

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 24, 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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

Telephone: 817-295-4123
Fax: 817-295-0750

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
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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Terri Lester, Secretary

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Amber Miller, Learning Center Director

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Future and a Hope

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

When we see an asterisk (*) in print, we know that additional information has been omitted from the text, or at times, that the information given needs to be qualified in some way. When we see an asterisk attached to a word or phrase, we search to find the additional information so we can learn the "rest of the story".

When it comes to communicating truths about the Christian life, the need for asterisks are everywhere. For example, in Jeremiah 29:11, we find words that offer encouragement and hope to those who are experiencing crisis, trial and difficulty in life. It's a wonderful verse, with a message that is true.

Yet, an asterisk is required if we just leave the message isolated to verse 11. Looking at the entire chapter of Jeremiah 29, the context of verse 11 jumps out. It's part of a letter that Jeremiah wrote to captives of Judah who had been uprooted from their homes and exiled to Babylon. Jeremiah tells them to put down roots in Babylon, to pray and work for peace and prosperity. Next, comes the clincher that can be paraphrased along the lines of "Oh, and by the way, you're going to be captives here for 70 years and God says that after that He'll bring you back home again." Then comes verse 11: "For I know the plans I have for you. . ."

For the vast majority of people who would have read or heard the message of the letter, the bottom line was they would live and die as captives in a foreign land. We can imagine that many wondered how this could possibly be considered a good plan.

Still, that's what God said. It was just a longer-term view: God's good plans for a future and hope were more for the generation that would follow after the exiles and less for the individuals who read the letter.

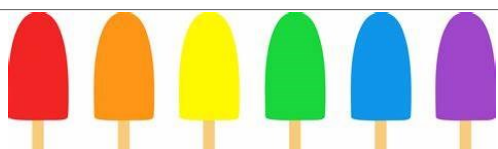
Many of us live out our lives in this same context. We face crises, difficulties, and trials that we don't understand. We wonder what we've done to deserve them. Sometimes, we can't resolve them. We question God, asking Him why He allows us to live through a season or a lifetime of challenge. And, we read, "For I know the plans I have for you. . ."

Although we may never see our life situations change drastically, how we respond to our challenges by remaining faithful to God and trusting Him matters. If we believe the message of Jeremiah 29:11, we will persevere despite the challenges, and we will influence those who will follow after us, for it will be they who will ultimately reap the benefit of receiving the future and hope that God promises.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/16/20
General Fund	3,365.00
Building Fund	425.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 4,790.00 = Over \$818.00	

OFFERING	08/23/20
General Fund	595.00
Building Fund	25.00
Harvest House	5.00
New Lawn Mower	500.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 620.00 = Short (\$3,352.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 16, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
35 Participated in Drive Up Communion

August 23, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
29 Participated in Drive Up Communion



Visitors and Guests

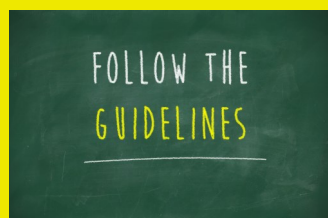
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We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

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.



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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY September 6, 2020

Current Needs include: Cookies, Canned Fruit, White Rice and Cereal.

Since we aren't currently meeting at church, you can mail a check made out to Harvest House to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028. If you would rather drop off food at their location, they would appreciate that as well.

Their hours for drop off are:
Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm and
Friday-10:00am-2:00 pm.



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 Clint Bourland who passed away
Cyndy Garrett
Audrey McCambridge-Dorothy Nash's niece
Safe travels for the Reynoso family as they prepare and move
back home
Bill Sholders
Gina-Carol Gunn's daughter in Oklahoma

We Rejoice With:

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.

Collin Gregory, Isaac Gregory, Shawn Murphy 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 the church office 817-295-4123.

<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.



BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Linda Cronenberg
9/2	Brent Davis
9/4	Lyda Speirs
9/5	Jack Gregory, Sr.
9/5	Brandon Ptak
9/6	Clay Robinson
9/7	Larry Mason
9/16	Pat Sartori
9/16	Sebastian Reynoso
9/17	Tony White
9/18	Darb Dewar
9/19	Angela Tolliver
9/20	Donald Gilley
9/23	Wade Bryan
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/24	Steve Hindman
9/24	Scott Vastine
9/29	Magunn Carroll



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Ann Miller

Greeters: Darb Dewar; JoAnn Mason

Communion Preparation: Kyle Reynoso

Attendance Registers: Larry & Pam Mason

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

06 Karen Willette

13 Richard Bryan

20 Jack Gregory, Jr.

27 Dorothy Nash

Scripture Reading:

06 Vernon Fields

13 Carol Findley

20 Jack Gregory, Jr.

27 Mike Toole

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;

Lynn Dover; Kyle Reynoso

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;

Wayne English

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NOTE NEW TIME

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Gregory Street
Parking Lot*

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September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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)		1	2	3	4	5
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6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 9:00 AM-11:00 am - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	7  Church Office and Learning Center Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 AM-11:00 am - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot) Grandparents Day!	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM-11:00 am - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	21		23	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM-11:00 am - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot) RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	Happy Fall y'all 		