

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, December 13, 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: 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Growing Your Heart, Growing Love

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
- John 13:34

Dr. Seuss' famous Grinch who lived just above Whoville had a problem. It is reported that his heart was two sizes too small. This is why the Grinch hated Christmas and everything else about the merry Whos. By the end of the story, however, something happens. After working to ruin Christmas, the Grinch saw the Whos celebrating and loving each other even though they had nothing. "And what happened then...? Well...in Whoville they say that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!"

The Grinch's heart grew because he saw how the people loved each other no matter the circumstances. Once he saw their unconditional love, he wanted to be a part of it and he wanted to have it. It is no wonder his heart grew! He had never before experienced that kind of unselfish love that was not based on getting or gaining more.

Jesus gave His disciples a new command in the book of John. The old commands say to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. What is the key difference in this additional command? We are to love as Christ loved. It is a love that was demonstrated to us on the cross, when He died for us, even while we were still sinners.

This love is a revolutionary love. It is a sacrificial love that is willing to put others' needs ahead of personal needs. It is a forgiving love that is willing to forgive without limitations. It is a love that helps even when it does not fit into the schedule. It is a love that does not complain, even when it has been wronged. It is a love that is hard to live by, but it is a love that we are called to strive for. That is why God sent His son and left the Holy Spirit with us so that we could have supernatural strength to love as He loved.

It is when we love like this that others will be able to catch a glimpse of Jesus. It is when we love like this that not only our own hearts will continue to grow, but other people whose hearts are perhaps two sizes too small, will respond to God as they see love played out like they have never seen before.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/28/21
General Fund	1,415.00
Building Fund	150.00
Thanksgiving Offering	15.00
Gas Royalty	264.44
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-1,844.44 = Short (\$2,218.56)	

OFFERING	12/05/21
General Fund	6,601.41
Building Fund	1,775.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-8,376.41 = Over \$4,313.41	

OFFERING	12/12/21
General Fund	2,860.00
Building Fund	530.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-3,390.00 = Short (\$673.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 28, 2021	46
December 5, 2021	51
December 12, 2021	62



Visitors and Guests

Mike Grzarowicz; Kay Daly; Duncan Welch; Kevin & Melanie White; Peggy Verdery; Kim Lacy; Gwen Staiger; Troy & Leslie Daniels; and our other regular visitors.

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



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, December 15. We will NOT meet the rest of the month. We will resume our normal schedule on Wednesday, January 5th.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Bible Study (MR)

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

NO Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (S)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

All 2022 Board Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

We will be electing officers for 2022.

THANK YOU!!

A Huge THANK YOU goes to all of those who contributed to the Disciples Women Outreach Fundraiser. We raised \$1,355.00. Thank you for your generosity!



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 Crow
Carrie Anne Donohue-Joan Kearns' daughter
Barbara Hill
Tommy Kaker
Joan Kearns
Amy Knorr-Darb Dewar's daughter
The family of Monty Koller who passed away-Steve McGee's brother-in-law
Roger Martin-Iris Wilson's daughter's father-in-law
Jeanette McDermott-Pat Sartori's mom
The family of Justin McFarland who passed away-Justin is the nephew of Angela Kaker's boss
Eileen Pippin-Angela Tolliver's mom
Nina Rowe-Pat Powell's son's mother-in-law
Jacqueline Wallace-Peggy Johnson & Donna Huggins' aunt
Lori-Iris Wilson's daughter
Tornado Victims

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; Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law, and Jeff Yowell, Brenda Yowell's son

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Jerry Hay, Sandra Hay, Becky Hoover, Eleene Pippin, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Jacqueline Wallace, Barbara Warren & Needra Womack

Our country's leaders and world leaders

We Rejoice With:

Jacob Fritz-the Ellis' grandson
Deborah Hill & her mother Barbara Hill transferred their membership to our church family on November 28!
Joan Kearns
Disciples Women Christmas Party!

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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Streaming

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Special Offering

Thursday, Dec. 23rd
Church Office Closed

Friday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
♦ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)

Saturday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day

December 19, 2021



2021 Christmas Offering 
*A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
supporting the ministries of our Region*

Your gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- ◆ Connect congregations to each other
- ◆ Foster faith development
- ◆ Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- ◆ Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- ◆ Assist churches in calling new ministers
- ◆ Interpret the global mission of the Church
- ◆ Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- ◆ Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- ◆ Lead the Church to address racism
- ◆ Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- ◆ Witness to the power of God to make things new
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The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.



During the Christmas Holidays the church office hours will be:

Monday-Wednesday, December 20-22
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday-Friday, December 23-24
Closed

Monday-Wednesday, December 27-29
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday-Friday, December 30-31
Closed

Normal office hours resume on Monday, January 3
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

If you have an emergency after hours, please call Pastor Mike (214) 364-6453 or you can contact your Elder.



Please take a moment to review the below listings, and if you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri in the church office (817) 295-4123.



Poinsettias In Honor Of

In Honor Of

Our Children
Our Grandchildren

John Evan Davis-2nd Lt-Air Force

My Children
My Grandchildren

Our Children and Grandsons-
Michael & Zach Ellis
Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

All of the English Children

Our Family

Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity Gregory
Ky Sr., Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali Gregory
Cody Gregory & Laura McCullough

Deborah Hill

Barbara J. Hill

Tommy, Angela, Wesley & Jessica Kaker
Steven & Rhonda Janusch
Chance, Teagan & Taylor Kaker
Donna Huggins

Chance, Teagan & Taylor Kaker
Sara Juarez, Brianna & Briley
Ronnie & Peggy Johnson
Donna Huggins

Dan Kelley
Judy Lester

My Children
My Grandchildren
Great Grandchildren

Our Family
Our Church Family

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Charles Wm. Davis

Lynn Dover

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Dr. Wayne R. English, Jr.

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Barbara Hill

Deborah Hill

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Tommy & Angela Kaker

Scott & Terri Lester

Jane Rudolph

Don & Kathy Welch



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Poinsettias In Memory Of



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Our Parents
Our Friends

Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Anne English
Wayne & Louise English
Lawrence & Martha Hartman

Our Parents

Genna Edmonds

Jack & Rubye Gregory
Margie Lile & Annelle Smith

James R. Hill

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June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck
Jimmy Huggins

Tom Kaker, Margie Kaker
Corky & Margaret Horn

Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Peggy Kelley
Jim Lester

Rebecca & Welford McGee
Carolyn & Dale Parmley

Larry Rudolph

Bill Sholders
Elmer & Mercedes Newlin
Earl & Mary Sholders

Jim Staiger
Luana Stone Staiger

J.C. & Ruby Toole

Our Parents

Heinz Wichterich

Ed Willette
Will Davies

Eula May Yowell

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Dr. Wayne R. English, Jr.

Vernon & Cordelia Fields

Pat & Carol Findley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Barbara Hill

Deborah Hill

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Tommy & Angela Kaker

Mike & Joan Kearns

Scott & Terri Lester

Steve & Diana McGee

Jane Rudolph

Beverly Sholders

Gwen Staiger

Mike Toole

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich

Karen Willette

The Yowell Family

