

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 25, 2019



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:
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Embracing the Journey

"Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." -- Philippians 2:12-13

We live in an instant society, don't we? It seems that we can get anything we want, how we want it, and when we want it. Think Amazon Prime.

Recently, I read an account written by a man who was looking at upgrading some of his backyard landscaping. So, he headed for his local Home Depot to see what he could find. He admitted that he wasn't very good at gardening - in fact, he said he had quite a knack for killing anything living and green. Upon arriving at Home Depot, he asked someone for help and was directed to the outside patio where he was met with a myriad of foliage options - all full-grown and ready for planting. He engaged an employee who was willing to help and asked, "Not that I'm ready for this, but where are all the seeds? Do you still carry those?"

The Home Depot employee replied, "Sure, but no one really used them anymore. Too much work."

It seems we live in a society where we want the instant result, off-the-shelf, and ready to go - but rarely are we willing to personally put in the effort required for the results we desire. We want the destination, we just don't want the journey.

Oddly, we often approach our faith in much the same manner. We want wholeness now. We want freedom now. We want peace now. Somehow, we've bought into a myth that says once we embrace life in Jesus, it's over - mission accomplished - we've reached the finish line. But what if embracing life in Jesus is just the start of the journey? What if, rather than crossing the finish line, all we've done is take a step across the starting line?

This is the experience of the people in the scriptures. Faith wasn't about having all the right answers, or arriving at some final destination, but was about being in process. It was about interacting with the present and living God, always growing in their understanding of this God. That is why Paul writes what he does in Philippians 2:12-13.

He tells the followers of Jesus that just as they had done in the past, so they should "continue to work out their salvation with fear and trembling." In other words, don't think you've arrived, but continue to wrestle with what it looks like to live this salvation kind of life in the here and now. He tells them to do this with "fear and trembling", or a sense of awe and importance, because to live this way is to expand the dream God has for His world - His good purpose for all things.

So, as we journey during this Lenten season, let us approach our faith as a work in progress, asking ourselves the question, "What might it look like to live the good news in the here and now?"

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/10/19
General Fund	2,680.51
Building Fund	410.00
CLOTH Fund	41.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 4,090.51 = Short (\$55.49)	

OFFERING	03/17/19
General Fund	3,776.00
Building Fund	515.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 4,291.00 = Over \$145.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 17, 2019	59
March 24, 2019	66



Visitors and Guests

Pam Mason; Becky O'Neal;
Emmy Nash; Marlene Baysinger;
Ed Pappert; Ashley Thompson; Lesley
Baker; Austyn Taylor; Ellie & Gracie McGee;
Rylee & Ivy Houghton and our
other regular visitors.

*We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust
that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.*

**RELAY FOR LIFE
APRIL 27
NORTH TEXAS JELLYSTONE PARK
6:00 PM-MIDNIGHT**

It's not too late to sign up to be a part of our
team! For more information or to purchase \$10
luminarias, please
contact Dee Fields or Jim Sanders.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



THE WARM PLACE DONATION TO REMEMBER AND HONOR LOVED ONES

In lieu of donations for Easter lilies again this year,
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.

There will be sign-up sheets in the bulletin on
Sundays or you can call Terri in the church office
(817-295-4123) to sign up.

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,
P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097, by Sunday, April
14, 2019.



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:

Stella Andrews-Pat Sartori's aunt
Ralph Biggs
Walter Dewar-Darb Dewar's brother
Richard Edmonds
Diane Gerstner
Joan Kearns
Eric McGee-son of Steve McGee's nephew, Jeremy
The family of Joan Rice who passed away-Joan is Jerry Yowell's aunt
Bill Sholders
The family of Robert Struck who passed away-
Robert is Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' brother
Austyn Taylor
Karen Willette
Eula Mae Yowell-Brenda Yowell's mother-in-law
Jean Rubis' brother
The family of Mike Rubis' brother who passed away
VJ Welch-Don Welch's sister
Bonnie DePratter's nephew
Riley-Angela Tolliver's nephew
The 2 year old daughter of the Gunn's grandson's friend

We Rejoice With:

Kali Gregory
Gabe & Sebastian Reynoso
Adam Sims-friend of Angela
Tolliver
Heinz Wichterich
Emma-Lyda Speirs granddaughter
Baby Shower for Gabe Reynoso
Game Night at FCC! Thanks to
Kyle Reynoso for organizing it!

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Will Davies, Elizabeth Gamb, Cyndy Garrett,
Betty Grisham, Becky Hoover, 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



FEED. CLOTHE. RESTORE.

Harvest House Sunday
April 7, 2019

Needs include boxes of cereal, spaghetti sauce,
pasta, canned fruit & vegetables,
peanut butter, jelly, mac n cheese, etc. to
restock the shelves.



CABINET MEETING
WEDNESDAY

April 10
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/5	Valerie Stuart
4/7	Gabby Houghton
4/10	Lori King
4/11	Kaye Gregory
4/14	Wayne English
4/16	Mike Kearns
4/18	Angela Kaker
4/19	Jim Sanders
4/22	Dorothy Nash
4/25	Ralph Biggs
4/27	Lori Kiper
4/29	Andrew McGee



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 18 - 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 at
New Hope Fellowship
6410 S. Freeway, Fort Worth
Carpool from FLC Parking Lot at 6 pm

Friday, April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

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

Saturday, April 20

8:00 am-8:00 pm 12-Hour Prayer Vigil (C)

Sunday, April 21

EASTER MORNING

No Morning Classes

9:00 am Easter Brunch (FLC)
11:00 am Easter Worship (S)



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.
Greeters: Richard & Mary Bryan
Communion Preparation: Jerry Hay
Attendance Registers: Tommy Kaker
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
07 Dorothy Nash
14 Richard Bryan
21 Mary Bryan
28 Kaye Gregory
Scripture Reading:
07 Peggy Johnson
14 Ronnie Johnson
21 Angela Kaker
28 Tommy Kaker
Deacon Team: Kim & Bryson Bonds;
John & Dottie Mehaffey; Angela Tolliver
Serving at the Table: Wayne English;
Lolly Ellis



The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church. General ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 11:30 a.m.

Dee Fields' Home

353 Graystone Rd., Burleson

817-295-4664

Hostesses:

Tiffanie Gregory, Terri Tipton, Dee

Study and Worship: Mary Bryan

Carpool from FLC parking lot at

11:00 a.m. Need a ride?

Call Peggy Johnson at 817-295-7420.

Harvest House Service Project:

Boxes of Cereal



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson, Burleson



Attention All Mothers

We are asking all mothers (members and visitors) to provide a picture of themselves and



their children for a special surprise on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2019.

Give your picture to Kaye Gregory so it can be scanned and returned or email one to her at JackGregoryJr@aol.com.



BABY SHOWER

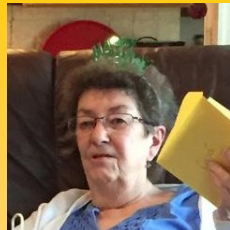
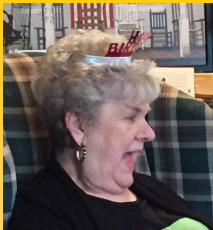
Honoring Gabe Reynoso

Thursday, March 14, 2019



GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 22, 2019



ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, March 24, 2019



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR) FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	11 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Dee Fields' Home)	12	13
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> PALM SUNDAY 11:00 AM - Palm Processional (S) EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING	15 	16	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18 3:00 PM - Eggstravaganza for FCCLC (FLC) 4:15 PM - Set up FLC for Fellowship & Brunch 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service & Reception at New Hope Fellowship	19 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service & Fellowship with New Hope Fellowship (S & FLC)	20 8:00 AM- 8:00 PM - 12 Hour Prayer Vigil (C)
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Easter Brunch (FLC) 11:00 AM - Worship Only (S) (No Sunday Classes)	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	25	26 6:00 PM-12:00 Midnight - Relay for Life (Jellystone Park)	27
28 2:00 PM - FCCLC End of Year Program & Pre-K Graduation (S)	29	30	Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)			