do in swimming that it had a nervous breakdown and had to drop out.

Sadly, the turtle was a failure in almost everything. The turtle's shell was the primary cause of this dismal performance, so it was removed. This helped the turtle's running a bit, but unfortunately, it became the first casualty of the school when stepped on by the horse. By the end of the school year, there were no real successes. It seemed that all the animals were either average, sick or dead.

God has given each one of us certain gifts and abilities, certain strengths and weaknesses. The question becomes which do we focus our efforts on, fixing our weaknesses or developing our strengths? Without doubt, there are some life skills that are important to become competent in - and if we find we are weak in those skills - we should try to improve. Yet, as the parable teaches us - if we primarily focus on fixing our weaknesses - we may end up wasting the strengths God has given us to be used for His glory!

Today, I challenge you to spend some time working to develop your strengths! God has creatively designed you with those strengths. Thank God for them! Use them!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/01/18
General Fund	5,080.00
Building Fund	1,187.00
CLOTH Fund	101.05
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 7,267.00 Over (\$3,195.00)	

OFFERING	07/08/18
General Fund	2,017.00
Building Fund	867.00
Gas Royalties	157.41
Insurance Rebate	578.32
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,619.73 Short (\$452.27)	

SUMMER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 1, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	55
July 8, 2018	
No Chapel Service	
Traditional	75



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

Lesley Baker; Braylen Bryan; Ken & Holly McGowan; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Hernán, Iker & Matias Argüello; Karina Gunera; Jordyn Ethetton; Christina Salina; 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.



Westat, the company that Dorothy Nash has worked for the past ten years, is hiring for 2019 testing in the public schools during the months of January, February, and part of March. If you are in-

terested, contact her at 817-296-3244 for more information.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

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

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Lolly Ellis' Home)

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

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

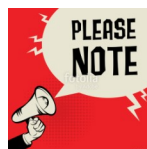
SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

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

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - JULY 16-20

Church Secretary, Terri Lester, will be on vacation the week of July 16-20, and the church office will be closed. If you have an emergency, please contact an Elder as Pastor Mike will still be on vacation.



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

61 Pounds

\$271.00 in Donations

BREWED BINGO NIGHT Habitat House Fundraiser

801 W Magnolia Ave.
Ft. Worth, TX

Wednesday, July 11, 2018
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Bingo cards are \$10/card. All are welcome, and all money spent on cards goes directly to the Habitat Build.



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:

Will Davies
Sandra Hay
Sara Juarez & Baby Teagan - Chance Kaker's fiancé & new baby
Roy Martin's family
Jim Perkey - Iris Wilson's son-in-law
Bill Sholders
Tally Wallace - Pat Sartori's friend
Ellen - Pene Enoch's cousin
Earl's 4 year old granddaughter - Pene Enoch's friend
The Kearns' & other church members traveling

We Rejoice With:

Lacy McGee Oldham
Gabby Houghton - Janie Rudolph's granddaughter - Janie says thank you for all the prayers.
Karen Willette's granddaughter & family

Continued Prayers for:

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

Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Disciples of Christ

Monday, September 10, 2018

Water Chase Golf Club
8951 Creek Run Rd
Ft. Worth, TX 76120

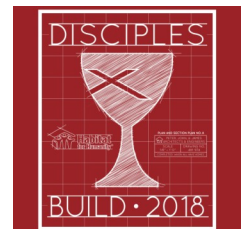
Start Time: 8:00 am

Entry Fee: \$600 for a foursome or \$150/player
Discounts available for Disciples of Christ churches

Entry fee includes golf, lunch, range balls
and a goodie bag



For more information, please call Terri in the
church office 817-295-4123.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO DISCIPLES MEN!!



THE BEGINNING!



WORK IN PROGRESS!



FINISHED AND READY FOR PLAY!!



WELCOME *and* THANK YOU to OUR GUEST PREACHERS

Pastor Mike and Joan Kearns are still on vacation. We urge everyone to come and support Ann and Mike the next two weeks.



Sunday – July 15 ANN MILLER

Rev. Dr. Ann Miller has been a member of First Christian Church since November. Ann is a former teacher, music therapist, church musician, and SMU professor. She is an ordained Baptist minister and was chaplain at

Cook Children's for 25 years. Ann loves being retired and listening to any story her grandchildren want to tell. One of her favorite activities at FCC is the Women's Bible Study Group that meets on Wednesdays. Most Sundays, you can find Ann happily seated on the back row. She urges you to, "Stop by and introduce yourself sometime."



Sunday – July 22 MIKE TOOLE

Mike is a member of our congregation and serves as a Deacon, Elder, Worship Leader and co-teaches the Adult Sunday Morning Class. He was born in Denison TX but lived the first half of his life in Panama City, Florida.

He moved back to Texas in 1988 after he and his wife, Pam, were married. They have a son, Ryan, and daughter, Heidi, both of whom have families here in Burleson. Ryan works with them at their insurance office and Heidi's husband, Chris Chapotin, is the Principal at STEAM Middle School. All together, they have nine grandkids! Mike's teaching career spanned 35 years teaching high school math in Panama City, middle school computer class in Crowley and the last year at Bess Race Elementary, also in Crowley. He loves to read, travel and do home remodeling. Mike does a little writing and also loves teaching Bible class. Although he has no formal theological training, he says, "I read and listen to people who are much smarter than I am."



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, July 12
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson

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
July 27th.



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.

Lolly Ellis' Home

2020 Trailwood Drive

Burleson - 817-295-5705

Hostesses: Mary Bryan, Dee Fields,
Janie Rudolph and Dorothy Nash

Study: Tiffanie Gregory, Worship: Dee Fields

**Last month to bring Blessing Box money!
Convert your change to bills or a check.**

*Carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:10 am.
Need a ride? Call Dorothy Nash at
817-295-4773.*

HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT:
Bring food items easy for kids to open or
supplies for the Little Red Schoolhouse.