

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 23, 2019



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

Website: www.fccburleson.org

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Don't Miss Out

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." - Matthew 6:14-15

Elizabeth Barrett Browning was one of the most widely read and respected poets of the Victorian period. In 1846, a romance between her and fellow poet Robert Browning led to their marriage and a move from England to the Italian Peninsula. Elizabeth's father was not in favor of the marriage of his eldest child or any of the siblings. He never spoke to her again.

Although a recluse who had spent five years writing in the bedroom of her father's house, Browning was a prolific letter writer. She and Robert exchanged 574 letters during their courtship, and she continued to write her father regularly throughout her married life. Upon his death, a box arrived at her home. When she opened it, she found all the letters she had written him - unopened.

The story that weaves through Elizabeth Barrett Browning's relationship with her father is a story to which so many can relate. It's a human story of disappointment, control and lack of forgiveness. When Jesus taught about forgiveness, He did so with utter clarity. He taught that if we don't forgive someone from our heart - releasing him or her from the resentment and judgment of our minds - we can't be forgiven ourselves. Perhaps a better way to look at it would be that if we don't let go of the grudge we hold so tightly in our closed hands, our hands aren't open to receive anything from God.

Forgiveness has a theological component - God's forgiveness frees us from sin. Forgiveness also has an immediate practical component - when we give it, we release others from our wrath, but we really release ourselves. And letting go of anger makes way for the joy of God, which is our daily strength.

The real tragedy of this story is not only that Mr. Barrett missed out on having a relationship with his daughter. He also missed out on the poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Don't miss out on the great relationships that grow in the lives of those who forgive much. And don't miss out on God who has forgiven us for things far greater than what we have forgiven others.

Several years ago, I found the following piece titled "Resent Somebody". I share it with you here.

Resent Somebody

The moment you start to resent a person you become their slave. They control your dreams, absorb your digestion, rob you of peace of mind and good will, and take away the pleasure of your work.

They ruin your spirituality and nullify your prayers.

You cannot take a vacation without them going along!

They destroy your freedom of mind and hound you wherever you go.

There is no way to escape the person you resent. They are with you when you are awake.

They invade your privacy when you sleep. They are close beside you when you eat, when you drive your car, and when you are on the job.

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OFFERING	09/15/19
General Fund	2,610.00
Building Fund	255.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 2,865.00 = Short \$1,281.00	

OFFERING	09/22/19
General Fund	1,848.00
Building Fund	220.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 3,068.00 = Short (\$1,078.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 15, 2019	68
September 22, 2019	59



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Ed Pappert; Rachel Landry; Lexi Hales; Duncan Welch; Emmy Nash; Dan & Lois Hockman and our other regular visitors.

We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

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You can never have efficiency or happiness.
They influence even the tone of your voice.
They require you to take medicine for indigestion, headaches and loss of energy.
They even steal your last moment of consciousness before you go to sleep.
So, if you want to be a slave, harbor your resentments.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019

Disciples Women Retreat - Athens, TX

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

- 6:00 PM Melissa Pugh/Doug McElroy Wedding (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

- 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:

The family of Jim Bailey who passed away
Patti Barnaby-the Hay's daughter
Elta Hogue-a friend of the Gunn's
Ronnie Johnson
Angela Kaker
The Kaker family
Brad King-Jane Neal's son
Kim Lassitor-Flora Roe's daughter
Margie Lile
OK Neal
Georgia Sanders
Jennifer Spradlin-the Gregory's niece
Pat Worrell
Angela Tolliver's mom

We Rejoice With:

Jerry Hay was back in worship
on 9-15-19.
Ronnie & Peggy Johnson
celebrated their 50th Wedding
Anniversary.
Sebastian Reynoso turned 5 on
September 16, 2019.
Valerie Stuart is not using a cane
to get into church.
The men who spent 9-14-19 doing
numerous projects around the
church.
Response to the PrayerBear drive
for Cook Children's Hospital &
the PrayerBears dedication on
9-22-19.

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Will Davies, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham,
Becky Hoover, Jessica Kaker, Joan Kearns, Brad King, Margie Lile; Eric McGee; Carol Morris, OK & Jane
Neal, Karen Parker, Darrell Tolliver, The Vardeman Family, Ivan Walker, V.J. Welch, Iris Wilson, Faye
Wirsdorfer, Needra Womack, Carole Wright & Pat Yarborough



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
October 6, 2019

Current needs include fresh fruits & veggies,
garden extras such as potatoes, etc., diapers-sizes
3, 4, 5 & 6, wipes, pull-ups, baby accessories, all
flavors of fruit jelly or jam, all kinds of peanut butter,
Hamburger Helper-all flavors, Ramen Noodles,
toiletries, mac n cheese, pasta & spaghetti sauce,
canned potatoes & corn.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday,

September 25 6:00 pm

Meeting Room

Learning to Hear His Voice
Disciples Women Retreat
Disciples Crossing in Athens

September 27-29

20 Women will be attending this weekend



DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2019
11:30 a.m.

Kaye Gregory's Home
525 Berkshire Court, Burleson
817-295-0009

Hostesses:
Barbara Bond, Terri Tipton & Kaye
Study & Worship: Janie Rudolph

*Carpool from FLC parking lot
at 11:15 a.m.
Need a ride?
Call Peggy Johnson at 817-295-7420.*

Harvest House Service Project:
Large bags of cat and dog food

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

THE PORCH

140 S. Wilson, Burleson

Thursday, October 10, 2019
8:30 a.m.



PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 13
12:00 pm
Family Life Center

Halloween is just around the corner, and that means it's time for a pumpkin carving contest! Start thinking about what your pumpkin is going to look like!!

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Sign-up sheets for the potluck will be in the foyer this Sunday, September 29.

We will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 12, to set up the Family Life Center for the luncheon. All help is appreciated!!

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



Embodying The Call

Reconciliation Ministry
Special Offering
2019

September 29

www.reconciliationministry.org



CHOIR PRACTICE
WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM
In the Sanctuary



BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Becky Hoover
10/2	Pene Enochs
10/5	Bill Taylor
10/14	Suzanne Barton
10/16	Sandra Hay
10/19	Rhonda Janusch
10/20	Jamie Yowell
10/20	Lacy (McGee) Oldham
10/27	Peggy Johnson
10/28	Chance Kaker



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Karen Willette
Greeters: JoAnn Mason
Communion Preparation: Diana McGee
Attendance Registers: Vernon Fields
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 06 Mary Bryan
 13 Richard Bryan
 20 Wayne English
 27 Karen Willette
Scripture Reading:
 06 Rhonda Janusch
 13 Peggy Johnson
 20 Ronnie Johnson
 27 Angela Kaker
Deacon Team: Vernon & Dee Fields;
 Marilyn Murray; Mike Toole
Serving at the Table: Lolly Ellis; Steve McGee

SOMETHING SAD HAS HAPPENED...BUT WE CAN HELP!

The PrayerBear Den at Cook Children's Medical Center recently flooded and they are in need of teddy bear donations!

These cozy teddy bears are given to patients and provide support and encouragement during their stay. So far this year, Pastoral Care volunteers have already delivered over 11,000 bears to children and teens. This team relies heavily on donations, with 90 percent of bears coming from the community! For the safety of young patients, bears must be brand new, without any scents or electronics (singing, talking, dancing, etc.) Please bring teddy bears to church. We will have a box in the foyer ready for your donations. The deadline to bring bears is this Sunday, September 29. Young patients who receive these bears will be told by a chaplain, "This bear comes to you with love from people you have never met who are praying for you."



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **October 2019** 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S) Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)		1	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM - Melissa Pugh/ Doug McElroy Wedding (S)
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13 12:00 PM - Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck Luncheon (FLC) STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published Columbus Day Learning Center Closed	15	16 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	17	18	19
20 4:00 PM - Zero Birthday Party (Jane Rudolph's Home)	21	22	23 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	24	25	26 6:00 PM - Boo Bash (BRiCK East parking lot near BISA soccer fields.) 
27	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31 		