

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 8, 2017



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: 6:30 am-5:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Called to be Peacemakers

"A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace." - James 3:18

Our natural tendency is to hate our enemies or at least to avoid them at all cost. But if we run from conflict, we're going to be miserable most of our lives. Jesus calls us to a higher standard. He calls us to be peacemakers - not peacekeepers. That is a huge difference. Peacekeepers avoid conflict and pretend it doesn't exist. But peacemakers resolve conflict and reconcile relationships.

When we plant a seed, we always get back more than we started with. If we plant an apple seed, we get a whole tree full of apples in return. It's the law of sowing and reaping. If we plant a seed of conflict, we'll wind up with a lot more trouble than we bargained for. But scripture tells us if we plant seeds of peace, we will reap a harvest of peace, kindness and goodness in return.

So how do we do that? Here are several keys to becoming a peacemaker in the midst of conflict.

Make the first move. Don't wait for the person to come to you; instead, take the initiative. Jesus took the initiative to show mercy to us. In scripture, we hear *"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son."* Jesus didn't wait for us to apologize. He didn't even wait for us to feel bad about our behavior. Jesus made the first move. And He wants us to do the same thing.

Ask God for wisdom. God is always glad to help us when we're doing what He says. We should ask God to help us decide the right time and right place to plan a peace conference. We should ask Him to give us the right words to say and the right way to say them.

Start with our own confessions. Don't start with a bunch of accusations. Don't start with the ways we've been hurt. Start with what's our fault. Although the conflict may be primarily the other person's creation, we can find something to confess. Instead of accusing the other person - and instead of excusing ourselves - we should start with our own mistakes, even if it was our poor response. But we begin with what was our fault.

Listen to the other person's pain and perspective. We need to understand that "hurt people hurt people." People who aren't hurting don't hurt others. That's why peacemakers listen to the other person's hurt and gets that person's perspective. Francis of Assisi said, "Seek to understand before you seek to be understood." We're most like Jesus when we're focusing on the hurts of someone else rather than our own hurts.

Speak the truth tactfully. The truth sets us free, but we must say it with love. The truth is not enough. It's not just what we say, but how we say it. If we speak offensively, it will be received defensively.

Fix the problem, not the blame. We need to learn to attack the issue, not each other. The blame game is a waste of time. Any time we're busy fixing blame, we're wasting energy and not fixing the problem.

Focus on reconciliation, not resolution. Reconciliation means re-establishing the relationship. It means we're not holding onto any hurt. We've buried the hatchet. Resolution, on the other hand, means we resolve every single disagreement. That won't happen. We're all different. We won't agree on everything. But peacemakers can disagree without being disagreeable. That's called maturity.

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OFFERING	04/23/17
General Fund	1,510.00
Building Fund	307.00
Easter Offering	100.00

OFFERING	04/30/17
General Fund	2,196.00
Building Fund	907.00
FCC Local Only	50.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 30, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	60
May 7, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	60



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger & Bob Lee in
the Chapel Service.

Wanda Crowder, Carol Morris, JoAnn & Karen
Mason, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Darb Dewar & Terri
Tipton, Jimmy & Barbara Harding, Minnie Harding,
Richard, Stacie & Sam Kearns, 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 10, 2017

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
- 10:00 AM Disciples Women Brunch & Meeting
(Angela Tolliver's Home)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

- 6:30 PM Roadrunners Dance Class (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

- 10:00 AM Set up for FLC for Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

- 8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Mexican Fiesta Luncheon & Relay for
Life Silent Auction (FLC)
- 4:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT– Continued from Page 1

Our world is filled with conflict. It's everywhere: wars, divisions, arguments, stress between people, prejudices and terrorism. Our civilization is no longer civil. And as a result, we have broken relationships, broken lives and broken hearts.

Our challenge is to commit to becoming an agent of reconciliation in a world filled with conflict. And, with God's help, we can do it - we can be peacemakers.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

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:

Matthew Carroll-the Gunn's grandson
Will Davies-Karen Willette's friend
Bonnie DePratter's niece
Gunn's daughter-in-law
Margie Lile
Bob McLaren-former member
Ray MtJoy-Kaye Gregory's cousin's husband
OK & Jane Neal
Pat Sartori
Ethan Stepp-Coach in Rio Vista
Angela Tolliver's mom
The family of Bob Worrell who passed away
Carole Wright
Canton area tornado victims
Bonnie DePratter's sister, Betty Jean
Kristin-Cronenberg's daughter in Round Rock
Joe-Christal McGee's co-worker

We Rejoice With:

Burt & Barbara Bond have a new
great granddaughter, Aria Renee
Dee Fields
Ronnie Johnson
Mike Kearns
Mike & Jean Rubis celebrated their
65th Wedding Anniversary
Lyle Rudolph

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Doyle & Bonnie DePratter, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, M'Lee Gonzales,
Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Needra Womack & Carole Wright

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

GySgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee

To All My Dear Fellow Members of FCC,

Heinz and I thank you for your prayers and cards of sympathy and encouragement during
Heinz's recovery from a hip fracture.

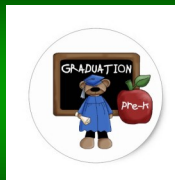
God Bless You,
Heinz & Juanice Wichterich



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



We had a great End of Year Program and Pre-K Graduation! Our year is winding down. The last day of school is Friday, June 2, 2017. Before we finish our year, however, we are looking forward to Splash Day, Field Day and our Luau!! Once again we have finished enrollment and we are full in every class for the 2017-2018 school year, and we have a waiting list.





MEXICAN FIESTA POTLUCK LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION FOR RELAY FOR LIFE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, May 21, 2017

12:00 pm

Family Life Center

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and help us raise money for Relay for Life and get to know our newest members at the same time!

Set up for the luncheon is on Saturday, May 20, at 10:00 am. The more hands that we have to help, the faster it will go!!

If you would like to bring your items for Relay for Life ahead of time, we have a spot set aside in the Family Life Center to store them. Please see Pastor Mike and he can tell you where it is, or you can call the church office.

Cabinet Meeting Wednesday, May 10 6:00 PM



RELAY FOR LIFE
May 12-13, 2017
Kerr Middle School
7:00 pm-7:00 am



Sign up sheets to participate in Relay for Life are located in the foyer. There is a separate sign up sheet for survivors to participate in the walk/supper.

Continue collecting items for a Silent Auction benefitting Relay for Life. Silent Auction will be on Sunday, May 21, 2017, during the Fellowship Luncheon.



Luminaries are now available. There is a \$10.00 donation for each one.

Please contact Jim or Georgia Sanders for more information:
Jim's Cell: 713-775-1012.

DISCIPLES WOMEN BRUNCH AND MEETING

Thursday, May 11

10:00 am

Angela Tolliver's Home
8116 CR 1016A, Burleson
817-447-9842

**Note:
Earlier
Times**

Hostesses:

Mary Bryan, Carol Findley & Angela

Study & Worship:

Juanice Wichterich & Iris Wilson

Carpool from the FLC

Parking lot at **9:30 am**

Need a ride?

Call Mary Bryan at
817-295-3390

**Note:
Earlier
Times**



SERVICE PROJECT FOR HARVEST
HOUSE:
Laundry Detergent



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, May 11

8:30 am

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson
Burleson

