

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 11, 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

Journey to Generosity

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

On Sunday, October 8th, less than a month from now, we will launch our Annual Stewardship Campaign - six Sundays when we will prayerfully focus on the commitments we are prepared to make of our time, talents and financial resources to support the ministry of First Christian Church in 2018. The campaign will climax on Consecration Sunday, November 12th, when we will dedicate our commitments and thank God for the blessings He continues to bestow upon this congregation.

It may seem early to begin thinking about this important season in the life of the church, but, in fact, every season is a time for us to live out our faith through our generosity of the gifts God has entrusted to each of us. Our Stewardship Committee, chaired by Don Welch, continues to prepare to lead this year's campaign with the theme "Journey to Generosity". Many hands are already at work to make this year's campaign both meaningful and inspiring. We know our church is a generous congregation, most recently evidenced by our wonderful support given in our over-and-above offering to Week of Compassion in response to the widespread needs of our brothers and sisters suffering from the effect of Hurricane Harvey. I thank each of you for your support as we meet the needs of others in Christian love.

As we think about our call as Christians to be good stewards, the Apostle Paul reminds us in Second Corinthians that God does love a cheerful giver. He uses the metaphor of sowing and reaping to tell us that whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. This principle of sowing and reaping applies to every area of our lives, not just our finances. Whatever we sow in life, we're going to reap. Whatever we deposit is going to be returned to us. If we sow criticism in life, we are going to reap criticism from others. If we sow kindness, we're going to reap kindness. It's the law of the harvest. If we plant apple seeds, we don't get pears; we get apples. If we sow with generosity, we will reap generosity.

This is the principle of the harvest - Whenever we have a need, plant a seed. When a farmer looks at his barren fields, he doesn't gripe about it. He just goes out and starts planting some seed. If he only has a little bit of seed, he has a choice. He can either hoard it, or he can give it away. If he holds on to it, that's all he has. If he gives it away, God will multiply it. The amazing thing is this: We don't just reap what we sow. We always reap more than we sow.

When it comes to generosity, God wants us to become more like Him. God is a giver. By striving to become more generous, we become more like Him.

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we proclaim that we Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. Through our generosity, we make a difference in the lives of others one day at a time. May what we proclaim guide our actions all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/27/17
General Fund	1,065.00
Building Fund	282.00
CLOTH Fund	10.00
OFFERING	09/03/17
General Fund	6,019.00
Building Fund	1,592.00
CLOTH Fund	32.00
Week of Compassion-Hurricane Harvey	2,765.00
OFFERING	09/10/17
General Fund	1,347.00
Building Fund	452.00
CLOTH Fund	4.00
Week of Compassion-Hurricane Harvey	485.00
Grand Total for WOC-Hurricane Harvey-\$3,250.00	
Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$3,200.00	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 3, 2017	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	68
September 10, 2017	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	58



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger in the Chapel Service.

JoAnn Mason, Martha Jane Lane, Mike McGraw, Will

Davies, Kristen Prather, John & Dottie Mehaffey, Robert & Debbie Hiller, Dr. OK & Jane Neal, Darb Dewar & Terri Tipton, Emmy Nash, Caden & Jayce Davault 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, September 14
8:30 a.m.

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Juanice Wichterich's Home)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Resumes (FLC)
Please note time change!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

6:30 PM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

6:30 AM Basketball Practice-Derek Stanley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

68 Pounds

\$268.00 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:

Pat & Carol Findley
William G.-father of Angela Kaker's co-worker
Don Hogue
Tom Kaker, Tommy Kaker's dad
Tommy Kaker
Bill Maxwell-Spencer Maxwell's father
Steve & Diana McGee
Joel Nash
O.K Neal
Carolyn Parmley-Diana McGee's mom in Beaumont
Karen Willette
Angela Tolliver's mom

We Rejoice With:

Wayne English
Jack Gregory, Sr. celebrated his
93rd Birthday on 9/5/17!!
Angela Kaker

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, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 11:30 a.m.

Juanice Wichterich's Home

325 Fox Lane, Burleson

817-295-1502

Hostesses:

Lolly Ellis, Joan Kearns and Juanice

Study & Worship:

Janie Rudolph and Angela Tolliver

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 am

Need a ride?

Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

Starts at 11:30 am

**HARVEST HOUSE
SERVICE PROJECT:**
Deodorant



HURRICANE HARVEY

Week of Compassion has been coordinating with Disciples pastors, congregations and Regional and Area leadership in affected areas of Texas. We are offering the support of your partnership to them while they give support to their church members and wider communities. Associate Director Caroline Hamilton-Arnold says, "We will continue to be present in the coming days and weeks, knowing that recovery here will take years. The support of Week of Compassion will be needed for a long time."