

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 14, 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

The Real and Lasting Source of Change

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." -- John 15:4-5

The story has been told of a Minnesota man who retired. Seeking change, he moved to Florida where he would escape the cold winters, able to relax and live out his years in a warm and sunny climate. He spent his days going to the beach and lying in the sun. Six months after he moved to Florida, the man died. At his funeral, back in Minnesota, several of his friends stood in front of the open casket. They stood there for a moment, and then one of them remarked, "Wow! Florida sure did him good!"

The man had tanned considerably while in Florida, but the point is, he was still deceased. The abundant sunshine in Florida was the source of the man's change, but what good is that change now?

We too hope for change. Maybe it's the hope of moving to Florida someday. Perhaps cosmetic surgery is the answer. Or, maybe it's a bigger home, a better job, more free time to travel or whatever else it is that you think you need. You may pursue this type of change, but once you get it, if you don't have the real and lasting source of change, you'll end up empty and searching for the next best thing in your pursuit of fulfillment.

In the 15th chapter of John's gospel, we read about the real source of meaningful and lasting change, Jesus. He tells us that He is the vine, and we are the branches. Only in our connection to Him will we find fulfilling change. Only in our connection to Him will we bear lasting fruit.

We're all connected to *some* vine. To what vine are you connected? Is it Jesus? Or is it the vine of the world? No matter what, you're going to produce the fruit of the vine to which you are connected. So the question is, what kind of fruit are you producing? If you are connected to the vine of the world, you are going to produce bitter fruit that comes from your selfish old nature. If you are connected to the vine of Jesus, you are going to produce fruit that comes from being connected to Jesus and the Spirit of God.

The most contented people I know are not the ones with the golden tans or the coolest cars or the biggest houses. Instead, they are the people whose lives are marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control - the fruits of the Spirit. What's the secret to their contentment and fulfillment in life? They are people who are connected to Jesus, the only source of lasting change.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/30/23
General Fund	4,560.00
Building Fund	755.00
Gas Royalties	138.22
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-5,453.22 = Over \$1,383.22	
OFFERING	08/06/23
General Fund	6,150.00
Building Fund	945.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-7,095.00 = Over \$3,025.00	
OFFERING	08/13/23
General Fund	3,360.00
Building Fund	670.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-4,030.00 = Short (\$40.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 30, 2023	49
August 6, 2023	49
August 13, 2023	40

Visitors and Guests



Marlene Baysinger; Andrew & Thomas Bryan; Kay Daly; Harvey Ellis; Lexi Hales; Joan Johnson; Bobby Lewis; Jerry McDearmon; Dave, Adrienne, Bodie, Luke & Quinn Nash; Angela Sanders; Gwen Staiger; and our other regular visitors.

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



On Wednesday, August 30, 2023

5:00 pm - in the Sanctuary



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

30 Pounds of Food

\$290.00 in Cash Donations

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.

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FCC SINGLES LADIES HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO

Tuesday, August 22
10:00 am

Dorothy Nash's home
216 Lester, Burleson
Bring a Sack Lunch.

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 Barbara Blanton who passed away-
Barbara is Donna Gilley's sister
Wayne English
Linda Hudson-Brent Davis' girlfriend's mom
Vincent Laurange-Pat Sartori's grandson
Eric McGee - Steve & Diana McGee's nephew's son
Karon Yarborough Neathery-Donna Gilley's sister
Karen Parker-Kaye Gregory's sister
Flora Roe
Georgia Sanders
Justin Spradlin-Kaye Gregory's nephew
Valerie Stuart
Karen Willette
Robert-Keth Vogan's stepson
Lynelle & her family-Brent's co-worker
Sarah-Jean Crawford's daughter

We Rejoice With:

Dan Hockman was in worship!
Pat Sartori was in worship!

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee,
Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS POTLUCK

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Immediately following the service
Family Life Center

Wear your school colors to church that day!

If If you haven't signed up to bring something yet,
call Dee Fields 817-783-8844.

Donations are appreciated.

