

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, April 24, 2023



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: 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Nothing to Lose and Everything to Gain

"Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." – James 4:14

The brevity of life is a concept of which most are well aware. As we age, we witness the passing of friends and acquaintances, the demolishing of buildings that were once new and innovative, and the changing landscape of business and culture. We have photo albums of events that seemed like yesterday. We also have little things and not so little things happen to our physical bodies. Sometimes we fear, break into a sweat and connect instinctively and intensely with our mortality.

With all of the distractions of modern life including television, cell phones, the internet, music and a seemingly infinite pool of media choices, it is easy to be insulated from the reality of the passing of our own lives. At any given moment, the line separating those living in this time and place and those who have passed into the City of God is dissolving.

Instead of letting fear or depression take over, the Bible paints a stark reminder of the temporary nature of our lives and then sets about getting us to work. The Bible teaches that life is fleeting and fragile like a flower and that each man and woman is going to die. But wait, there's good news.

A man who knows his days are numbered and whose life is in God's hands is a confident being. The timeless woman who is wise enough to number her days knows that the heartache and sorrow are coming to an end with this brief life. The timeless person who knows that the days of hearing will come to an end is busy doing, knowing that actions leave an impact that time can't erase. Those of us who got the memo about the passing nature of this life and the ever-increasing reality of the next one know what to hold onto when the earth shakes and the future beckons.

Be encouraged, as those who count their lives as lost for Christ, you now have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Life is short; eternity is long. Do something important because the things you will be judged on later are the things you can still do today.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/09/23
General Fund	2,684.00
Building Fund	500.00
Easter Offering	10.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-3,184.00 = Short (\$886.00)	
OFFERING	04/16/23
General Fund	4,640.00
Building Fund	420.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-6,060.00 = Over \$1,990.00	
OFFERING	04/23/23
General Fund	1,305.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-1,305.00 = Short (\$2,765.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 16, 2023	46
April 23, 2023	38



Visitors and Guests

Kay Daly; Harvey Ellis; Monna Resinger; Scott Vastine; Keith Vogan; Marti English; Virginia Popiel; Carol Webb; David & Susan McDonald; and our other regular visitors.

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

We are Live streaming from Facebook now, so you can enjoy the service every Sunday. "Like" the First Christian Church Burleson page in order to view the service at 11:00 am or later as we will save the video to that page.



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2023

Current Needs include:

Fresh fruit & vegetables, breakfast bars, cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans, crackers, mac & cheese, pasta, ramen noodles, canned soups, drinks (hot & cold).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for supporting the grieving children and families at The WARM Place! First Christian Church of Burleson's donation of \$760 on April 2, 2023 will help underwrite our growing grief support program. As The WARM Place finishes expanding its building this year, we are grateful for your donation which ensures that all our services will continue to be available at no cost for children and families in our community who are grieving the death of a loved one.

So frequently, children experiencing grief feel isolated and alone, and that no one understands what they are going through. But at The WARM Place, they find a safe place to share their emotions and find acceptance in peer support groups. Your gift allows these children to experience understanding and hope as they learn how to grieve in a healthy way. As one thankful WARM Place parent recently told us:

"Thank you for the impact you all have made on our family, we are so grateful The WARM Place has taught us that we are not alone. Often, we've felt so alone in our grief, but The WARM Place was a reminder that we have a strong, supportive community to help us navigate life after such a hard loss."

Here at The WARM Place, our core belief is that no child should ever have to grieve alone. Your generosity enables us to put that belief into practice, and you are reassuring WARM Place children that indeed they are not alone. You are making a lifelong impact on the lives of these children, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

Sincerely,
Shelley Bettis



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 Lisa Ann Fields who passed away -

Lisa is Vernon & Dee Fields' daughter

Terri Lester

Michael Lyons - Joan Kearns' brother

John Palmer - Lynn Dover's friend

Matt Parker & his mother, Vicki Parker - Matt is the Gregory's nephew

Don Tolliver - Angela Tolliver's father-in-law

Karen Willette

We Rejoice With:

Wayne English celebrated his
93rd birthday April 14!

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Marsha Coates (Dorothy Nash's niece),
Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Barbara Hill, Deborah Hill,
Becky Hoover, Richard Land, Eric McGee, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Beverly Sholders, Darrell Tolliver,
Alesha Walker (Dorothy Nash's niece), Barbara Warren & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders



BIRTHDAYS

5/7	Taunja Carlisle
5/8	Kathy Welch
5/11	Haley Vastine
5/13	Caisey Yowell
5/19	Carol Findley
5/19	Ky Gregory
5/24	Flora Roe
5/24	Robert Popiel
5/25	Jerry Hay
5/27	Steve McGee
5/29	Mary Bryan



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mary Bryan

Greeters: Ronnie Johnson; Donna Huggins

Scripture Reading:

07 Marilyn Murray

14 Steve Rubis

21 Mike Toole

28 Don Welch

Deacon Team: Lynn Dover; Brent Davis;
John & Dottie Mehaffey

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	11 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch) 11:00 AM - DWF Meeting (Dee Fields' Home)	12	13
14 	15	16 10:00 AM - Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	17 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	18	19	20
21 12:00 PM - Mexican Potluck (FLC) GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23 6:30 PM - FCCLC End of Year Program & Pre-K Graduation (S)	24 Last day of FCCLC 2022-2023 School Year	25	26	27
28 PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING	29  Church Office Closed	30	31	Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR) 5:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)		