

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 14, 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

Learning Center Hours: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Praying in the Season of Lent

*"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." --
Matthew 7:7-8*

Among the many spiritual disciplines that we practice during this season of Lent, perhaps the most important is the discipline of prayer. In these verses from Matthew's gospel, Jesus is encouraging us to pray. He is inviting us to bring our wants, desires, wishes and hopes to God. He is inviting us to ask for help. For some, that comes naturally and easily. For others, who were never encouraged to ask for help growing up, it is hard. They would no sooner ask God for help than many men who would never even think of stopping along the way to ask for directions at a gas station. There are many who believe they can do it themselves.

For many of us, we are quick to ask for prayers about health concerns; in fact, we lift up to God in prayer those in need of healing in worship each Sunday through our "joys and concerns" before the morning's pastoral prayer. We seek God as the source of our healing and it helps to know that we are being prayed for when we're sick. But think about that for a moment. What about all the other aspects of our lives that matter? What about everything else?

God is saying the very same thing to us now. I'm here for you, and I'm here with you. Ask me. Search for me. Knock, and I'll answer. We may not get what we want, but we will get what we need. Maybe it will not be when we want something, but hopefully just in time. Why do we hesitate? Ask, search, knock. Trust me, I'm here is what God is telling us.

God desires to give good things to those who ask Him, search for Him and knock on His door. He will not give us things that will harm us.

How do we know what to ask for, to search for, and which door to knock on? Jesus instructs us to seek God's kingdom and righteousness. He wants us to seek love, joy, peace, work and wisdom. We are to knock on doors that will open - doors He sets before us. When we ask God and search for God and knock on God's door, we will not get hurtful replies. God will only do what is best for us. If we get "no" to our request, or if we don't get what we are seeking, thank the Lord. If the door we are knocking on doesn't open, praise the Lord. Ask, search, knock. These actions sound so harmless and so easy. But behind these words is the intent of Jesus: "Be persistent! Keep asking! Continue looking! Don't quit knocking!" This is not a cookbook prescription, but a target attitude we should have in our prayers and in our lives - not only during this season of Lent, but every day. We must be persistent and faithful.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/04/18
General Fund	5,115.00
Building Fund	1,117.00
Harvest House	20.00
Gas Royalties	237.16
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Over 3,393.16	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 4, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	62
March 11, 2018	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	59



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn & Karen Mason; Hudson Chappotin; Jordyn Ethetton; Emmy Nash; Rob English; Peggy Mikas; Will Davies; Hyla Finlayson; Becky Hoover; 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.



**NEW ADDRESS FOR
FAYE MCLAREN**

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

- 10:00 AM All Church Work Day!
- 10:00 AM Oratorical Contest-Chisholm Trail Optimist Club (FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
- 1:30 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
- 6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

- 6:30 PM FCCLC Hiring Committee Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PPRC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21 ♦ 1:30 PM
MEETING ROOM**

BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21 ♦ 6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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:

Connie Atkins-Peggy Mikas' friend
Burt Bond
Imogene Cottman-Kathy Welch's mom
Elizabeth & Barrett Danelski
Bonnie DePratter
Alyssa Fleming-Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' niece
Ronnie & Peggy Johnson
Margie Kaker
Lacy McGee Oldham
Flora Roe
Don Vardeman-Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law
Pat Powell's daughter
Martha Jane Lane's grandson

We Rejoice With:

Burt Bond is doing well
Centennial High School Drum Line
won Regional Competition
Lexie Hobby-Angela Tolliver's
daughter
Chance Kaker & Sara
Flora Roe was back in worship
Eileen Pippin-Angela Tolliver's
mom

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Imogene Cottman,
Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales, Doreen Lewis, Karen Milburn, Carol Morris,
Kim & Shea Pulliam, 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

MARCH HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE



73 Pounds of food

\$107.00 in cash donations



ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday ♦ March 17 ♦ 10:00 am-Noon

Come lend a hand this Saturday and help
get the church all cleaned up for Easter!
There will be jobs for everyone so put on
your old work clothes and come join us.

FCC LEARNING CENTER HIRING COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY ♦ MARCH 22 ♦ 6:30 PM
MEETING ROOM

The more hands we have,
the faster it will go.



Thanks to all who helped make our Third Annual Marion Higginbotham Chili Cook-Off a great success!

Winners were (Left to Right)
 First Place - Kaye Gregory
 Second Place - Dee Fields
 Third Place - Ralph Biggs

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25 - PALM SUNDAY

11:00 am Parade of Palms

Thursday, March 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

3:00 pm Eggstravaganza for First Christian Church Learning Center (FLC)

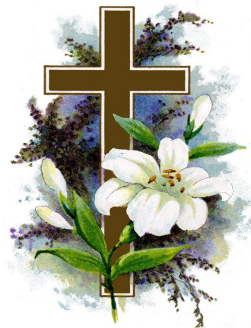
4:15 pm Set Up for Fellowship/Easter Breakfast (FLC)

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (S)
 New Hope Fellowship will be our guests.
 Fellowship will follow (FLC)

Friday, March 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm Good Friday Service at New Hope Fellowship
 6410 S. Freeway, Fort Worth
Carpool from FLC Parking Lot at 6 pm

8:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (Chapel)



Saturday, March 31

8:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

Sunday, April 1 EASTER MORNING

*No Chapel Service, Prayer Group,
 or Morning Classes*

9:00 am Easter Pancake Breakfast
 (FLC)

11:00 am Easter Worship

THE WAY TO THE CROSS

24-Hour Prayer Vigil
March 30 – March 31

Come and be a part of our annual prayer vigil beginning on Good Friday at 8:00 pm. Time slots are for an hour. Come alone or share a time slot. The building will be open and supervised during the 24 hours. Use the double glass doors off Gregory Street and come to the Chapel. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring
LYDA SPEIRS

AND MARY BRYAN

April 7, 10:30 am
Dorothy Nash's Home

Bring a brunch item, a birthday card and a monetary gift to go to a church need determined by the birthday girls.



Thank you to all who participated in the Silent Auction to benefit Relay for Life.

Here is the total money raised so far:

Silent Auction – \$458.00

Luminarias – \$155.00

Remember to sign up to participate in Relay for Life held at North Texas Jellystone Park, on April 27, 6:00 pm to midnight.

Again this year, we are partnering with Chisholm Trail Optimist Club. Jim Sanders, Georgia Sanders and Dee Fields are co-chairing this event.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Luminarias are now available.

There is a \$10 donation for each.

Contact Jim or Georgia Sanders for more information.

Jim's Cell: 713-775-1012

Disciples Women Retreat

In Athens

September 21-23, 2018

REMEMBER AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER

Again this year, in lieu of donations for Easter lilies, we are asking for contributions to help support The WARM Place in Fort Worth. The WARM Place helps children who are grieving the loss of someone they love by providing a safe environment for them to express feeling and emotions as well as the opportunity to meet with children and families who are experiencing situations similar to their own. For more information see their website at www.thewarmplace.org.



As usual, your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin on Easter and in the newsletter. Thank you for your willingness to continue this outreach ministry as we help support children when they need it most. Forms are in Sunday's bulletins or contact Terri in the church office. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and designate The WARM Place. Put forms and checks in the offering plate or mail to First Christian Church, PO Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097, by Palm Sunday, March 25.