

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

Telephone:

817-295-4123

Fax:

817-295-0750

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

E-Mail: pastormike21@hotmail.com

Terri Lester, Secretary

E-Mail: terri@fccburleson.org

Angie Stanton, Learning Center Director

E-Mail: angie@fccburleson.org

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Promise of Pentecost

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." --

John 14:15-19

This was the promise that Jesus made to His disciples to send another Advocate to be with them forever - the Spirit of Truth. Jesus made reference again to the gift of the Holy Spirit right before He ascended into heaven. At that time, He promised that the Spirit was to give them the power to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". Yet, the disciples did not know when this gift would be given.

Then, on the day of Pentecost, which we will celebrate this Sunday, when they were all together, a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house they were in. Tongues of fire rested on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They spoke in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them, and Jews from every nation were able to hear the wonders of God in their own tongue. Peter addressed the group, and 3,000 were baptized and added to their number that day. That is what it looked like for the disciples as they received God's Holy Spirit.

What does it look like in our lives? To begin, we do not have to wait for a special event to receive the Holy Spirit. He enters our hearts when we accept Christ's payment for our sins and exchange our sinful life for His righteousness. In Ephesians, Paul says, "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory".

What a promise! We are marked as His and sealed by the Holy Spirit as a permanent sign that we belong to God. Not only does the Spirit put His mark on us, but He also lives inside of us, giving us power to live the Christian life, power to witness for Him, and helping us to understand the things of God. We must never forget this treasure; this precious gift.

At Pentecost, God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to accomplish many things. Scriptures tell us that the Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ; to lead us into all truth; to dwell within each one of us; to equip us to be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ; and to produce fruit in our lives.

As we prepare to celebrate the season of Pentecost this year, let us turn our attention and our prayers to asking God to make His Spirit real in our lives, and to make us more aware of His presence within us and among us every day. In this season, we again claim God's promise that He gives us the power to live a victorious Christian life as we rest in Him and allow Him to live in and through us.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/29/18
General Fund	2,659.00
Building Fund	687.00
Gas Royalties	246.79
FLC Usage	50.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,642.79 Short (\$429.21)	
OFFERING	05/06/18
General Fund	2,135.00
Building Fund	492.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,627.00 Short (\$445.00)	
OFFERING	05/13/18
General Fund	4,333.00
Building Fund	1,067.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 = Over \$1,328.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 29, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	60
May 6, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	52
May 13, 2018	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	74



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

Becky Hoover; JoAnn & Karen Mason; Peggy Mikas; Judy Houtchens; Jordyn Ethetton; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Susan Brayfield; Christina & Scarlett Murry; Emily & Jennah Ashcraft; Leslie Baker; Lori Chernosky; Donald & Donna Gilley; Lexie Hobby; Sara, Brylee & Brianna Juarez; Walter & Jayne Noff 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, MAY 16, 2018

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

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Fellowship Luncheon & Graduate Recognition

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Graduate Recognition (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon & Graduate Recognition (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

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

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

Last day of FCCLC 2017-2018 School Year

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

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

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

MEMORIAL DAY - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

48 Pounds of groceries
\$99.00 in cash donations



PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group will not meet through the summer.
Watch the newsletter for the next meeting date.

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:

Rhonda Janusch
Margie Kaker-Tommy Kaker's mom
Joan Kearns
Dan & Peggy Kelley-Terri Lester's parents
Leslie Lewis-Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' sister
Diana McGee
OK & Jane Neal
Flora Roe
Bill Sholders
JoAnn Spruell, Betty Wheeler's sister
The family of Walter James Torres who passed away
Raymond Wood-the Bryan's friend
Darb Dewar's granddaughter
Sharon Jennings whose husband passed away

We Rejoice With:

Becky Hoover transferred her membership to our church family on May 13, 2018!
Judy Houtchens transferred her membership to our church family April 29, 2018!
Joan Kearns
Thank you from Dottie Mehaffey and Crossroads High School!
Total bags collected was 4,827!
Walter & Jayne Noff visited Sunday, May 13.
Lacy McGee Oldham graduated from Tarleton State!
Mike & Jean Rubis celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary!
Scott-Pat Sartori's son received his Master's Degree!
Relay for Life donation from our FCC team total was \$1,920.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton, Bobbie Cockerham, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies, 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:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

Bingo at BREWED Fundraiser
801 W. Magnolia
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Thursday, June 7



The second fundraiser for the Disciples Habitat House will be at Brewed for their Bingo Night. Bingo cards are \$10/card. All bingo cards purchased for the night go toward the Habitat build.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 20, 2018
(During Worship and the Fellowship Luncheon)



Congratulations to our three Graduates!

Bethany Bonds graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at Arlington, Lacy McGee Oldham graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Emily Cronenberg graduated from Centennial High School in Burleson.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
In the
SOUTHWEST

Online Town Hall Meetings to Discuss
Restructure of Region

Four Online Town Hall Meetings have been scheduled to continue the discussion regarding the Restructure of the Region. The dates and times of these discussions are listed below:

Monday, May 21, 7 pm Central/6 pm Mountain
Tuesday, June 5, 8 pm Central/7pm Mountain
Wednesday, June 20, 12 pm Central/11 am Mountain
Thursday, July 12, 1 pm Central/12 pm Mountain

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

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 20
Family Life Center

Our potluck luncheon is Sunday, May 20 immediately following the 11:00 am service. We'll celebrate Pentecost-the birthday of the church-and recognize our graduates. Ice cream, cookies and a graduation cake will be provided for dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for other food. Come help set up on Saturday, May 19 at 10:00 am.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Money goes toward purchases of paper goods, condiments, tea, coffee, etc.



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Planting churches can help change the world

"Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves," says Terrell L. McTyler, minister of New Church Strategies and church planter. "By empowering the oppressed, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor and promoting hope in a fragmented world, the church can literally help change the world," he adds.

Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Disciples are on course to starting 1,000 new churches by 2020. For additional information visit www.hopepmt.org.



MAY 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 16
6:00 pm
Family Life Center

Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 23
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

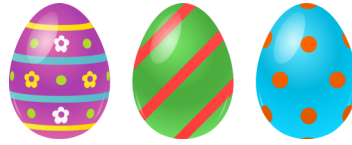


In observation of
Memorial Day

Our offices will be closed
Monday, May 28, 2018



2018 Eggstravaganza for FCC Learning Center



**Sponsored by
Disciples Women**



**FINAL
Grand Total
of plastic
store bags
collected for
Crossroads HS:
4,827!**



Dottie Mehaffey and her students say, "THANK YOU!"

2018 RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Team
Raised
\$1920

