

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 10, 2020



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

Hurting on the Inside

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

I'm sure many of us have had the unpleasant experience of cutting open an onion only to find that it was rotten on the inside. From the outside, it looked like a normal, fresh onion, but when it was cut open - well, let's say it was not what we expected. There was no salvaging that onion.

A rotten onion can serve as a simple reminder about life. It's hard to tell from looking at someone what's going on internally. It can be extremely difficult to see from appearances whether or not someone is hurting. Most people do a fairly good job of looking as though everything is going okay in their lives. Asking someone, "How are you?" is largely a form of greeting in today's culture, just as the reply, "I'm fine" is also. I'm convinced that most people don't really want to know how someone is (especially if the answer is anything other than "fine" or "good") and probably just as few people really want to share on a deep level with those they only know casually.

The reality, however, is that many people are hurting. As Christ-followers, it's our responsibility to look beyond appearances, come alongside the people in our lives, and carry each other's burdens. It's our duty to provide care, support, and encouragement for those around us. Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

How do we see what's going on in someone else's life? Primarily, we need to strengthen and deepen relationships with others in our lives, in order to look beyond appearances. This, without question, takes an investment of time, attention, and energy. Frankly, it's easier to keep relationships shallow. But, that's not what God calls us to do. We are designed to be salt and light to those around us. Salt needs to penetrate whatever it seasons and preserves to do its work. Light interacts with darkness in order to dispel it. Bearing one another's burdens means investing in people to be able to determine what burdens them so that we can begin to make those burdens lighter.

I am certain that each day there is someone in our world who is hurting. When we see the pain in another, our Christian response is to find a way to encourage, support, and bring healing to their life. How could one who claims to follow Jesus do less?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/02/20
General Fund	3,392.00
Building Fund	675.00
Gas Royalties	135.42
Harvest House	100.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 4,202.42 = Over \$230.42	

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General Fund	4,610.00
Building Fund	965.00
Harvest House	235.00
Genna Edmonds Memorial	200.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 5,775.00 = Over \$1,803.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 2, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
25 Participated in Drive Up Communion

August 9, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
27 Participated in Drive Up Communion



Visitors and Guests

No Services due to Corona Virus.

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the extremely hot temperatures that we are having, we are changing the hours of Drive Up Communion to make it easier on our volunteers giving Communion. Beginning this Sunday, August 16, Drive Up Communion will be every Sunday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am in the Gregory Street Parking Lot.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 817-295-4123.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

9:00 am-11:00 am Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

9:00 am-11:00 am Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank everyone who has taken care of our family for the last few weeks. Never, ever in our wildest nightmares would we imagine what we've been through.

The Wednesday evening after Ky and Tina got here, we all ate together at Mom's where they are staying. Collin was tired but he had worked until 5:30 am that morning and he thought that was what was wrong - just tired. The next day Collin felt so bad he was tested for COVID-19 and by Saturday it came back positive. As soon as we knew Collin was getting tested we all quarantined. Sure enough, Beth and Kaye felt terrible on Saturday and then we started falling like dominoes. There were 7 of us at the table and we all got COVID-19 from Collin. He's not sure how he got it.

Many of you have followed Collin's story. His recovery is a true miracle. His lungs are in very bad shape and it will take at least a month for them to get better. He went back into afib also. His cardiologist has been part of his care team and they will deal with that later.

Many thanks to all for the love and concern as well as food, cards and phone calls. You have taken good care of all of us and we can never say thank you enough.

Much love to our church family!

The Gregory Clan in Burleson,
Jack, Kaye, Jack Sr, Beth, Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac,
Felicity, Ky, Tina, Ky Jr, Keira, Kolt and Kali



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:

David Barker-Kaye Gregory's half-brother

Jane Butler-Jack Ellis' sister

Collin Gregory & Family

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ky & Tina Gregory & Family

Beth Gregory & Jack Gregory, Sr.

The family of David James who passed away-David is the husband of Steven Janusch's cousin, Kathy

Audrey McCambridge-Dorothy Nash's niece

Jeannette McDermott-Pat Sartori's mom

Eric McGee-Steve McGee's nephew

The family of Karen Milburn who passed away-Karen is Linda Cronenberg's sister

Darwin Odom-a friend of Andrew McGee's

Pat Sartori

We Rejoice With:

Collin Gregory

For the ability to worship together online
during the Covid-19 crisis.

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 and Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law.

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover, Judy Janzen, Brad King, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack, Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

We continue to experience a significant spike in confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and particularly here in Texas. Governor Abbott has required the use of face masks for anyone out in public in all counties with more than 20 confirmed cases. He is encouraging citizens to remain at home when possible and practice social distancing. Additional precautions should be taken by those most vulnerable – the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. We all must be very cautious and not become complacent believing that the risk to our health is diminishing. Therefore, **ALTHOUGH CHURCHES MAY NOW HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICES WITH RESTRICTIONS AND STRICT PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE WILL NOT RESUME ON-SITE SERVICES OTHER THAN DRIVE-UP COMMUNION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:00 A.M. THROUGH 11:00 am UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Our secretary, Terri Lester is working in the church office, and can be reached at the church at 817-295-4123 or on her cell at 817-296-2388 or by email at terri@fccburleson.org. As always, Pastor Mike can be reached at 214-364-6453.

Kyle Reynoso, Collin Gregory, Isaac Gregory and Pastor Mike are posting Sunday videos that are available on the FCCB Facebook page. Please click the link below and make sure you're added to the church Facebook group. If you have any questions or need assistance in viewing the post, contact Kyle Reynoso at 636-290-6765.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175431884924/>

If you don't have a Facebook account or access to Facebook, you can see the video by searching You Tube. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or unmet needs, please contact your Elder or Pastor Mike on his cell at 214-364-6453. If you don't know who your Elder is, contact Kaye Gregory at Email: jackgregoryjr@aol.com. You are all in our prayers during these difficult days.

Further schedule changes will be announced by emails, phone calls, newsletters, and Facebook postings.

Thank you for your continued support. We still have bills during this time. Your offerings can be mailed to: First Christian Church, P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to our treasurer Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028 or through your bank's online payment system.

NEW PROCEDURE

Since the daycare has started and we now have children in the building, we have requirements that need to be followed according to CDC and Licensing guidelines for anyone entering the building.

As of today, anyone coming into the building needs to come to the "Church Office" doors BEFORE you go anywhere else, including the Family Life Center. Everyone must wear a mask, your temperature will be taken and logged in with your name.



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$335.00 in Cash Donations



Dear First Christian Church Burleson,

Harvest House would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$568.00 on June 5, 2020. Your contribution has helped provide HOPE where hope was lost.

Many families impacted by the COVID-19 shut-downs have been self-employed and/or contract workers that did not qualify for SBA PPP loans, unemployment or other government programs. Donations like yours allow us to help these families by providing housing assistance and/or help with utilities in addition to the food they need to sustain life. Families we have assisted are very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you for helping us assist over 60 families with financial assistance.

With a thankful heart,
Harvest House



Drive Up Communion

**Every Sunday
9:00 am-11:00am
NOTE NEW TIME**

*Come to the
Gregory Street
Parking Lot*

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