

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 8, 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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**Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Closed Fridays

**Learning Center Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

### Standing in Faith

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." -- Hebrews 11:1*

I recently read a story about the deer-like African impala that reportedly can jump to an amazing height of 10 feet in the air, but he can be restrained in captivity by a wall that is merely three feet tall. Why? It seems that the impala simply will not jump without being able to see where it will land.

This reminds me of the faith life of some Christians. As we have confessed that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and have accepted Him as our personal Lord and Savior, we have been given the wonderful gift of faith. By simple acts of faith, both small and great, God chooses to expand His influence in the world and in each of our lives. Still it seems that some Christians live like impalas when it comes to exercising faith. There are times in our lives, including my own, when we let any number of small walls - those made of fear, or worry, or even "common sense" restrain us from exercising the gift of faith that God has given.

When we insist upon living by sight and always determining the results before we act, we short-circuit faith, cutting God and His power out of the equation in our lives. When living by sight overcomes faith, our spiritual lives begin to shrivel - we live at a lesser level of satisfaction and our own participation in influencing the world for God decreases. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us that faith is a foundational principle for living the Christian life.

The solution to the "Impala Syndrome" of faith is found in choosing to trust. When we choose to trust God enough to walk by faith rather than by sight, we exercise our faith and as a result, its capacity grows. Our spiritual lives are strengthened, which enables us to live life to its fullest.

Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler in his poem "Stand In Faith" encourages us to always place our trust in God with these words:

"Stand in faith even when you can't see your way. Stand in faith even when you feel like you can't face another day. Stand in faith even when the tears want to flow from your eyes. Stand in faith knowing that our God will always provide. Stand in faith even when you feel that all hope is gone. Stand in faith knowing that He is always there for you to lean on. Stand in faith even when you feel like giving up. Stand in faith because He is there...saying, "Just look up". Stand in faith even in those times you feel so all alone. Stand in faith hold on and be strong, for He is still on the throne. Stand in faith even when it's hard to believe. Stand in faith knowing that He can change your situation, suddenly. Stand in faith even in those times you feel it's hard to pray. Stand in faith and believe that He has already made the way. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. So stand in faith because you already have the victory!"

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mike

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                      | <b>09/30/18</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                         | 2,217.00        |
| Building Fund                                        | 812.00          |
| Reconciliation Special Offering                      | 220.00          |
| Bob Lee Memorial                                     | 50.00           |
| Burt Bond Memorial                                   | 125.00          |
| Gas Royalties                                        | 187.39          |
| Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,216.39 Short (\$855.61) |                 |

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                   | <b>10/07/18</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                      | 3,609.00        |
| Building Fund                                     | 787.00          |
| Reconciliation Special Offering                   | 200.00          |
| CLOTH Fund                                        | 7.00            |
| Bob Lee Memorial                                  | 50.00           |
| Burt Bond Memorial                                | 50.00           |
| Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 4,396.00 Over \$324.00 |                 |



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| September 30, 2018 | 62 |
| October 7, 2018    | 63 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Lynn Dover; Marlene Baysinger; Bobbie Gilmore; Sally Bradley; Will Davies; Emmy Nash; Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton; Kyle, Gabriella & Sebastian Reynoso; Bob & Janet Evans; 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.*

**CCSW Regional Assembly 2018**  
Friday-Saturday, November 2-3  
Central Christian Church - Austin



To register or receive more information about the Assembly and schedule go to [ccsw.org/ra2018](http://ccsw.org/ra2018).

### **CALENDAR**

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

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

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

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

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Set up FLC for Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck Luncheon

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

##### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS**

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

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

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



### **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Sunday, October 14  
12:00 pm  
Family Life Center

It's that time!! Halloween is almost here, and that means it's time for a pumpkin carving contest!

So start thinking about what your pumpkin is going to look like!! Sign-up sheets for the potluck are in the foyer.

If you are able, come help set up on Saturday, October 13, at 10:00 am.

**Donations are greatly appreciated. Money goes toward purchases of paper goods, condiments, tea, coffee, etc.**

# 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:

John Bowman - Sue Bannister's son  
Roy Cronenberg  
Will Davies  
Samantha Findley - Pat & Carol Findley's daughter-in-law  
The family of Grady Graves who passed away - Ronnie Johnson's friend  
Collin Gregory  
Wynn Jones, Angela Tolliver's cousin's husband  
The family of Kristin Lundquist who passed away- Angela Tolliver's former student  
Jeanette McDermott - Pat Sartori's mother  
Weldon McDonald - Mary Bryan's friend's husband  
Mark McMichael, Pat Sartori's brother-in-law  
John Mehaffey  
Carol Danelski Morris  
Flora Roe  
Cindy Speirs  
Virginia West - Gunn's son-in-law's mother  
Needra Womack  
Melissa - Pat Powell's daughter  
Raelynn - Larry & Anne Beck's great-granddaughter

## We Rejoice With:

Teagan Kaker is now home!!

## Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies,  
Alyssa Fleming, 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.

### What's In Your Cup?

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Well because some bumped into me, of course!"

Wrong answer...

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility?

You choose!

Today, let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

Author Unknown

## CABINET MEETING

## WEDNESDAY

## OCTOBER 10

## 6:00 PM

## MEETING ROOM

## BOARD MEETING

## WEDNESDAY

## OCTOBER 17

## 6:00 PM

## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### VETERANS DAY November 11

We will recognize our Veterans this year with a special slide presentation during our worship service on November 11.

Please email a picture of yourself in uniform from your service days to Kaye Gregory at [JackGregoryJr@aol.com](mailto:JackGregoryJr@aol.com) or bring the picture to her and she will scan the picture and return it to you.

VETERANS  
DAY





# DISCIPLES WOMEN

## Luncheon & Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
11:30 a.m.

Terri Tipton's Home  
523 Lynnwood Ave., Burleson  
513-708-5480

### *Hostesses:*

Dee Fields, Joan Kearns & Terri Tipton

*Study by* Tiffanie Gregory

*Worship by* Kaye Gregory

*Carpool from FLC parking lot  
at 11:15 am. Need a ride?*

*Call Dorothy Nash at 817-295-4773.*

### HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT:

Unwrapped Christmas Presents  
Newborn - High School

## DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH  
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



## BURLESON OLD TOWN BOO BASH OCTOBER 27, 2018 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Approximately 3000 children in our area attend the Burleson Old Town Boo Bash and we are a big part of that. The Bryan's orange VW becomes a Jack O'Lantern perfect for a place for parents to take pictures of their little ghosts, princesses, action heroes, etc.

We also need volunteers to pass out candy that night and/or donate bags of candy for us to pass out. If you prefer, bring a monetary donation and give to Kaye Gregory,

Mary Bryan or Jim Sanders.

We will see that candy is purchased for you. \$20 goes a long way to buy candy at SAMs.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday  
October 28, 2018  
Sandwich Luncheon  
and Dessert Auction  
Sponsored by  
Disciples Women



A church-wide garage sale will be held sometime during the Spring of 2019. All proceeds will benefit **RELAY FOR LIFE**. Start saving your garage sale items now!