

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, December 31, 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

A Christian New Year's Resolution - Remain Faithful

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." - Ephesians 2:10

The start of a new year always brings hope for change. But what if a deeply-desired life change is completely outside of our control - something a New Year's resolution cannot solve?

Elizabeth and Zacharias faced such a situation. Luke describes this couple, both from priestly lineage, as righteous before God and walking blamelessly in all His commandments and ordinances. Still, despite their impeccable devotion to God, something important to their lives was missing - "But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years." Old Testament teachings describe children as evidence of God's favor and blessing, so childlessness was not merely an unfulfilled human desire but also a social stigma in ancient Jewish culture.

Why would God do this? Why would He withhold something He Himself declared to be His blessing from two of His most faithful followers? Given their devotion to God, they undoubtedly would have raised their children in the love and admonition of the Lord.

From a personal perspective, it made no sense then. From a historical perspective, it makes perfect sense now. The one child Elizabeth eventually would bear had a unique role in history, given to him alone.

John the Baptist's purpose in life was to be the Messiah's forerunner, "a voice in the wilderness" who prepared people for the Savior's arrival. God timed John's birth perfectly with the birth of the Christ to fulfill His plan for the ages.

The same is true for his parents - their roles in history were unique, too. Devout Jews, Zacharias and Elizabeth likely would have welcomed into their home as many children as God gave them. But if they had had children any earlier in life, Zacharias might not have been as motivated to be praying for a child and would have missed the gift of a son privileged to announce Jesus' coming. In the same way, Elizabeth's late-in-life pregnancy was the very thing the angel Gabriel used to convince Mary that nothing, not even a virgin birth, was impossible for God. It was Elizabeth to whom Mary ran after learning she would be the mother of the Son of God. Because of God's unusual work in both their lives, these women shared a bond no other women could share or understand.

In the end, experiencing life differently than their peers was God's perfect will for Zacharias and Elizabeth, though it came with suffering. Elizabeth hinted at the past pain after she became pregnant, saying God had taken away her "disgrace among men". She had lived with the sting of the social stigma not doubting God, and she and her husband remained faithful to Him even without knowing the special plan He had for them.

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OFFERING	12/22/19
General Fund	2,657.52
Building Fund	450.00
Christmas Special Offering	145.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 3,107.52 = Short (1,038.48)	

OFFERING	12/29/19
General Fund	1,281.00
Building Fund	290.00
Gas Royalties	181.40
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 1,752.40 = Short (2,393.60)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 22, 2019	68
December 29, 2019	74



Visitors and Guests

Ed Pappert; Marlene Baysinger; Lexi Hales; Gracie McGee; Will Davies; Chris Pidgeon; Lesley Baker; Wanda Crowder; Pat Crow; Dan & Lois Hockman; and our other regular visitors.

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

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts 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



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Church Office Closed
No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 4:00 PM Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival (UCC- If you want to carpool, meet in the FLC parking lot at **2:30 pm**)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
- NO Cabinet Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
- 6:00 PM Disciples Women Installation Dinner & Meeting (Antonio's Mexican Restaurant)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

- 10:00 AM Set-up for Birthday Bash Potluck & put Away Christmas/Advent Decorations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Birthday Bash Potluck (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Pastor Mike's Moment (Continued from Page 1)

Zacharias and Elizabeth are good examples for we Christians today. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he states that God has prepared beforehand good works for people to walk in - good works to do despite relationship changes, employment challenges, health problems, or other life circumstances. And He promises to reward our faithfulness.

At this time of year, it's a tradition to reflect on the past year and resolve to make changes for the new one - usually setting a goal to lose weight or to change a bad habit. But for Christians, perhaps the best New Year's resolution we can make is to remain faithful, even when life is hard, as God shapes us to fulfill our respective, unique roles in His plan for the ages.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING
Thursday ♦ January 10, 2019 ♦ 8:30 am
The Porch
140 S. Wilson Street
Burleson

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 Margie Lile who passed away on
Christmas Day.
Needra Womack's daughter

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Dan & Lois
Hockman who celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary on
December 23!

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

Our own military people:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL INFORMATION

January 5th ♦ 4:00 PM
University Christian Church
Ft. Worth



If you would like to carpool with us, we will meet in
the Family Life Center parking lot at 2:30 pm. If you
have any questions, please call the church office or
Pastor Mike 214-364-6453.

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

JANUARY 5, 2020

Needs include: Fruit jelly or jam, peanut
butter, spaghetti noodles & sauce, canned
fruit, cereal, baby wipes, diapers sizes 2,
3, 4 & 5, pull-ups and toiletries.



BIRTHDAY BASH POTLUCK
Sunday, January 12
12:00 PM

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for you to sign up for
what you would like to bring.

We will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 11th
to set up the Family Life Center for the
Luncheon, and to take down the Christmas/Advent
decorations. All help is appreciated!!

*Donations are greatly appreciated.
Money goes toward purchases of paper
goods, condiments, tea, coffee, etc.*



JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

THURSDAY
JANUARY 23
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



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



Disciple Women Giving 2019

Disciples Church General Outreach	500.00
Disciples Church Week of Compassion	500.00
Disciples Church Blessing Boxes	99.00
Harvest House	1,000.00
Holiday Friends (Harvest House)	250.00
First Christian Church (Computer upgrade)	1,448.00
First Christian Church (garbage disposal)	140.97
First Christian Church (3 chairs)	356.56
First Christian Church (entry rugs)	303.03
First Christian Church (Christmas tree installation)	100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	1,114.57
Learning Center Teacher Gifts	170.72
Dottie Mehaffey Crossroads Thanksgiving	350.00
Salvation Army	250.00
Meals on Wheels	300.00
SOS (Support Our Soldiers)	100.00
DFW Chaplaincy	150.00
Smile Train	300.00
Fire Safety Program	50.00
Lasting Impact for Women	400.00
Disciples Crossing	400.00

\$8,282.85



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Mike Toole
Greeters: Bill & Beverly Sholders
Communion Preparation:
 Don & Kathy Welch
Attendance Registers:
 John & Dottie Mehaffey
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 05 Karen Willette
 12 Kaye Gregory
 19 Diana McGee
 26 Ann Miller
Scripture Reading:
 05 Don Welch
 12 Juanice Wichterich
 19 Karen Willette
 26 Kim Bonds
Deacon Team: Tommy, Angela & Jessica
 Kaker; Jim & Georgia Sanders
Serving at the Table: Lolly Ellis;
 Dorothy Nash



1/5	Mary Bourland
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



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 2020



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Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)			1  Church Office Closed	2	3	4
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)						
5 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 4:00 PM - Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival-UCC	6 6:30 AM - FCC Learning Center Reopens	7	8 No Cabinet Meeting	9 8:30 AM - Disciples Men Breakfast & Mtg. (The Porch) 6:00 PM - Disciples Women Dinner & Installation Mtg. (Antonio's Mexican Restaurant)	10	11 10:00 AM - Set up for Birthday Bash Potluck & take down Christmas/Advent Decorations
12 12:00 PM - Birthday Bash Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14	15 No Board Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 No Stewardship Meeting	23 6:00 PM - Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)	24	25
26 11:00 AM - Church Officer Installation (S)	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30	31	