

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, August 28, 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

Proceeding With Determination

"For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised."
-- Hebrews 10:36

On a cliff overlooking the sea in Cornwall, England, sits a theater built into the rocks. Seeing this theater, you might assume that many workers and machines built this picturesque place. However, you would be wrong. It was the work of one woman by the name of Rowena Cade, who spent the better part of her life planning, building and funding her vision. She spent over 50 years building the venue to give theater lovers an unparalleled experience. To this day, visitors from all over the world sit in the hand-carved seats and enjoy various productions.

People must have thought Ms. Cade was crazy to spend her days carving seats out of stone to create this theater. It reminds me a bit of Noah. God gave Noah the task of building an ark that would hold at least two of every animal and could withstand the 40 days and nights of the biggest storm in history.

Can you imagine what Noah's neighbors thought? What would you do if you came out of your home to see a man building a giant ship in his front yard? If you are like me, you would lock your doors and warn the police about your crazy neighbor.

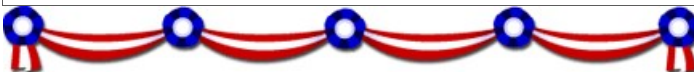
Unwavering vision and perseverance characterize people like Rowena Cade and Noah. They exhibited vision that did not waver. No one could dissuade them from their vision. They knew what they intended, and they proceeded with determination and with steadfastness to complete their task.

So what does the Lord have for you? What vision has He given you? God has given each of us a unique purpose. When you pray, ask the Lord to show you what He has for your life. And when He tells you what that vision is - motherhood, speaking, evangelism, teaching, serving - hold on to it. Cling and press on with unwavering determination. For if you do, in the end, His will and purpose will be accomplished, and He will have been able to use you for greatness in His kingdom.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	08/20/23
General Fund	2,752.00
Building Fund	125.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-3,877.00 = Short (\$193.00)	

OFFERING	08/27/23
General Fund	2,230.00
Building Fund	450.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,680.00 = Short (\$1,390.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 20, 2023	54
August 27, 2023	57



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Kay Daly; Lexi Hales;
Joan Johnson; Jerry McDearmon;
David & Susan McDonald;
Shannon Mehaffey; Ken & Diana Morrow;
Charlie O'Coynce; Roger & Sara Ray;
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.*

Dear Friends,

"The power of prayer moves God's hands" has always been my motto - and it really works! The prayers sent to/for me, along with the cards, calls, visits, flowers - all have been so very appreciated. Again, the words "thank you" seem inadequate to express my gratitude for the love and caring given to me the past few months. I am truly blessed with your kindnesses and look forward to being able to return to church soon.

Karen Willette



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

LABOR DAY-Church Office & Learning Center Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



On Wednesday, August 30, 2023

**5:00 pm - in the Sanctuary
Come join us!**



**Church Cabinet Meeting
September 13, 2023 at 6:00
pm in the Meeting Room.**

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 Barb Findley who passed away-
Barb & Lenny are Pastor Mike's friends
Collin Gregory
Marilyn Murray
Flora Roe
Pat Sartori
Bob & Joanne Tibbetts & family-Joanne is Ed Pappert's sister
Shelby Weldon-Bethany Bonds' friend
Tricia White
Karen Willette
Pray for rain!
Pray for those in Maui, Hawaii and others affected by extreme weather.

We Rejoice With:

Donna Huggins Birthday!
Pat Powell
Sarah-Jean Crawford's daughter

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, Shelby Weldon, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2023
11:30 a.m.

Kaye Gregory's Home
525 Berkshire Court, Burleson
817-228-7529

Hostesses:

Angela Tolliver, Lynn Dover &
Kaye Gregory

Study & Worship: Mary Bryan

*Carpool from FLC parking lot
at 11:15 a.m.*

Need a ride?

*Call Mary Bryan
817-517-9748*

*Harvest House Service Project:
Mac and Cheese*

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.

facebook **LIVE**



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
September 3, 2023

Current needs include cereal, ramen noodles, and canned meats. If you prefer, you can give a monetary donation by placing it in the basket marked Harvest House on the white table in the back of the Sanctuary.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HARVEST HOUSE.



BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Brent Davis
9/4	Lyda Speirs
9/5	Brandon Ptak
9/6	Clay Robinson
9/16	Pat Sartori
9/17	Tony White
9/18	Darb Dewar
9/19	Angela Tolliver
9/20	Donald Gilley
9/24	Steve Rubis
9/29	Magunn Carroll



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Karen Willette

Greeters: Donna Gilley, Mike Toole

Scripture Reading:

03 Tommy Kaker

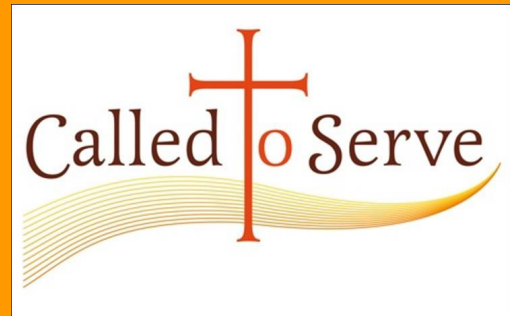
10 Steve Rubis

17 Don Welch

24 Kathy Welch

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

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan;
Mike Toole



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, September 14
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson



SPECIAL OFFERING

One More Sunday to Give - September 3

SHELBY NEEDS A KIDNEY

THIS IS SHELBY.

If you don't know Shelby, she loves long walks on the beach, racking up her flight miles to travel, and saving lives as an ICU nurse in Dallas.

Shelby was recently diagnosed with IgA Nephropathy, a kidney disease.

Shelby needs a kidney transplant as soon as possible.

Her best friend and roommate is Bethany, a young lady who grew up in our church and is very dear to our hearts. Her parents, Tommy and Kim, and grandmother, Barbara, are very active members.

On August 27 and September 3, we will have a special offering to help with Shelby's care. Nearly everything she has to pay for is out of pocket and the bills are mounting up.

Make checks out to Shelby Weldon or Bethany Bonds. Envelopes are available in the pews if you'd rather give cash. A container will be available in the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail checks to the church.



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THE KIDNEY BEAN CLUB

Realizing pretty quickly they wanted to help other people in Shelby's situation, in May of 2023, The Kidney Bean Club was officially established. It is a nonprofit organization raising money for those battling kidney disease. While Shelby and Bethany still work full-time as ICU nurses, they use the majority of their time off hand-crafting and creating all of the items that are featured in their shop and on their Instagram. As their organization grows, they hope they can provide financial assistance and bring awareness to other people who are living with kidney disease.

Please check out their webpage for ways to donate or purchase items.
www.thekidneybeanclub.com



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School (FLC) 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR) 5:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)					1	2
3 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	4  Church Office & Learning Center Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	12	13 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	14 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch) 11:30 AM - DWF Meeting (Kaye Gregory's Home)	15	16
17 12:00 PM - Sandwich Luncheon (FLC)	18	19 10:00 AM - FCC Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	20 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	21	22	23 
24 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING	25 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	26	27	28	29	30