



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 8, 2025



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

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097

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)

Church Office: 817-295-4123

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Christlike or Christless

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." – Colossians 2: 6-7.

It's likely you've heard the famous Las Vegas advertising tagline: "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." Think for a moment about what this implies. Hey, you want to cheat on your spouse in Vegas? No problem, it all stays there. Want to gamble away all your savings? Vegas will never tell. Want to party till you vomit? Fine. The smell will never make it to your home. The implication of this approach is that it's okay, even desirable, to live one way in Vegas, then another way at home.

I fear that for Christians, too many live out their faith in a similar way. "What happens away from church, stays away from church." This reveals a weak, shallow, empty faith that attracts guilt and frankly, it is a lousy way to live. It's a compartmentalized faith — a pick-and-choose lifestyle in which a person basically wanders between a *Christlike* life and a *Christless* life. Typically, such a person chooses to live God's way when the church lights are on and Christian friends are looking, but behind closed doors, when no eye can see him, all bets are off.

One pastor recently wrote, "When I'm spiritually empty, I naturally gravitate toward a compartmentalized faith. I hate to admit it, but when I'm not feeling close to God, the actions of the world are attractive and even seductive to me. Thankfully, as I've grown in my faith, I've also learned to recognize the signs of my spiritual emptiness. Now I can usually catch myself *before* I experience the negative consequences of my actions."

A lot of Christians believe that living for God means not blowing it in big areas of life: committing adultery, stealing money, murder—that kind of thing. Wrong! A non-compartmentalized, fully integrated faith means obedience in the small areas too. Obedience to a managed thoughtful life, speaking kind words, and the call to follow God's way. It's what we think at night when no one is around. It's that extra jab we do (or don't) when we have an argument with a friend or spouse. It's the degree to which we keep (or lose) our cool while fighting traffic.

What's the solution? Obedience is much easier when we're living topped off and spiritually refueled. When we are consistent in connecting with God, our hearts are full, and we'll desire to live a consistent (non-compartmentalized) faith. Today, take time to refuel, by stopping, by being quiet, and by making a connection with God. This can take seconds or hours and it can take place anywhere and at any time.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike



Joe Bash, Marlene Baysinger, Pat Crow, Nelda Givens, Joan Johnson, Jerry McDearmon, Charlie O'Coynne, Wayne Roberts, Janay Smythe and our other regular visitors.

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

OFFERING	8/31/25
General Fund	1030.00
Building Fund	135.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 1165 = short (\$2462)

OFFERING	9/7/25
General Fund	7690.00
Building Fund	480.00
KMA Rent & Expenses	875.00
Classroom Rent	200.00
Gas Royalties	154.26
Harvest House	365.00
Center for ASD	300.00
Front Line Equine	200.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 9399.26 = over \$5772.26

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 31, 2025	36
September 7, 2025	42

REMINDER!

Wednesday, September 10th

There will be

NO CHOIR PRACTICE.

See you next week, Wednesday 9/17



Dear First Christian Church Members,
Our KMA family would like to express our gratitude for the generous donations given financially and the "hands on" work that helped make the mulch project for the children's playground a great success! We are blessed by your generous spirits! Blessings,
Sarah Ross- Founder/Director Kindred Montessori



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)
NO Choir Practice

6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:30AM Disciples Women at Dee Bash's home

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

6:00PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Sandwich & Salad Potluck (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
(MR) Meeting Room
(FLC) Family Life Center
(S) Sanctuary



SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In September our church contributed \$365.00 and 27lbs. of food towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is October 5.

Current Needs Include: Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Sauce, Canned Tomato Products, Canned Soup, Chicken Broth



If you prefer you can give a monetary donation by placing it in the basket marked Harvest House on the white table in the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church.

PRAYER list

Those in Need of Prayer:

Bryson Bonds, recovering from surgery.
Diane Oliver, Jack Gregory's cousin, on hospice.
Tina Gregory's sister, Paula Shirley passed away.
(safe travels for Ky and Tina driving to California to attend the service)
John Mehaffey, healing at home.

Joys:

Carol Gunn, Laurie Gunn Carroll and Bill Smythe back in worship!
Safe travels for Jack & Kaye Gregory and for Brent Davis.
1st great-grandbaby for Charlie O'Coynne-Congrats!

Continued Prayers for:

Bonnie DePratter, Paul Drahushuk, Wayne English, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, John Mehaffey, Ann Miller, Dorothy Nash, Flora Roe, Georgia & Jim Sanders, Pat Sartori, Barbara Warren, and Iris Wilson.

* Email your prayer request to
secretary@fccburleson.org or call (817)295-4123



Sandwich & Salad Potluck! Sunday, September 21

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED

**BRING YOUR SANDWICH & SALAD
CREATIONS TO SHARE AND DON'T FORGET
THE CHIPS & DIPS!**

JOIN US RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP!



**This October YOU are invited to help
at our 1st PUMPKIN PATCH!**

Kindred Montessori needs YOU

To help make this event successful!

OCTOBER 16- November 2

Mon-Sat 11:30am-7:30pm

Sun 12:00pm-6:00pm



Volunteers needed to:

- Greet families and help them choose pumpkins
- Weekends- Carnival style games
- Assist with Trunk or Treat—Halloween
- Set up and clean up support

Funds go towards the Play It Forward Project- (new play-ground equipment for the school campus).

We Love our Volunteers!

**Kindred
Montessori
Academy**

BOARD MEETING REMINDER



Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00pm

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.

facebook LIVE



Honored to Serve

Worship Leader– Mary Bryan

Greeters– Angela Sanders, Bev Sholders, Mike Toole

Scripture Readers–

7 Don Welch

14 Karen Willette

21 Dee Fields

28 Kathy Welch

Elders– Richard Bryan, Lolly Ellis

Team 4 Deacons–

Lolly Ellis, Vicki Rubis, Don Welch, Kathy Welch



REMINDER
CABINET MEETING
Wednesday, September 10
at 6:00 pm in the Meeting
Room

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Please designate offerings and place in the offering plate on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You may also mail your offerings to the church (PO Box 57, 76097), mail to church treasurer (Peggy Johnson), or use your online banking services.



September 2	Susan McDonald
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September 4	Lyda Speirs
September 6	David Arguello
September 16	Pat Sartori
September 19	Angela Tolliver
September 20	Donald Gilley
September 24	Steve Rubis

Disciples Women Meeting



September 11 at 11:30 AM

At Dee Bash's home

616 Charles Ct. Burleson

(817)996-8032

Study and Worship: Lynn Dover

Happy Helpers: Kathy & Jane

*For those needing a ride from home,
contact Lynn Dover 817-645-2264*

We will carpool from FLC at 11:00 AM

Service Project for Center for ASD-

Solo Cups and Paper Plates