

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 26, 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

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 am-4:30 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Walking in the Light

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." -- John 8:12

There's an old story about a boy living with his family on a remote mid-west farm. When little or no moon shined down in the middle of the night, the world outside the farmhouse seemed frighteningly inaccessible - too dark to see anything. It was on such an evening when the mother sent her son to the barn on some errand. The boy looked out at the unrelenting darkness and turned around to tell his mother he could not go because he could not see where he was going. The mother then put a lantern on the back porch and told him to use the light to get where he was going. The son stepped outside only to return to his mother. The light did not seem to reach all the way to his destination. There was a circumference of light around the lantern and beyond the circumference the world was as dark as it had been before. The mother kindly picked up the lantern and handed it to the boy. "Carry the light with you," she said. "Walk to the edge of the light that you have. And as you walk, more light will be given to you."

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." This is one of a series of "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. He spoke these words during the Feast of the Tabernacles or Booths. Jesus had gone to Judea in secret and had heard the secrets people whispered. Eventually, Jesus revealed himself. He stepped out of the shadows and allowed people to see him publicly. He taught many things during that time. He compared himself to water and to light. Water and light are both important symbols of the Feast of Tabernacles. The feast commemorates the presence of God that accompanied the Israelite people as they journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land. The water reminded them of the miraculous gift of water from a rock. The glowing lights from the temple reminded the people of how God led the people with a pillar of fire by night. The words echo the words of John's prologue which reads, "In him was life, and the life was the light of all people."

The light of Christ, the very presence of God revealing Himself in Jesus, is given to humanity as the source of life and direction. Walking in Christ is walking in light and life. Yet, like the boy in the story, we often feel as though we cannot see our destination or destiny with the light Christ provides. In those moments, the words the mother spoke are good for us also, "Carry the light with you, walk to the edge of the light you have and as you walk more light will be given to you." We carry the light as we listen to the spirit and choose to act for greater compassion and justice at a time when such actions often receive scorn. We walk in the light when we follow Christ instead of the trends in culture. And as we walk in the light, we discover that the next amount of light that we need is given to us precisely when we need it. Thanks be to God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/11/18
General Fund	2,263.00
Building Fund	167.00
CLOTH Fund	14.00
The WARM Place	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Short = \$2,450.00	

OFFERING	03/18/18
General Fund	4,030.00
Building Fund	822.00
CLOTH Fund	24.00
The WARM Place	385.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Over = \$780.00	

OFFERING	03/25/18
General Fund	2,214.00
Building Fund	342.00
Easter Offering	105.00
The WARM Place	215.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Under = \$1,516.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 18, 2018	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	59
March 25, 2018	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	66



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason; Becky Hoover; Jordyn Ethetton; Will Davies; Peggy Mikas; Dave Tinkler; Emmy & Caden Nash; 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.

**STEWARDSHIP
MEETING**
Wednesday
March 28 ♦ 6:00 PM
Meeting Room

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

- 3:00 PM Eggstravaganza for Learning Center (FLC)
- 4:15 PM Set up FLC for Maundy Thursday Reception
- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Reception with New Hope Fellowship (S & FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018

- 6:30 PM Good Friday Service & Fellowship at New Hope Fellowship-Carpool from FLC parking lot at 6:00 pm
- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (C)

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

- 8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

- 9:00 AM Easter Pancake Breakfast (FLC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

No Chapel Service, Prayer Group or Sunday Morning Classes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

- 10:30 AM Zero Birthday Party honoring Mary Bryan, Lori Kiper, Diana McGee & Lyda Speirs (Dorothy Nash's Home)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

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

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PPRC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 28 ♦ 1:30 PM
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:

Carolyn Ambrister-Jack Gregory Jr's cousin
Connie Atkins-Peggy Mikas' friend
Jack Gregory, Sr.
Carol Gunn
Yvonne Gunn-the Gunn's sister-in-law
Samantha Kearns'-Pastor Mike's granddaughter
Brad King-the Neal's son
Sandra Malone-the Bryan's friend
Virginia Popiel
Jeanene Richardson-Sharon Matzner's sister
Flora Roe
Brian-the Findley's friend
Jennifer-Ann Miller's daughter-in-law
Jerry-Jim Sanders' uncle

We Rejoice With:

Thanks for those who participated
in the ALL Church Work Day!

Continued Prayers for:

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

*A Special
Thank
You!*

Dear Church Family,

My family and I truly appreciate
your prayers, visits, calls, cards
and concern during my mother's
recent illness. She is adjusting to
her new home at Heritage Place

Assisted Living and feeling better every day. It is great
comfort to be wrapped in the love of Jesus, our Savior,
through each of you in Christian love.

Kathy Welch

Imogene Cottman's New Address
621 Old Hwy1187, Apt #213
Burleson, TX 76028
Phone: 817-426-3749

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2018

Needs include: canned fruits, vegetables,
rice, beans, boxes of cereal, pasta,
spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly and
personal hygiene items.

ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring
Lyda Speirs, Mary Bryan,
Diana McGee & Lori Kiper

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.

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, 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

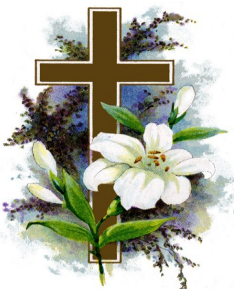
Sunday, April 1

EASTER MORNING

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

- 9:00 am Easter Pancake Breakfast (FLC)

- 11:00 am Easter Worship



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.
Greeters: Vernon Fields; JoAnn Mason
Communion Preparation: Donna Huggins
Attendance Registers: Carol Findley
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:

- 01 Ann Miller
- 08 Dorothy Nash
- 15 Mary Bryan
- 22 Richard Bryan
- 29 Jack Gregory, Jr.

Scripture Reading:

- 01 Peggy Johnson
- 08 Ronnie Johnson
- 15 Angela Kaker
- 22 Tommy Kaker
- 29 Mike Toole

Deacon Team: Kim & Bryson Bonds;

Mary Bryan; Carol Gunn; Marilyn Murray

Serving at the Table: Wayne English; Lolly Ellis



EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

APRIL 1, 2018

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

Please take a moment to review the below listings, and if you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri in the church office (817) 295-4123.



The WARM Place *Grief Support Center for Children* *Donations In Honor Of*



In Honor Of

Our 4 Children, 8 Grandchildren &
6 Great-Grandchildren

Elizabeth Smith

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Michael & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

Our Family

Jack Gregory, Sr.
Margie Lile
Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity
Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt, Kali
Cody & Laura

Our Children & Grandchildren:
Tommy, Angela, Wesley & Jessica Kaker
Chance & Sara
Steven & Rhonda Janusch

Our Family
Imogene Cottman

Our Grandchildren:
Chelsea, Paigen, Madison, Connor & Garrett Wichterich
Jake & Lauren Wichterich

Given By

Burt & Barbara Bond

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Don & Kathy Welch

Heinz & Juanice Wichterich



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In Memory Of

Annie Cromwell
Diane Chilton
Marion Higginbotham

Our Parents:

Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

My Wife

Anne English

My Parents

Wayne & Louise English

Mariel Biggs

Orvil & Marie Biggs

Ruby Gregory

Annelle McLendon Smith

Jimmy Huggins

Our Parents:

June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck

Our Parents:

Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

JoAnn's Husband and Karen's Father

Bob Mason

JoAnn's Son and Karen's Brother

Mark Mason

Mariel Biggs

Bonnie Miller

Earl Roe

Dalton Grisham

Tempa Larson

Our Family

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne R. English, Jr. D.O.

Ralph Biggs & Jordyn Ethetton

Jack & Kaye Gregory, Jr.

Donna Huggins

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

JoAnn & Karen Mason

Ann Miller

Flora Roe

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Don & Kathy Welch



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM - Easter Pancake Breakfast (FLC) 11:00 AM - Worship Only (S) (No Prayer Group, Sunday Classes or Chapel Service)	2	3	4	5	6	7 10:30 AM - Zero Birthday Party (Dorothy Nash’s Home)
8	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	12 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon & Mtg (Kaye Gregory’s Home)	13	14
15	16	17	18 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	19	20	21 9:00 AM-4:00 PM - Roadrunner Square Dance Lessons (FLC)
22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	26	27 6:00 PM-12:00 Midnight - Relay for Life (Jellystone Park)	28 9:00 AM-4:00 PM - Roadrunner Square Dance Lessons (FLC)
29 2:00 PM - FCCLC End of Year Program & Pre-K Graduation (S)	30	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) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		