

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, June 25, 2018



Happy
4th of July!

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

We Belong to the Lord

*"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ." --
Colossians 3:23-24*

As Christians, we live each day seeking to follow the example set for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We strive to "do the right thing" in our interactions with others. We measure our words and our actions by remembering that Jesus said that the two greatest commandments were to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

However, we know that the task is not an easy one. Often, the decisions we make regarding our words and our actions draw criticism from others. Being on the receiving end of criticism is never something we desire. I don't know anyone who likes being criticized.

While it is true that a positive type of criticism exists - one that we refer to as "constructive criticism" - most of us are much better acquainted with the negative version of criticism. This is the type of criticism that is meant to hurt, damage, belittle or tear down another person. When delivered, it is often accompanied by negative tone and attitude. Perhaps this is the type of criticism with which we are all too familiar. So, how should a Christ-follower handle criticism?

While thinking over this issue, I came across a poem that was reportedly found hanging on the wall in the orphanage founded by Mother Theresa. I think it captures the idea of handling criticism with graceful balance. Here is the poem:

"People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway. People may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you have anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It is never between you and them anyway."

When people are critical of us, we need to remember the truth of the Scripture that we belong to the Lord - and our responses to life's situations boil down to living life to please the Lord. So, when someone criticizes us, we should look to see if there is some nugget of truth in the criticism. If there is, we should own up to it and address it in our lives and with the person who brought it to light. If not, we should move on, continuing to do the best we can to live our lives in a way that honors God. Ultimately, this is the most important measurement of our lives and how we can handle and survive the criticisms that come our way.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	06/17/18
General Fund	1,952.00
Building Fund	737.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 2,689.00 Short (\$1,383.00)	

OFFERING	06/24/18
General Fund	3,085.65
Building Fund	452.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,567.65 Short (\$534.35)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 17, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	81
June 24, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	78



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Hensley Mehaffey; Lori Chernosky; Shirley Beck; Beth Gregory; Wanda Crowder; Pam Toole; Ryan Toole & family; Elizabeth Ramey, Guillaume Arnould & Eloise Ramey; Lacy Sparkman; Richard & Sam Kearns; Chris & Heidi Chappotin & family; Christina & Scarlett Murry & Emily & Jennah Ashcraft; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Sandra, Jacob & Leah Voss; Will Davies; Hernán, Iker & Matias Argüello; Karina Guinera; Rylee & Ivy Houghton; Leslie Baker; Brandon Danelski; 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, JUNE 27, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018

FOURTH OF JULY - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Celebrate America Fried Chicken Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

July 1, 2018

Please bring items that kids like to eat such as snack crackers, peanut butter, jelly, Mac & Cheese, cereal, etc.



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:

Alicia Enochs
Steve Hanke - Angela Tolliver's friend's father
Sara Juarez - Chance Kaker's fiancé
The family of Leslie Lewis who passed away
Michiel Rubis
Valerie Stuart
The family of Peggy Johnson's friend, Judy, who passed away

We Rejoice With:

All the extended family that were in worship to honor their father's & grandfathers!
Baby Dedication of Eloise Arnould Ramey - Karen Willette's great-granddaughter.
JoAnn Mason joined our church family on June 24, 2018.
Carol Morris was in worship with her family. She is continuing rehab.
Robert & Virginia Popiel celebrated their 12 year anniversary on June 24!
Lyda Speirs has a new grandson! Spencer was born on June 17th!

Continued Prayers for:

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGE

Imogene Cottman
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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) In the SOUTHWEST

Online Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Restructure of Region

One Online Town Hall Meeting remains to continue the discussion regarding the Restructure of the Region.
The date and time of this discussion is listed below:

Thursday, July 12, 1 pm

To join the meeting participants will go to www.freeconferencecal.com > select "online meetings" and then enter the meeting ID: ccsw. Voice only participants can call or email the Regional Office (817) 926-4687 or ccsw@ccsw.org and receive call-in information.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, June 27

6:00 pm

Meeting Room



BIRTHDAYS

7/2	Pat Powell
7/3	Ky Gregory, Jr.
7/9	Natalie (Rubis) Wood
7/17	Jack Ellis
7/17	Sharon Matzner
7/18	Richard Edmonds
7/19	Bernice Williams
7/21	Jean Rubis
7/26	Barbara Bond
7/29	Tommy Kaker
7/30	Caden Vastine



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole

Greeters: Tommy & Angela Kaker

Communion Preparation: Peggy Johnson

Attendance Registers: Ronnie Johnson;
Jessica Kaker

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

01 Mary Bryan

08 Dorothy Nash

15 Wayne English

22 Jack Gregory

29 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

01 Juanice Wichterich

08 Barbara Bond

15 Kim Bonds

22 Mary Bryan

29 Wayne English

Deacon Team: Vernon & Dee Fields;

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;

Karen Willette

FOURTH OF JULY FRIED CHICKEN & APPLIE PIE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 8, 2018
Family Life Center
Immediately following
the 11:00 service

Sign up sheets for
entrees, sides, salads &
desserts are in the
foyer.

Tables are already set
up so we will not have
to meet on Saturday.

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.



WELCOME *and* THANK YOU to OUR GUEST PREACHERS

Pastor Mike and Joan Kearns will be enjoying vacation during July. We are pleased to announce those who will preach in Mike's absence. We urge everyone to come & support our guest preachers!

Sunday — July 8 — COLLIN GREGORY

Collin grew up in this church and held many leadership roles as a Youth. He is the Communications Coordinator for the City of Burleson and owns his own video production company — StandUp Productions. He also serves as Youth Pastor at North Elevation Church in Mansfield. Collin describes himself as, "God-loving, cat herder for Jesus (aka youth pastor), loving husband, father and rabid Cowboys fan." Collin's wife, Tiffanie, is an active member of FCC's Disciples Women and is the Study and Worship Chair this year. Their son, Isaac, is 15 years old and daughter, Felicity, is 2. Collin's parents are Jack and Kaye Gregory.



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 Chappotin, 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

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND 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 during
summer at home.
Canned Meat, Snacks,
Peanut Butter, Jelly, etc.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY No Elders' Meeting	2	3	4  No Ladies Bible Study Church Office Closed	5	6	7
8 12:00 PM - Celebrate America Fried Chicken Luncheon (FLC)	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11 No Cabinet Meeting	12 8:30 AM - Disciples Men (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women (Lolly Ellis' Home)	13	14
15	16	17	18 No Board Meeting	19	20	21
22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25 No Stewardship Meeting	26	27	28
29	30	31	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) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) No Choir Practice this summer			