

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 12, 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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817-295-0750

**Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

**Website:** [www.fccburleson.org](http://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

### God Is Love

*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." -- 1 John 4:7-8, 16*

Twentieth Century American Indian author Anthony De Mollo, once wrote, "Happiness is not something you acquire; love is not something you produce; love is not something you have; love is something that has you. You do not have the wind, the stars, and the rain. You don't possess these things; you surrender to them."

I've been thinking about these words lately. Oftentimes we see "love" as the cumulative efforts of all that we do in the name of love. On one hand, this is very true: Love needs to be an action. It takes more than just talking about loving someone. If we are to love, we need to act. Yet, on the other hand, love needs to be more than just our acts of love. It is quite possible to act, yet not truly love.

I find it fascinating that when the writer of 1 John wanted to speak to God, he said, "God is love". What is most fascinating is not what he says, but what he doesn't say. The writer does not say, "God does loving things". Now, it is true that God does, in fact, do loving things, but the text is saying something much more mysterious. God does not merely do loving things. He is love. And those who live in love, live in God.

What does this all have to do with us? It is easy for us to fall into a vision of "love" as a list of things that we do, while our hearts essentially remain unchanged. Love is not merely something we do; love is something we surrender to - something we allow to invade us - change us, control us, even take up residence in us. We are not a changed people merely by doing the right things. We are a changed people when we surrender to the God who is love, allowing His love to take up residence in us. Only when we have fully surrendered to the love of God, can we live in God, and love comes naturally as it flows from the overflow of our heart.

Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike



## THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday, November 19-20 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Closed Wednesday-Friday

After hours please call an Elder or Rev. Mike Kearns (214-364-6453).

| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>10/28/18</b>                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| General Fund    | 2,592.00                                 |
| Building Fund   | 787.00                                   |
| Weekly Needs:   | \$4,072.00 - 3,379.00 = Short (\$693.00) |

| <b>OFFERING</b>           | <b>11/04/18</b>                         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| General Fund              | 4,933.00                                |
| Building Fund             | 1,292.00                                |
| Gas Royalties             | 170.62                                  |
| Learning Center Utilities | 1,000.00                                |
| Weekly Needs:             | \$4,072.00 - 7,395.62 = Over \$3,323.62 |

| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>11/11/18</b>                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| General Fund    | 3,622.75                              |
| Building Fund   | 992.00                                |
| CLOTH Fund      | 105.00                                |
| Weekly Needs:   | \$4,072.00 - 4,714.75 = Over \$642.75 |



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| October 28, 2018  | 65 |
| November 4, 2018  | 68 |
| November 11, 2018 | 97 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Charles Davis; Marlene Baysinger; Will Davies; Hensley Mehaffey; Sally & Savannah Brady; Jada Holman; Jordyn Ethetton; Lesley Baker; Emmy Nash; Jeanette Weient; Beth Gregory; Karen Mason; Kim Lassitor; Krystal, Ellie, Connor & Grace McGee; James Wood; James Dennis; Bobby Lewis; Austyn Taylor; Heinz Wichterich; Rylee & Ivy Houghton; Lori & Erica Chernosky; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Kyle, Gabe & Sebastian Reynoso; and our other regular visitors.

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

### **NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE**

38 Pounds

\$325.00 Cash Donations

*Harvest*  
HOUSE

### **CALENDAR**

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (MR)

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

#### **THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING**

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

No Wednesday Activities

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018**

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Decorate church for Advent & Christmas - Soup/Stew Luncheon for Volunteers

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Hello to the Amazing Disciples Women Fellowship! We wanted to show our appreciation of your kindness and thoughtful gift cards to us and our staff. We enjoy seeing and hearing your praise on Wednesday mornings! It gives us warmth and appreciation to be a part of First Christian Church Learning Center.

Have a Blessed Day!  
Amber Miller & Chris Peaks



### **PPRC MEETING**

Wednesday

November 28, 2018 ♦ 5:00 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:

The family of Jeremy Bowen who passed away  
The family of Bobbie Brown whose husband passed away  
Ky Gregory, Sr  
Becky Hoover  
The family of Wynn Joness who passed away  
Carol Morris  
The family of Ashley Morrison who passed away  
Flora Roe  
Jean Rubis  
Pat Sartori  
The family of Rick Struck who passed away-  
Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins's cousin  
Valerie Stuart  
Mrs. West-the Gunn's son-in-law's mother  
Stacie Kearns father  
Melissa - Pat Powell's daughter  
Raelynn - 6 year old great granddaughter of Larry & Anne Beck  
Dakota Miller - 18 month old baby boy - Jane Neal's cousins friend

## We Rejoice With:

Boo Bash was a great success!  
Thanks to all who contributed  
candy and money to purchase  
candy.  
Congratulations to Steve & Diana  
McGee on the birth of their 9th  
grandchild. Ryan McGee was  
born on November 12th, and  
weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz and was  
23 inches long. Proud parents  
are Michael & Lauren McGee.

## Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies,  
Alyssa Fleming, Samantha Findley, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston, 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



## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

Mariposa 155 Elk Drive, Burleson  
Saturday, November 17  
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to the public. Come and shop  
for those unique gifts, all proceeds will go to the craft  
class for supplies.

For church members who are going,  
please call Terri in the church office and  
she will give you the gate code so you  
can park inside the gate along the fence.



# THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOV 2018

[www.DisciplesMissionFund.org](http://www.DisciplesMissionFund.org)

November 18

Benefitting  
Colleges & Universities  
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Seminaries & Divinity Houses  
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Higher Education & Leadership Ministries  
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)





## BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 3:00 PM

University Christian Church - Fort Worth

Reserved Seats - \$15.00 each

Therefore, there is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary foyer for you to indicate your intention to be a part of our group attending the festival. Please sign up by Sunday, November 25th, so we can purchase tickets on your behalf. If you wish, you may also call Terri at the church or me on my cell (214-364-6453), and we will be happy to put your name on the list.

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a celebration of good over evil. It began as a holiday tradition in the grand manor houses of England, and was brought to America during colonial days. A multi-generational cast and musicians of over 300 re-enact the ancient celebration which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. Also known as The Epiphany, the end of the twelve days traditionally claims that the Magi offered their gifts to the Christ Child.

The pageant is based on an old legend, that of an Oxford student who kills a wild boar when it interrupts his studies. When the church adopted the Festival, it gained a new, Christian significance: the wild boar, symbolic of evil is overcome by good through the teachings of Christ. Marching companies, in beautiful authentic costumes of Renaissance England, sing the ancient songs of Christendom, as they carry in the gaily-bedecked head of the wild boar, which is conquered by the innocent goodness of the Christ Child. The triumph of light over darkness is made graphic in the Christ Candle through its light and through the carvings on the wooden candleholder in the production.

The second part of the festival features the original Christmas story, as shepherds and Wise Men travel to Bethlehem to pay homage and to bring gifts to the Christ Child.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 13

6:00 PM

Meeting Room



Wednesday,  
November 14  
6:00 PM  
Family Life  
Center

## POINSETTIAS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please turn in this order form  
along with payment to Terri  
Lester in the church office by  
Sunday, November 25th.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help decorate for Advent and Christmas after  
worship on November 25th.

There will be a soup/stew luncheon for all of  
those who volunteer! If you would like to  
contribute something, soup, stews, crackers,  
cheese, desserts are always welcome.



Veterans Day  
2018

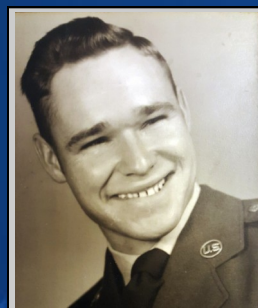
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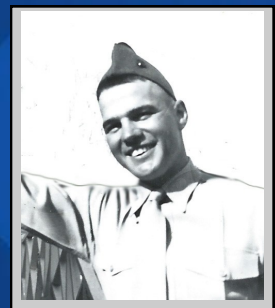
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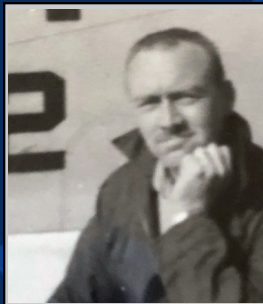
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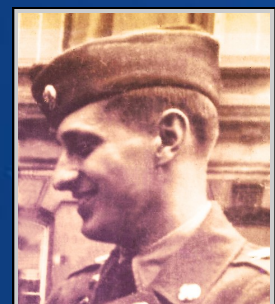
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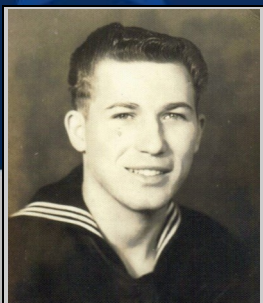
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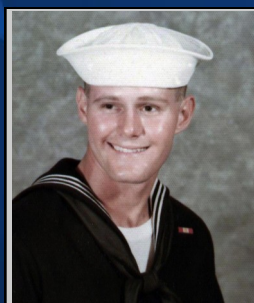
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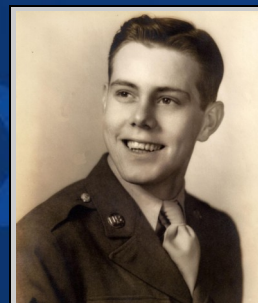
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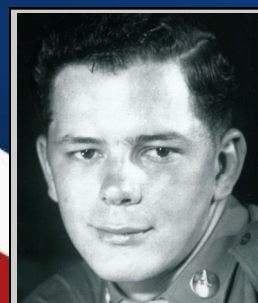
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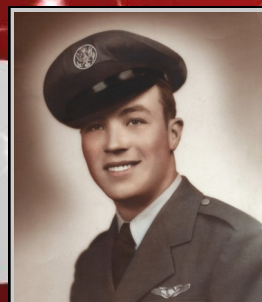
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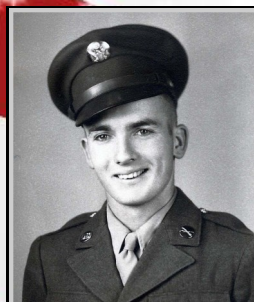
JIM SANDERS



BILL SHOLDERS



BILL TAYLOR



IVAN WALKER



HEINZ WICHTERICH



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), BURLESON, TEXAS**





Boo Bash  
All Saints Sunday  
ZERO Birthdays  
Consecration Sunday  
Veterans Day Recognition  
Thanksgiving Luncheon

