

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 27, 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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Patience In This Season of Waiting

"A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." -- Isaiah 40:3

The season of Advent which begins this coming Sunday is the season of preparation and anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Over these next several weeks we will prepare to celebrate Christmas - the coming of the Christ-child into the world, exploring how the foundations of hope, peace, joy and love enrich our faith journey as God fulfills His unfailing promises to us.

Yet in many ways, our world seems like a miserable and tragic mess - war, death and destruction continue to rage in several regions of our world displacing tens of thousands of people from their homes - many people throughout the world live each day in poverty, unsure of the source of their next meal or place of shelter; and, even here in our own nation, many are anxious about the economy, our healthcare systems and our national security. At times it appears that everywhere we turn there is reason to despair.

However, in the face of that invitation to despair, Isaiah cries, "Be of good cheer." Even though you know the imperfections of humankind, God is working His ancient promises out. The path to the Reign of God is emerging even now, even in the midst of dark despair.

In the New Testament, Peter tells a similarly despairing community to be patient and to be at peace. Patience is above all the ability to abide, even when it really hurts, knowing that God's road keeps rolling out ahead of us leading onward to healing, wholeness, and the holy peace that passes all understanding. As Peter puts it, we wait for a new heaven and a new earth, in spite of all forces that stand in the way. We wait patiently, confident that God is working His purposes out. But patience not just standing by - patience is more than just waiting. To live as Jesus did is to embrace the world's suffering in as full a way as possible - and yet to endure, knowing that God is still in our midst, and in the heart of the pain.

Patience in the season of waiting is not just about putting up with delay, but having deep compassion for all who wait for justice, for healing and for peace. It is about standing with those who suffer offering the love and compassion that God has given to each of us. When we hear John the Baptist announce the coming of compassion in the flesh, we hear that God's road builder toward that future is coming. Through our faith, we know that the pathway isn't finished yet, but with faithful eyes we can see it and become a part of it.

In this season of Advent, we wait expectantly and patiently not only for the birth of a child but for the birth of a new and enlivened body of God's creation. As we share the love, the grace and the mercy of God with others, we help build bridges that span our fears and anxiety. The whole body of God's creation awaits the resurrected life for which all were made. So during this season of Advent we patiently wait - knowing that we soon shall hear the angel proclaim, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/19/17
General Fund	2,229.00
Building Fund	857.00
CLOTH Fund	13.00
Thanksgiving Offering	105.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 19, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	72
November 26, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	53



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger and Bob Lee in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, James Oates, Emmy Nash, Kirstin Prather, Lesley Baker, John Richardson, Dr. OK & Jane Neal, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Conner, Ellie & Gracie McGee, Edyn, Micah & Quinn Nelson, Will Davies, James Dennis 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.

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

December 3, 2017

Please bring items for the holidays such as canned vegetables and fruit, rice, beans, potatoes, etc.

NOTE: An additional 8 pounds was also donated for November Harvest House giving us a total for November of 66 pounds donated!

Ralph Biggs says thank you to the church family for all your support during Mariel's illness and memorial service.

THANK YOU!

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

- 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 Congregational Meeting (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Christmas Potluck Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

- 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 Christmas Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
- 6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party & Meeting (Terri Tipton's Home)
- 6:00 PM Disciples Men Christmas Caroling (We will carpool from the Family Life Center parking lot)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PPRC Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2017
1:30 in the 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:

Kim Bonds
The family of Bobby Cedar who passed away-
Bobby is Bonnie DePratter's half-brother
Keira Gregory-the Gregory's granddaughter
Eileen Phippen - Angela Tolliver's mother
Pat Sartori
Colton - Bonnie DePratter's great grandson

We Rejoice With:

Bryson Bonds
The McGee family were all
together for Thanksgiving
James Oates was in worship
Maddox Lucille - John & Dottie
Mehaffey's 7th grandchild was
born Nov. 17, 2017.
Wendy - Pene Enochs' friend

Continued Prayers for:

Marjorie Armstrong; Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Burt Bond, Bill & Ruby Carlton,
Bobbie Cockerham, Roy Cronenberg, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham,
M'Lee Gonzales, Karen Milburn, O.K. & Jane Neal, Kim & Shea Pulliam, Jim Sargent, Jack Stanley,
Don Vardeman, Iris Wilson, 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



Supporting Regional
Ministries

December 10 & 17, 2017

The Christmas Offering supports the regions in our
denomination by:

- ◆ Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.
- ◆ Call, commission and ordain new pastors and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.
- ◆ Plan for new congregations and revitalize existing congregations.
- ◆ Make visible the care of all God's people through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.
- ◆ Provide camps, conferences and retreats for children and youth.

In 32 regions across the U.S. and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

- ◆ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Saturday, Dec. 9th

- ◆ 10:00 am Set Up for Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Sunday, Dec. 10th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

- ◆ 12:00 pm Christmas Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Thursday, Dec. 14th

- ◆ 8:30 am Disciples Men (The Porch)
- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party (Terri Tipton's Home)
- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Men Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 17th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

- ◆ 11:00 am Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE
Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)



DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

12/4	Marjorie Armstrong
12/5	Beverly Sholders
12/9	Stephanie McGee
12/10	Austin Bryan
12/11	Christal McGee
12/16	Juanna Bryan
12/22	Michelle McCrory
12/23	Edyn Nelson
12/24	Braylen Bryan
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/27	Heinz Wichterich
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Steven McGee
12/30	Barbara Warren
12/30	Collin Gregory



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory, Jr.
Greeters: Vernon Fields, Sandra Hay
Communion Preparation: Kathy Welch
Attendance Registers: Don Welch
Computer during Worship: Carol Findley
Children's Moment:
 03 Karen Willette
 10 Suzanne Barton
 17 Mary Bryan
 24 Richard Bryan
 31 Wayne English
Scripture Reading:
 03 Angela Kaker
 10 Tommy Kaker
 17 Diana McGee
 24 Angela Tolliver
 31 Mike Toole
Deacon Team: Ralph Biggs, Mary Bryan,
 Ronnie & Peggy Johnson
Serving at the Table: Wayne English;
 Lolly Ellis

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

SUNDAY ♦ DECEMBER 3

12:00 PM

2018 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Gregory, Jr. (3 year term)
 Jerry Hay (3 year term)
 Jim Sanders (3 year term)
 Mike Toole (3 year term)
 Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2018 PROPOSED DEACONS

Ronnie Johnson (2 year term)
 Peggy Johnson (2 year term)
 Angela Kaker (2 year term)
 Marilyn Murray (2 year term)
 Jim Sanders (2 year term)
 Georgia Sanders (2 year term)
 Mike Toole (2 year term)

2018 PROPOSED YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds (1 year term)

2018 NEW ELDERS

Steve McGee (3 year term)
 Mike Toole (3 year term)



**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
 LUNCHEON
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Bring your favorite
 Christmas dish and come join us for good food,
 fun and fellowship.

****Please come help set up the FLC on
 Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 am.
 The more hands we have, the faster it will go!**

The Christian Church in the Southwest is offering a daily advent devotional, "From Hope to Faith." Starting December 1 and extending to December 24, you can receive the devotional, written by one of our regional leaders, in your email inbox. To sign up and receive the advent devotional go to
<http://ccsw.org/ccsw-connections/>

DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Terri Tipton's Home
523 Lynnewood, Burleson
513-708-5480

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

THINGS TO BRING

A Potluck Dish

\$5 Christmas Decoration For Exchange Game
Your Offering

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

President: Dorothy Nash

Vice President: Terri Tipton

Secretary: Lyda Speirs

Treasurer: Lolly Ellis

Study/Worship: Tiffanie Gregory & Iris Wilson

Hospitality: Angela Tolliver

Parliamentarian: Mary Bryan



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, December 14
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson

Christmas CAROLING



MEN, WE NEED YOUR VOICES

All men are invited to go Christmas Caroling
on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.
We will carpool together from the church.
Meet at the Family Life Center parking lot.
Wear an ugly sweater, if you have one.

Disciples Women Dessert Auction

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our dessert auction this year. Thanks to your generosity, \$1546.00 was raised for Disciples Women outreach projects.



Consecration Sunday Honoring Our Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon



First Christian Church Burleson
2018 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-15-17

Board Approved: Taren Millette
 Congregation Approved: _____

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected 2018 Income	Projected 2018 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings				
" (Unrestricted)			\$ 160,000	
" (Local Use Only)			\$ -	
Building Fund			\$ 38,800	
Gas Royalties			\$ 2,400	
Family Life Center Usage			\$ 500	
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 10,000	
EXPENSES				
Building Payments				\$ 42,000
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 4,500
Christian Education				
SS Curriculum & Supplies				\$ -
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 500
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,000
Evangelism Supplies				\$ -
Fellowship				\$ 200
Honorarium				\$ 200
Insurance				\$ 13,000
Janitorial Expense				\$ 4,000
Office Supplies				\$ 1,200
Outreach *				\$ 16,000
Postage				\$ 300
Publicity				\$ 800
Pastor's Salary				\$ 72,000
Secretary Salary				\$ 27,000
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,100
Gas Well 2017 Property Tax				\$ 170
Electricity				\$ 14,500
Gas				\$ 2,400
Water				\$ 2,300
Phone				\$ 3,000
Garbage				\$ 900
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,100
Ministerial Discretion Fund				\$ 300
Contingency Allowance				\$ 2,230
TOTAL 2018 FCC BURLESON			\$ 211,700	\$ 211,700
PROPOSED BUDGET				
	Var			\$ -
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As				
Actuals Mandate				



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting (S) First Sunday of Advent - HOPE HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	4	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Christmas Potluck Luncheon
10 12:00 PM - Christmas Potluck Luncheon (FLC) Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE Christmas Special Offering	11	12	13 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	14 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Mtg (The Porch) 6:00 PM - DMF Caroling 6:00 PM - DWF Christmas Party (Terri Tipton's Home)	15	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY 11:00 AM - Christmas Cantata (S) Christmas Special Offering	18 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	19	20 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	21	22	23
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE 6:00 PM - Candlelight Service (S) 	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve 	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)			