

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 24, 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

The Beauty Remains - The Pain Passes

"Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." -- James 1:2-4

I came across a touching story from the book, "The Best of Bits and Pieces" edited by Arthur Lenehan and I'm passing it along to you.

"Although Henri Matisse was nearly 28 years younger than Auguste Renoir, the two great artists were dear friends and frequent companions. When Renoir was confined to his home during the last decade of his life, Matisse visited him daily. Renoir, almost paralyzed by arthritis, continued to paint in spite of his infirmities using a brush strapped to his arm.

One day as Matisse watched the elder painter working in his studio, fighting torturous pain with each brush stroke, he blurted out, 'Auguste, why do you continue to paint when you are in such agony?' Renoir answered simply, 'The beauty remains, the pain passes.'

And so, almost to his dying day, Renoir put paint to canvas. One of his most famous paintings, "Bathers", was completed just two days before his passing, 14 years after he was stricken by this disabling disease.

Renoir could have easily put away his brush and canvas years before when the disease grew worse. He could have become bitter about his life's situation and given up. He didn't. Renoir saw beyond the pain to the beauty.

Like the beautiful painting that was created from pained hands, I believe that God wants to take the painful experiences of our lives and create something beautiful in us. This does not minimize, trivialize or spiritualize the pain. Renoir's arthritis was real. We all experience real pain in our lives. Sometimes that pain is physical, but most often it is emotional. Still, if we allow God to work in us, He will use our painful experiences to shape our lives and form us into something more beautiful - ultimately into the image of Jesus.

Therefore, when we encounter pain, let us look beyond the situation and its cause and seek to persevere. Let us look beyond the situation and see God at work bringing beauty beyond the pain.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/09/18
General Fund	954.00
Building Fund	292.00
Bob Lee Memorial	715.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 1,246.00 Short (\$2,826.00)	

OFFERING	09/16/18
General Fund	2,930.00
Building Fund	947.00
Bob Lee Memorial	420.00
Burt Bond Memorial	25.00
Family Life Center Usage	75.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,947.00 Short (\$125.00)	

OFFERING	09/23/18
General Fund	1,177.00
Building Fund	522.00
Burt Bond Memorial	300.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,500.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,199.00 Short (\$873.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 16, 2018	
Chapel Service	1
Traditional	57
September 23, 2018	
Traditional	50
Disciples Women Retreat-Athens	15



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Lynn Dover; Braylen & Grayson Bryan; Richard Kearns; Jordyn Ethetton; Kyle, Gabriella & Sebastian Reynoso; Sally & Savannah Bradley; Darb Dewar & Terri 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.



Please note that we will no longer have an Early Worship service. We invite you to join us at 11:00 am for worship in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday,

September 26 6:00 pm

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 Burt Bond who passed away
Roy Cronenberg
Will Davies
Rhonda Janusch
Wynn Jones, Angela Tolliver's cousin's husband
The Kaker Family
Jason Lenz-Assistant Principal at Kerr Middle School
Carol Morris
Flora Roe
Cindy Speirs
Pat Worrell
Bonnie DePratter's long time friend
Angela Tolliver's father-in-law
Zane, Valerie Stuart's friend
Virginia Popiel's friend
Iris Wilson's cousin

We Rejoice With:

Disciples Women retreat!
Sebastian Reynoso just celebrated
his fourth birthday & was a joy
during the Children's Moment!
Steve Rubis' birthday on 9/24!

Continued Prayers for:

Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies,
Alyssa Fleming, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston,
Teagan Kaker, 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

Dear Church Family,

You really are the lifeboat that has kept me afloat through this tough time! Your prayers, calls, cards, food and expressions of love are so appreciated!

My family keeps saying what a great church we have, and I couldn't agree more. Thank you for taking such good care of us! I thank God for each of you!



Barbara Bond and family





BIRTHDAYS

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



The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.



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 will be in the foyer on Sunday, September 30.



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Ann Miller
Greeters: Bill & Beverly Sholders
Communion Preparation: Diana McGee
Attendance Registers:
 John & Dottie Mehaffey
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 07 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 14 Dorothy Nash
 21 Ann Miller
 28 Karen Willette
Scripture Reading:
 07 Angela Kaker
 14 Tommy Kaker
 21 Diana McGee
 28 OK Neal
Deacon Team: Don & Kathy Welch;
 Diana McGee; Mike Toole
Serving at the Table: Lolly Ellis; Steve McGee

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 or bring the picture to her and she will scan the picture and return it to you.



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



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7, 2018

A World-Wide Communion Sunday that promotes
Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

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!

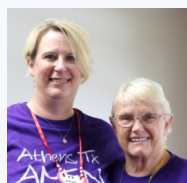
WEEK OF COMPASSION

Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts Update

Week of Compassion stayed in regular contact
with the Regional staff and ecumenical partners in
the area. As of September 19, there were reports
of confirmed damage at First Christian Church,
Wilmington NC and Armenia Christian Church
and Southwest Christian Church in Kinston, NC.
Camp Caroline in NC also sustained damage, in-
cluding leaks and minor flooding in multiple
buildings. Disciples
across the state re-
sponded to the needs of
their communities. In
addition to checking on
the safety of their mem-
bers & neighbors, many
congregations were ac-
tive in the relief efforts.



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



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT



19 ladies attended this year's RETREAT.

Top row - Joan, Alesha, Kaye, Terri, Dee, Beth, Wynell, Karen, Carolyn, Vicki, Margie.

Bottom row - Mary, Ann, Bernice, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Onita, Jane, Michelle.

Thanks to Richard Bryan for driving on Saturday.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY WORLD COMMUN- ION SUNDAY RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published Columbus Day Learning Center Closed	9	10 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	11 8:30 AM - Disciples Men (The Porch) 11:30 AM - Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Terri Tipton's Home)	12	13 10:00 AM - Set up FLC for Potluck Luncheon
14 12:00 PM - Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck Luncheon (FLC) STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS	15	16	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18	19	20
21	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24 6:00 PM - Stewardship Meeting (MR)	25	26	27 6:00 PM - Boo Bash (Burleson Old Town) 
28 12:00 PM - Sandwich Luncheon & DWF Dessert Auction (FLC)	29	30	31 	Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		