

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 14, 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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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Drink of Living Water

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us."
- Matthew 1:23

A story has been told of a most beautiful and bold act of love that happened in one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. It was 11 days before Christmas. Peace and goodwill were far from the thoughts of 200,000 Union and Confederate soldiers facing each other across the broad, blood-spattered arena of Fredericksburg, Virginia, on December 14, 1862.

The past few days had been gruesome, with more than 12,000 soldiers killed. Nineteen year old Sergeant Richard Kirkland had seen enough. Kirkland went to see Confederate General Joseph Kershaw. "General," he said, "I can't stand this! All night long I hear those poor Union people calling for water and I can't stand it any longer. I ask permission to go and give them water."

Kershaw was stunned. They were the enemy. "Sergeant," he replied, "you'll get a bullet through your head the moment you step over the stone wall onto the plain."

"Yes sir," replied Kirkland, "I know that, but if you will let me, I'm willing to try." The general responded, "The sentiment which prompts you is so noble that I will not refuse your request. God protect you. You may go."

Quickly, this young 19-year-old soldier from South Carolina, hurdled the wall and immediately exposed himself to the fire of the Yankee sharpshooters. Kirkland walked calmly toward the Union lines until he reached the nearest wounded soldier. Kneeling, he took off his canteen and gently lifted the soldier's head to give him a long, deep drink of refreshing, cold water. He placed a knapsack under the head of his enemy and moved on to the next.

He repeated this process over and over again until well past dark. As one writer observed, "Troops on both sides who watched this unselfish act, paid young Kirkland the supreme tribute - not a standing ovation, but a respectful awed silence."

This story cuts to the heart of Christmas and the Christian faith. What Richard Kirkland did on December 14, 1862 reflects the spirit of Christmas day when we celebrate the birth of the One who could have remained within the safe confines of heaven, but chose to venture into hostile territory to give thirsty souls a drink of Living Water.

Let the earth keep silence. The Savior has come.

Merry Christmas!
Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/29/20
General Fund	365.00
Building Fund	25.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering	5.00
Gas Royalties	129.42
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 519.42 = Short (\$3,452.58)	

OFFERING	12/06/20
General Fund	2,210.00
Building Fund	785.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,995.00 = Short (\$977.00)	

OFFERING	12/13/20
General Fund	2,955.00
Building Fund	165.00
Ralph Biggs Memorial	50.00
Special Offering for Needy Family	500.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 3,170.00 = Short (\$802.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 29, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
18 Participated in Drive Up Communion

December 6, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
23 Participated in Drive Up Communion

December 13, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
14 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.

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

Christmas Eve Service posted online

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS! - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

NEW YEAR'S DAY! - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY January 6, 2021



Current needs include jelly, canned vegetable soup and canned goods to restock their shelves after the holidays. 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, drop off times are Monday-Thursday 10:00-4:00 and Friday 10:00-2:00.

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 Jeff Athey who passed away
Kevin Bond & family-Barbara Bond's grandson
The family of Ann Evans who passed away-Pat Sartori's friend
Kurt, Suzanne & Andrew Hardaway-Joan Kearns' daughter & family
Steve & Beth Hindman
Mahomet Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-Members
and friends
The family of Mike McCormick who passed away-Angela Tolliver's cousin
The family of OK Neal who passed away
The family of Frank Patterson who passed away-Pat Sartori's friend
Donny Peede-a friend of Linda Robinson
Janet Penny-a friend of Beverly Sholders
Valerie Stuart
Tony & Tricia White
Lyda Speirs' daughter-in-law's family

We Rejoice With:

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

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

Continued Prayers for:

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

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Drive Up Communion

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10:00 am-12:00pm
Come to the
Gregory Street
Parking Lot

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This is the last newsletter of the
2020 year. The next newsletter
will be Monday, January 11, 2021.
The church office will be closed
Thursday, December 24, 2020-
January 1, 2021.
Normal office hours will resume on
Monday, January 4, 2021.
If you have an emergency, you can
contact Pastor Mike at
214-364-6453 or your Elder.

HOLIDAY
HOURS



We continue to experience new, confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and 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, although as of August 17th, all religious services are exempt from mask mandates and occupancy limits. 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 10 AM UNTIL 12 PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

On Sunday from 10 am until 12 pm DRIVE UP COMMUNION will be available at the church. Come to the Gregory Street parking lot near the glass doors that are closest to the sanctuary. A team of our members who have graciously volunteered will come out to your car, bring you communion and offer prayer.

Collin Gregory, Jack 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 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 or see the Saturday email titled A Word from Pastor Mike and it has the You Tube link. 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.



CURRENT PROCEDURE

FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

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.





HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole

Greeters: Donna Huggins

Communion Preparation:

Don & Kathy Welch

Attendance Registers:

John & Dottie Mehaffey

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

03 Karen Willette

10 Mary Bryan

17 Richard Bryan

24 Wayne English

31 Kaye Gregory

Scripture Reading:

03 Mike Toole

10 Becky O'Neal

17 Barbara Warren

24 Kathy Welch

31 Jack Gregory

Deacon Team: Tommy & Angela Kaker;

Lynn Dover

Serving at the Table: Richard Bryan

Jack Gregory



Birthdays

1/8	Codi Yowell
1/9	Lolly Ellis
1/10	Richard Bryan
1/10	Onita Holton
1/12	Marilyn Murray
1/12	Pat Yarborough
1/13	Karen Willette
1/16	Donna Gilley
1/18	Linda Robinson
1/20	Jane Rudolph
1/25	Graysen Bryan
1/27	Ronnie Johnson



Sunday, December 20

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. Your gifts work toward: Connecting 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 and many other ministries of our regions.

2020 Christmas Offering

REJOICE
A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund



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January 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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