



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, December 9, 2024



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

Growing Your Heart, Growing Love

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." – John 13: 34.*

Dr. Seuss' famous Grinch who lived just above Whoville had a problem. It is reported that his heart was two sizes too small. This is why the Grinch hated Christmas and everything else about the merry Whos. By the end of the story, however, something happens. After working to ruin Christmas, the Grinch saw the Whos celebrating and loving each other even though they had nothing. "And what happened then...? Well...in Whoville they say, that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!"

The Grinch's heart grew because he saw how the people loved each other no matter the circumstances. Once he saw their unconditional love, he wanted to be a part of it and he wanted to have it. It is no wonder his heart grew! He had never before experienced that kind of unselfish love that was not based on getting or gaining more.

Jesus gave His disciples a new command in the book of John. The old commands say to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. What is the key difference in this additional command? We are to love as Christ loved. It is a love that was demonstrated to us on the cross, when He died for us, even while we were still sinners.

This love is a revolutionary love. It is a sacrificial love that is willing to put others' needs ahead of personal needs. It is a forgiving love that is willing to forgive without limitations. It is a love that helps even when it does not fit into the schedule. It is a love that does not complain, even when it has been wronged. It is a love that is hard to live by, but it is a love that we are called to strive for. That is why God sent His son and left the Holy Spirit with us so that we could have supernatural strength to love as He loved.

It is when we love like this that others will be able to catch a glimpse of Jesus. It is when we love like this that not only our own hearts will continue to grow, but other people (whose hearts are perhaps two sizes too small) will respond to God as they see love played out like they have never seen before.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike





Joe Bash, Marlene Baysinger, Pat Crow, Joan Johnson, Gwen Staiger, Karen Sturdivan and our other regular visitors.

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

OFFERING	12/1/24
General Fund	5087.00
Other Contributions	150.00
Thanksgiving Offering	25.00
Building Fund	375.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 5462.00 = Over \$1481.00	

OFFERING	12/8/24
General Fund	2410.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 2410 = Short (\$1571)	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 1, 2024	41
December 8, 2024	35



Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm
Wednesdays
Except on...
12/25 & 1/1/25



BOARS HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL
JANUARY 5, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
University Christian Church, FW
Reserved seats \$15– Let Pastor Mike know ASAP if you want to attend.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
- 5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
- 6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:30AM Disciples Men Breakfast at Ol' South
- 6:00PM Disciples Women Christmas Potluck at Angela Tolliver's home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT– JOY
- 10:00AM Sunday School (MR)
- 11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)
- 12:00PM Chrismon Christmas Potluck Lunch (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- No Morning Women's Bible Study
- 5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
- 6:00PM Board Meeting (FLC)

(MR) Meeting Room
(FLC) Family Life Center
(S) Sanctuary

Advent Season

- December 15-JOY
- December 22-LOVE
- December 24-Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6PM
- December 25-Christmas Day



A CHRISMON CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Right after worship

Wear Your CHRISTMAS Sweaters!

Prayers & Praises

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:

Jack and Lolly Ellis, healing.

Jerry Hay, healing.

Comfort for the Donna Hicks family, Janie Rudolph's sister in law.

Steve McGee, healing.

Bev Sholders, healing.

Karen Willette, healing.

We Rejoice:

Continued Prayers for:

Suzanne Barton, Sue Bannister, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, Ann Miller, Dorothy Nash, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Bill Smythe, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren and Iris Wilson.



A LOVE OFFERING for STAFF

Deadline to give— December 15.

Please designate your checks.

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.



God's love
visible



By
Giving,
You Make
God's LOVE
Visible!

2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In December our church contributed 1 lb of food and \$320.00 towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is January 5

Current Needs Include: Ravioli /SpaghettiOs, canned fruit, canned meat, Ramen noodles, pasta & sauce.



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 Harvest House.

Poinsettias In HONOR or in MEMORY of
your LOVED ONE.



Did you forget to order your poinsettias?
Call the office as soon as possible for this
year. (817)295-4123

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight
Worship
Service

6:00 pm



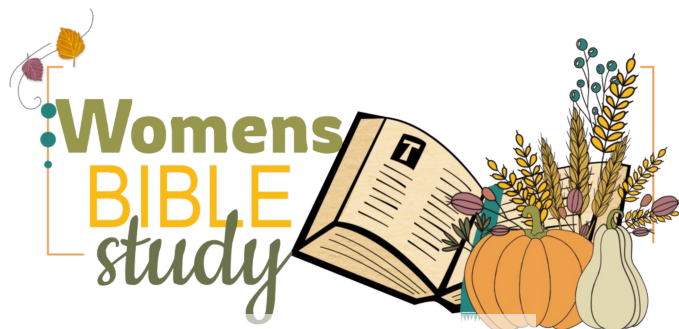
Cabinet Meeting Reminder

Wednesday
December 11th at
6:00PM
in the Meeting Room



Honored to Serve
in DECEMBER

Worship Leader– Jack Gregory
Greeters– Mike Toole, Karen Willette
Scripture Readers–
1 Don Welch
8 Kathy Welch
15 Karen Willette
22 Mary Bryan
29 Richard Bryan
Elders– Richard Bryan, Lolly Ellis
Team 3 Deacons–
Lynn Dover, Brent Davis, Dottie Mehaffey,
John Mehaffey



Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am ♦ Meeting Room
During the holidays–
No Bible Study on 12/18,
12/25, or 1/1/25



DON'T FORGET !

Wednesday, December 18
Board Meeting at 6:00pm



Join the FCC
DISCIPLES MEN
for a Breakfast/Meeting

at Ol' South Pancake House
December 12 at 8:30am



First Christian Church Single Ladies
Our Single Ladies group
will take a break during the holidays
and begin meeting again in January.



Disciples Women Christmas
Potluck Party
Thursday, December 12
@ 6:00 PM

Angela Tolliver's home, 8116 CR 1016A
Burleson– Angela's cell (817)475-9142
Hostess Helper: Angela Sanders

Please carpool from FLC at 5:45pm.

Items to bring: Covered dish, Exchange Gift (max \$10),
and an Offering (we did not do a fundraiser this year,
please be generous)

Service Project for Center for ASD
(Autism Spectrum Disorder)
Disinfecting wipes (Lysol, Clorox or similar)



In Honor Of

Our Children and Grandchildren

Brent, Brandy, Troy, Jacob, Elizabeth, Austin

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

Our wonderful family

Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac, Felicity Gregory
Ky Sr., Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Mikayla, Kolt & Kali Gregory
Cody & Laura Gregory

Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Our Great-Grandchildren

Our Family

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Lynn Dover

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Cordelia & Vernon Fields

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Don & Kathy Welch





In Memory Of

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Diane Chilton
Annie Cromwell

Our Parents-
Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Lisa Fields

Katelyn Gilley Hales

Margie McLendon Lile
Jack Sr. & Rubye Gregory

Our Parents-
June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck
Our Brother in Law- Jimmy Huggins

Bob & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

James Cotton Anderson

My parents- Aubry & Mary Ann Hundley
My in-laws- Arthur & Evelyn Sanders

Robyn Dilworth
Dave Verdery
Ron Sturdivan

Shea Pulliam
Our family

Eula May Yowell

Given By

Richard & Mary Bryan

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Vernon & Cordelia Fields

Donald & Donna Gilley

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Charlie Kuehlem

Angela Sanders

Peggy Verdery/Karen Sturdivan

Don & Kathy Welch

The Yowell Family





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 st Sunday in Advent-HOPE Annual Congregational Meeting 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2	3	4 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	5	6	7 6:00pm Burleson Christmas Parade
8 2 nd Sunday in Advent-PEACE 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	9 Newsletter Published	10	11 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cabinet Meeting	12 8:30am Disciples Men Breakfast 6:00pm Disciples Women Christmas Party	13	14
15 3 rd Sunday in Advent- JOY 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Christmas Potluck	16	17	18 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Board Meeting	19	20	21
22 4 th Sunday in Advent-LOVE 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23	24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	30	31	1 New Years Day	2	