

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 9, 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: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Sacrificial Giving

"He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.' - Luke 21:1-4

Sacrifice. Does the word conjure up an image of a lamb or a goat being slain and offered on an Old Testament altar? Or do we see Jesus on the cross - the ultimate sacrifice of all time?

Sacrifice hits us where we live. Whether it be time, service, possessions or money, it requires us to give up something we hold dear. Why is sacrifice difficult? Perhaps it is because many are prone to an attitude of entitlement. The mindset of many in our society today is one that encourages individualism and success, often at the expense of others. The first step in becoming a truly sacrificial giver is to recognize that all we have comes from God and belongs to Him. Without Him, we would have nothing. A second step to being able to give as this widow did, is overcoming our fear of not being able to provide for ourselves and our loved ones. Giving beyond our means, however, is not to be confused with living beyond our means. As seen in this example and in the example of the widow who provided for Elijah and never ran out of flour and oil, when we give all we have back to God, He will provide for us beyond our wildest imagination.

We all know that experience is one of the most powerful teachers in our lives. So much of what we know comes not from what we have read, or what we have been told, but what we have experienced in our lives. So, out of your own life experience in the church, I ask you this question: Have you ever known a Christian who, because they gave too much of their time, talent and money to the church and to meet the unmet needs of others, found themselves homeless, hungry and destitute? I never have. Christians that I have known that faithfully practice sacrificial living tell me that God's blessings have always met their needs many times over. So, let's take God at His word. We've seen how He blesses those who give from a heart that recognizes the great sacrifice God made for us and that we can trust Him enough to provide all we need. Can we love and trust Him that much?

This past Sunday, we began our Annual Stewardship Campaign. This year's theme "Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus" encourages each of us, over the next several weeks, to prayerfully consider the commitments we will make of our time, talents and financial resources to support the mission and ministries of First Christian Church in 2018. The campaign will conclude on Consecration Sunday, November 10th. On that day, we will turn in our estimates of giving, ask for God's blessings on them and offer our gratitude during our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. I hope you will plan to be with us on this important day in the life of our congregation.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/24/17
General Fund	2,277.00
Building Fund	1,050.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	20.00
OFFERING	10/01/17
General Fund	4,255.00
Building Fund	1,184.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	200.00
Week of Compassion	100.00
OFFERING	10/08/17
General Fund	2,365.50
Building Fund	207.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	25.00
CLOTH Fund	40.00
Gas Royalties	209.16
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 1, 2017	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	60
October 8, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	50



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Kyle Reynoso, Venessa Harmel, Kristin

Prather, Will Davies, Liz Aust, Austyn Taylor, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Ellie, Gracie & Connor McGee, James & Tracey Tipton 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.



CABINET MEETING

Wednesday
October 11
6:00 pm
Meeting Room

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Dee Fields' Home)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
No Line Dance Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

6:30 AM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)
9:00 AM Prayer Group (MR)
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
3:00 PM Line Dance Class (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



OCTOBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

108 Pounds

\$244.00 in Cash Donations

Harvest
HOUSE

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
James Dennis
The family of John Green, who passed away
Ky Gregory, Sr.
James McGee
John Olson-Dee Fields' friend
Kim Pulliam-the Welch's daughter
Shea Pulliam-the Welch's granddaughter
Valerie Stuart
Darrell Tolliver
Harry Williams' sister-friend of Marilyn Moore
Carole Wright
Pat Yarborough
Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' half sister & half brother
Darb Dewar's youngest daughter
Ellen-Penny Enoch's cousin
Las Vegas tragedy

We Rejoice With:

Jack & Lolly Ellis
Congratulations to Vernon & Dee
Fields on the birth of their 1st
great grandchild-Sophia Ann
Brown
Bill Gunn
Steve McGee

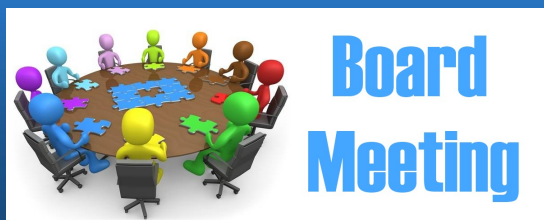
Continued Prayers for:

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

BOARD MEETING
Wednesday
October 18 ♦ 6:00 pm
Family Life
Center



On October 19 at 12:00 pm there will be a
"Buildstrong" Lunch benefiting the Trinity Habitat for
Humanity home build over the year 2018. The Trinity-
Brazos Area has a table and would love to have you
represent the Area. The "Buildstrong" fundraising
luncheon will be at the Fort Worth Convention Center.
The doors open at 11:30 am and the program will
begin at 12:00 pm. Complimentary lunch and parking
is included.

If you would like more information on this
fundraising luncheon, please contact Chris
Wilson by October 11 to let him know
you will be there.

Telephone Number: 817-723-3370
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PLEASE
CARPOOL!

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 11:30 a.m.
Dee Fields' Home
353 Graystone Road, Burleson
817-295-4664

Hostesses: Joan Kearns, Terri Tipton & Dee
Study & Worship: Dorothy Nash & Iris Wilson

NOTE - WE NEED TO CARPOOL!
THERE IS NOT MUCH PARKING ROOM.
Carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 am.
Need a ride? Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT:
Shampoo and Conditioner

Please carpool. Starts at 11:30 am.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, October 13
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



OCTOBER 28

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Burleson Old Town

Bring bags of candy to the church or give \$ to Mary Bryan or Kaye Gregory. We can purchase large bags of candy for about \$15 each and we'll go get it for you. We also need helpers to pass out candy from the Bryan's VW Jack-O-Lantern that night. Turn in candy or money by October 22.



Halloween Potluck Luncheon 2017



THE WINNERS

1st Place - Karen Willette
2nd Place - Terri Tipton
3rd Place - Jack Gregory

