

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 16, 2019



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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Choices We Make

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God, in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.'" - Luke 2:13-14

Tis' the season to be merry - and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, these days leading up to Christmas often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights. Some people dread the hustle, bustle, and emotional rustle that this time of year brings, knowing that irritability, loneliness, or depression may threaten. While there are others who may love the Christmas season, but worry, busyness, family conflicts, and unmet expectations take their toll. In either case, we have a decision to make. We can choose to get bogged down with the stress or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in the second chapter of Luke's gospel. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God. That's not the only place the Bible records angels worshipping the Lord. In the first chapter of Hebrews we find, "And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'"

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God. Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had.

When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace, and joy. This prompts us to be His hands and feet to others in need. When worship fills our hearts, it leaves little room for aggravation in long lines at the store. We focus on what Christmas is truly about - the amazing gift of a Savior - rather than stressing out over buying the perfect presents. We exhibit grace to someone when we'd rather do otherwise.

Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts. And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune! The holidays can bring a flurry of heightened emotions and can often result in an unhealthy level of stress which can prevent us from engaging in worship and praising the one we are supposed to be celebrating.

There are choices for us to make between now and Christmas - where to serve, what gifts to buy, and which events to attend. The most important choice we can make is to worship and sing praises to our Lord - for His gift - for His love - for His peace. And when our hearts are at peace, our holidays can be too.

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday and on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm for our Candlelight and Communion Service.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/01/19
General Fund	6,240.00
Building Fund	1,285.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering	5.00
CLOTH Fund	5.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 7,525.00 = Over \$3,379.00	

OFFERING	12/08/19
General Fund	2,160.00
Building Fund	395.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 3,555.00 = Short (\$591.00)	

OFFERING	12/15/19
General Fund	3,221.00
Building Fund	630.00
Christmas Special Offering	55.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 3,851.00 = Short (\$295.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 1, 2019	57
December 8, 2019	49
December 15, 2019	66



Visitors and Guests

Ed Pappert; Marlene Baysinger; Lexi Hales; Nevil Williamson; Angela Grimes; Gracie McGee; Will Davies; Rob English; Dan & Lois Hockman; Braylen & Graysen Bryan; and our other regular visitors.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS! - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

32 Pounds of Food

\$349.50 in Monetary Donations



HARVEST HOUSE
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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:

Bonnie DePratter
Carol Findley
Cyndy Garrett
Jack & Kaye Gregory
Lexie Hobby-Angela Tolliver's daughter
Judy Janzen
Craig Kilmer-Bonnie DePratter's son-in-law
Margie Lile
Steve McGee
Quinn Nicole-great-granddaughter of Wanda Crowder
Robert & Terri Phillips-Tony White's relatives
Jean Rubis
Deborah Taylor-Cyndy Garrett's sister-in-law & Bill Taylor's daughter-in-law

We Rejoice With:

Lexie Hobby
The Reynoso Family moved to Burleson!
VJ Welch-Don Welch's sister
The Welch's would like to thank our Church Family for the many prayers for VJ and their family.
Lighting of the Greens! Thanks to the volunteers who stayed and decorated on November 24!

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham, 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



December 15 and 22, 2019

The Christmas Offering supports the regions in our denomination by:

- ◆ 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

The Christmas Special Offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

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

Wednesday, December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.

During the Christmas Holidays the church
office hours will be:

Monday, December 23
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday-Friday, December 24-27
Closed

Monday, December 30
Closed

Tuesday, December 31
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1
Closed

Thursday, January 2
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Normal office hours resume on Monday, January 6th
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.

HOLIDAY
HOURS



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

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Given By

My Children-Brent, Brandy, Troy
My Grandchildren-Jacob & Elizabeth

Lynn Dover

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

Jack & Lolly Ellis

The English Children

Wayne English

Our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchild

Vernon & Dee Fields

Matthew & Samantha Findley
Spencer, Leann, Walker & Findley Maxwell
Hernan, Natalie, David, Iker & Matias Argüello
Ivan Walker

Pat & Carol Findley

Mary Ann Troutman
Our Musicians-Genna Edmonds and Jean Crawford
Our Choir Director-Jack Gregory, Jr.
My Fellow Choir Members

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

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Our Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchild-
Tommy & Angela Kaker
Steven & Rhonda Janusch
Chance, Wesley, Jessica & Teagan Kaker
Donna Huggins

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike and Jean Rubis
Betty Grisham

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Bill & Beverly Sholders

Our Children & Grandchildren-
Kim, Dave & Shea
Doug, Beth, Dylan, Aria and Duncan

Don & Kathy Welch

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Poinsettias In Memory Of

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Mariel Biggs

Orville & Marie Biggs

Johnny Biggs

Martha Norton

Buddy & Nell Ellis

Orson & Martha Hendrick

Anne English

Louise & Wayne English Sr.

Katelyn Hales

Our Parents-Wayne, Elizabeth and Dorothy

Ruby Gregory

Annelle McLendon Smith

Jimmy Huggins

Tom & Syble Cloud

Dewey & Zoetta Struck

June & Opal Johnson

Tom & Syble Cloud

Dewey & Zoetta Struck

Jimmy Huggins

Robert & Jo Kearns

Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Morlex Don King

Peggy Kelley

Jim Lester

Bob & Mark Mason

Dalton Grisham

Tempa Larsen

Elmer & Mercedes Newlin

Earl & Mary Sholders

Gary T. Speirs II

E. Hugh & Betty Young

J.C. & Ruby Toole

Melvin & Ruth Toole

Clarence & Edith

Wilbur & Imogene

Heinz Wichterich

Nicholas Williamson

Given By

Ralph Biggs, Jordyn Ethetton &
Jeanette Weicht

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Wayne English

Donald & Donna Gilley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Donna Huggins

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Bradley King

Scott & Terri Lester

JoAnn & Karen Mason

Steve & Vicki Rubis

Bill & Beverly Sholders

Lyda Speirs

Mike Toole

Don & Kathy Welch

Juanice Wichterich

Bernice Williams