

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 23, 2017

TRICK ^{OR} TREAT



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

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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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Ask, Search, Knock - But Wait

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."
- Matthew 7:7

One of the most frequently quoted of all passages in scripture is Matthew 7:7 - and the one we most hope is true, at least the first seven words: *"Ask, and it will be given you;"* What can be more assuring than believing we will receive whatever we ask for? It seems like we have just won the sweepstakes of heaven and can go shopping there with abandon, choosing anything we want from the overstocked shelves. Unfortunately, this reduces prayer to nothing more than a medium of exchanges, rather than the sharing of a relationship of the deepest richness.

We are unable to see all the nuances, subtle needs and intricate patterns of our lives that shift like mirrors in a kaleidoscope. But God, who created us in the tenderness of unconditional love not only sees those nuances, needs and patterns, but is ready to care for them in ways more meaningful and lasting than we could ever imagine on our own. God always has our best interest at heart. And yet, we are told to ask and search and knock. Why?

Why? Because when we ask, we are expressing our desire to communicate with God. When we search, we are showing our desire to find God. And when we knock, we are letting loose our longing to be in union with Him. Prayer is our way of saying that we are willing to share in that rich relationship with God. And always, when we ask it is given to us, when we search, we find, and when we knock the door is opened.

But wait! -When we pray - when we ask, search and knock, - how often do we go to God not seeking His voice and direction, but with our minds already made up on what we believe His answer should be? How often do we pray with the answers as to what God's will should be already set in our hearts?

If we would seek to really serve God and hear answers to our prayers, we must be patient in our waiting upon Him to show us His way. God must be our guide and pilot, and we must be unwearied and uncomplaining, as we seek His direction and lead.

Of course, it is hard to be patient. Lines are annoying anywhere. Sitting and waiting in a doctor's office is never a good way to spend an afternoon. Waiting on God can be even more difficult. When we don't know what to do, it is often in our interests to wait on God's perfect timing. We are prone to try to influence things with quick "fix-its", but we know how unsuccessful that can be. In things of a spiritual nature, as well as life in general, we must learn to listen to God with patience.

We must pray, but we must be patient in waiting upon and seeking the Lord. Therefore, let us seek a patient attitude in our relationship with God, waiting for His perfect timing in all things, and seeking His leading as we wait to hear His voice and discern His spirit. We must continue to believe that when we ask, search and knock, God will answer our prayers, but it will be according to His will and in His time.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/15/17
General Fund	3,300.00
Building Fund	582.00
CLOTH Fund	18.00

OFFERING	10/22/17
General Fund	1,568.00
Building Fund	527.00

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 15, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	68
October 22, 2017	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	45



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Robert & Debbie Hiller, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Linda Archibald, Will Davies, 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.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

**Thursday, November 9
8:30 a.m.**

**THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 2017

- 10:00 AM Trinity-Brazos Area Board Meeting
(Riverside Disciples Ministry Center)
- 6:00 PM Boo Bash (Burleson Old Town)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

- 6:30 AM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am tomorrow morning. Set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed tonight!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

- 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 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 Elders' Meeting (MR)
- 3:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

- 6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
- 11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting
(Janie Rudolph's Home)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

- 8:00 AM FCCLC Training (FLC)
- 1:30 PM Set up FLC for Thanksgiving Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING 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 Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC)
- 3:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

Mariel Biggs
Jan Burns-friend of Suzanne Barton
The family of John Green, who passed away
Doyle DePratter
Genna Edmonds
Kaye Gregory
Jane Neal
Kim & Shea Pulliam
Needra Womack
Pat Yarborough
The family of Bev Sholders' friend, Carol, whose husband passed away

We Rejoice With:

James McGee
John & Dottie Mehaffey transferred
their membership on 10/15/17!
Sean, Angela Tolliver's step-son
Dee's grandson

Continued Prayers for:

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

Dear Church Family,

We so appreciate all your prayers, concern and love for our family in recent months. Shea is stabilized and enjoying her freshman year at Coppell High School, and Kim is traveling her health journey with bravery. Thank you for holding us up when we most needed your support. Each day is a gift!



In Christian love,
Don and Kathy Welch

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2017



Please bring items for the holidays such as canned vegetables, rice, beans, canned cranberry sauce, etc.



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON November 12

Please join us on Sunday, November 12th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer so you can sign up for the items that you would like to bring. We will be setting up the Family Life Center for the luncheon on Saturday, November 11th at 1:30 pm (Please note the time change).
The more hands we have, the faster it will go!!

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday, November 9
11:30 a.m.

Janie Rudolph's Home
416 Hudson, Burleson

Hostesses:

Linda Cronenberg, Dorothy Nash
and Janie Rudolph

Study & Worship:

Tiffanie Gregory & Iris Wilson

*Carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 am.
Need a ride?
Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.*

HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT:
Cleaning Supplies

NOVEMBER 12—A VERY SPECIAL DAY

Consecration Sunday
Veterans' Recognition
Annual Thanksgiving Meal



DO WE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION?

We will recognize our veterans during a special time in our worship service on Sunday, November 12. If you know a veteran in our church or are one, please give this information to Terri Lester in the church office 817-295-4123 or you can email it to terri@fccburleson.org.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed on Sunday night.



**Burleson
Old
Town**

OCTOBER 28  **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Thank you to the helpers willing to help pass out candy from the Bryan's Jack-O-Lantern VW at BOO BASH. Please bring a basket or container to hold candy. It will be easier to pass it out that way. We'll announce our location as soon as we get it. See you that night!



November

BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Mary Penney
11/3	Genna Edmonds
11/3	Emily White
11/4	Bill Gunn
11/4	Keira Gregory
11/13	Margie Lile
11/15	Vernon Fields
11/16	Bryson Bonds
11/17	Burt Bond
11/20	Clint Bourland
11/21	Elisabeth Danelski
11/22	Charlie Kuehlem
11/22	Patricia White
11/26	Iris Wilson

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact the church office so that we can include you on our list!



CABINET MEETING

Wednesday

November 8

6:00 pm

Meeting Room

Just a
reminder...



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Donna Huggins, Margie Lile

Communion Preparation: Don Welch

Computer during Worship: Kim Bonds

Attendance Registers: Margie Lile

Children's Moment:

05 Mary Bryan

12 Ronnie Johnson

19 Dorothy Nash

26 Angela Tolliver

Scripture Reading:

05 Kaye Gregory

12 Jerry Hay

19 Mary Bryan

26 Ronnie Johnson

Deacon Team: Vernon & Dee Fields,

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory, Jr.,

Dorothy Nash



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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)			1	2	6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	4  Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour before going to bed tonight.
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5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 2:00 AM - Daylight Saving Time Ends 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	6	7 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	8 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9	10	11 
12 CONSECRATION SUNDAY VETERANS RECOGNITION 12:00 PM - Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC) THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	18
19 THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING	20	21 6:30-8:00 PM - Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley (FLC)	22 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	23  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24	25
26  12:00 PM - Decorate Church for Advent & Luncheon	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30		