

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, April 26, 2021



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
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

The Request

"Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord let me see again.'"

- Luke 18:40-41

The story is told about a man who took his kids out to eat. The man's six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As they bowed their heads the boy prayed, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!" Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, he heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, the man's son burst into tears and asked his father, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As he held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an old man who had observed the whole thing approached the table. He winked at the boy and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" the boy asked. "Cross my heart." Then in a theatrical whisper he added, "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. Sometimes a little ice cream is good for the soul."

This is what the man in today's Scripture understood. He asked for what he desired. Picture the scene: a blind man performed his monotonous ritual of begging day after day. Without a miracle, nothing would change. Blindness and begging are his destiny - until the day Jesus passes by. With a buzz in the air, people rush past him in excitement. Although he can't see with his eyes, he feels the energy in the air and hears it with his ears. Jesus was near, and in desperation the beggar begins to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Rebuked by the crowd, he yells louder. The crowd ignored him, but Jesus took notice and answered.

Commentator William Barclay wrote, "A gentle, sentimental longing never really taps the power of God; but the passionate, intense desire of the very depths of the human heart will never be disappointed." Our faith is often so proper and too often we allow what others think determine our actions - even in our relationship with Jesus himself.

Today, may we be more like the blind beggar who cried out in desperation - and was answered.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/11/20
General Fund	2,217.00
Building Fund	450.00
Easter Special Offering	70.00
Harvest House	95.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-2,737.00 = Short (\$1,326.00)	

OFFERING	04/18/20
General Fund	697.00
Building Fund	150.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-1,847.00 = Short (\$2,216.00)	

OFFERING	04/25/20
General Fund	1,301.00
Building Fund	150.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-1,451.00 = Short (\$2,612.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 18, 2021	53
April 25, 2021	42



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Peggy Verdery;
Kim Lacy; Vivianne Maske;
Dan & Lois Hockman; Braylen & Graysen Bryan;
and our other regular visitors.

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

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

MAY 2, 2021

Current Needs include:
macaroni & cheese, cereal, peanut butter,
jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, and
personal hygiene items.



Please Note: this schedule may change due to the changing restrictions regarding the COVID-19 Virus.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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AND OFFERINGS

You can bring your offerings to the church for Sunday worship and place in the offering tray in the sanctuary. If you prefer, you can designate offerings and mail to the church (PO Box 57, 76097), or mail to church treasurer Peggy Johnson, or use your online banking service.

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 Findley
Doug McElroy-Melissa McElroy's husband
Steve & Diana McGee
Nancy Murphy-Barbara Bond's sister
Donny Ryno-friend of Scott & Terri Lester
Carrie Taylor & her dad-Carrie is a friend of Linda Robinson
Brenda Terry-Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' cousin
Terri Tipton

We Rejoice With:

Pat & Carol Findley are home!
FCCLC Pre-K Graduation!

The health and safety of all nurses, doctors, all health care providers as well as first responders as we go through the Covid-19 crisis. Including our members and friends Bethany Bonds; Dave & Adrienne Nash, Dorothy Nash's son and daughter-in-law; Colin Cronenberg, the Cronenberg's son, Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law, and Jeff Yowell, Brenda Yowell's son

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover,
Doug McElroy, Eileen Pippin, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

We are so excited to be back in worship services in our sanctuary at 11:00 am, and would love to have you with us next Sunday.

Because everyone's safety is a top priority for us, we will have a shortened service of 30-35 minutes. We are asking everyone to wear masks, and recommend social distancing except for family groups.

Please stay home if you are ill or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19.

We have a table in the sanctuary that has a place to put your offering and pick up pre-packaged Communion that you will take to your seat. You can also pick up an Order of Worship and an activity kit for children, which are both on the table.



Dear First Christian Church,

Children come to The WARM Place brokenhearted after the death of a loved one. But because of you, these children and their families receive the encouragement they need during their hardest days. They learn coping skills to help them on their grief journey and build new friendships with people who truly understand what they are going through. Thank you so much for contributing to this critical mission of The WARM Place through your donation of \$790 on April 4, 2021 from the congregation of First Christian Church of Burleson in lieu of purchasing Easter lilies.

In this time of so much uncertainty about the future, your gift provides constant reassurance to children and families. You are giving them hope for their future and helping to provide the community they so desperately need. You can also feel a sense of pride and satisfaction in knowing your support ensures that our program remains free of charge for these families, and ultimately helps grieving children heal.

Again, please accept our sincere gratitude for your generosity. Because of you, no WARM Place child will ever grieve alone.

WARMly,

Shelley Bettis
Executive Director

Katie Lane, CFRE
Director of Development



BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Kathy Welch
5/11	Haley Vastine
5/13	Casey Yowell
5/19	Carol Findley
5/19	Brett King
5/19	Ky Gregory
5/24	Flora Roe
5/25	Jerry Hay
5/27	Steve McGee
5/29	Mary Bryan



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Karen Willette

Greeters: Lynn Dover, Tommy & Angela Kaker



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May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: No Wednesday Activities		Please Note: This calendar may change due to the changing restrictions regarding the COVID-19 Virus.		SPRING IS IN THE AIR!		1
2 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12	13	14	15
16 Pentecost Special Offering	17	18	19 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22
23 PENTECOST SUNDAY Pentecost Special Offering	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					