

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 27, 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

Proof Versus Mystery

"But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe." - John 6:36

Nineteenth century Danish philosopher, theologian and religious author Soren Kierkegaard said, "To stand on one leg and prove God's existence is a very different thing from going on one's knees and thanking Him."

"Prove it!" We have heard that phrase numerous times over the years going all the way back to our early childhood. We can all recall those times as children when stories were told that would best be regarded as "tall tales." That's why we learned at a young age that we wanted proof. We didn't want others to simply tell us that something was real - we wanted proof! We wanted to put our hands on it, to taste it, to see it, to experience something that was real, or else it was just a fantasy.

So, as we became older and our cognitive abilities expanded, we realized that for some folks, the "prove it" attitude crept into their understanding of God. In their minds, if something had to be proved real when they were small, innocent and naïve, it had to pass the same criteria as they began to emerge into the adult world. For them, unless God could be proved, He doesn't exist. In the absence of faith, people learned to gain meaning by those things that can only be proved with their senses. And unless something can be proved, it isn't real.

Yet a life in the Kingdom of God is really more about "mystery" than proof. Mystery is best explained as something that can't be scientifically proven, yet still is very real. Mystery is something that the Apostle Paul talked about when he said in 1 Corinthians 13, "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known."

The simple truth is we don't know everything! We can't prove and explain everything. For a follower of Jesus, this is okay. It is okay to trust that there is a God who, although we do not see, we know to be real because of the power, love and truth that He has released into our lives.

It is okay to trust in the miracles of forgiveness, generosity, intimacy, new life and transformation of the heart when there is no logical reason for those things to exist. Our trust is the very foundation of our faith in God as shown to us through His Son, Jesus - the one we confess is the Christ - the one who is our personal Lord and Savior.

That's why the best words are not "prove it", but "Thank You!"

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/19/21
General Fund	3,400.00
Building Fund	150.00
Christmas Offering	25.00
Week of Compassion-Tornado Relief	150.00
FCCLC Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-4,550.00 = Over \$487.00	

OFFERING	12/26/21
General Fund	1,390.00
Building Fund	25.00
Christmas Offering	100.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-1,415.00 = Short (\$2,648.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 19, 2021	51
December 24, 2021-Christmas Eve	60
December 26, 2021	43



Visitors and Guests

Gwen Staiger; Ted & Kae Thayer; Kay Daly; Ellie McGee; Mike Grzarowicz; Pat Crow; Jonathan Gilmore; and our other regular visitors.

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



The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will NOT meet this Wednesday, December 29. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday, January 5th at 9:30 am.

JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 19
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



There will be no individual Cabinet and Board meetings this month.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

NO Ladies Bible Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

6:30 AM FCC Learning Center Reopens

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

9:30 am Ladies Wednesday Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

JANUARY 2, 2022

Needs include: Fruit jelly or jam, peanut butter, spaghetti noodles & sauce, canned fruit, cereal, canned vegetables and beans.



SERVICE INFORMATION FOR IVAN WALKER

Moore Funeral Home
1219 North Davis Drive
Arlington, TX 76012 ♦ 817-275-2711

Visitation: Wednesday, December 29
6:00 to 8:00 pm-Moore Funeral Home

Service: Thursday, December 30
2:00 pm - Moore Funeral Home
Obituary is online at the funeral home website.

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
Michelle (Higginbotham) McCrory
Dave Nash-Dorothy Nash's son
Dorothy Nash
Pat Sartori
Paul Shephard-Dorothy Nash's neighbor
Megan Spradlin-Gregory's grandniece
Jennifer-Gregory's niece & Megan's mom
The family of Joyce Stevenson who passed away-
Joyce is Carol Findley's aunt & Ivan Walker's sister
The family of Ivan Walker who passed away-Ivan is
Carol Findley's dad

We Rejoice With:

Happy New Year-2022!

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, Eric McGee, Eleene Pippin, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Jacqueline Wallace, Barbara Warren & Needra Womack

Our country's leaders and world leaders

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



Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases spreading, the January All Church Luncheon has been cancelled. Watch the newsletter for further information on when we will resume our monthly fellowship lunches.

DISCIPLES WOMEN DINNER
AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY
JANUARY 13, 2022
6:00 PM

Watch the newsletter and
emails for more information on
where we will meet.

If you would like to carpool,
meet in the FLC parking lot at
5:45 p.m.



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters:

January

Birthdays

1/9
1/10
1/10
1/12
1/13
1/16
1/18
1/20
1/25
1/27

Lolly Ellis
Richard Bryan
Onita Holton
Marilyn Murray
Karen Willette
Donna Gilley
Linda Robinson
Jane Rudolph
Graysen Bryan
Ronnie Johnson



To Our Church Family,

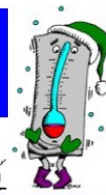
Thank you so much for your kind and generous gift to each of us this Christmas. We also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day. Thank you again for your generous gifts!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR)						1 
2 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	3 6:30 AM - FCC Learning Center Reopens	4	5	6 EPIPHANY	7	8 10:00 AM - Put away Advent & Christmas Decorations
9	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12	13 6:00 PM - Disciples Women Dinner & Installation Mtg (TBD)	14	15
16	17	18 10:00 AM - FCC Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	19 6:00 PM - Joint Board/ Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22
23	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)	31					