



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, August 26, 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.

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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: 6:30 am - 5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Clarity or Trust

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." – Proverbs 3: 5-6

The story has been told of John Kavanaugh who spent three months in Calcutta, India serving the poor and trying to get a handle on how best to spend his life. He met Mother Teresa, and she asked him if there was anything she could do for him. He requested that she pray for him. When she asked what she could pray for specifically, Kavanaugh asked that she pray that he would have clarity. Mother Teresa rejected his request. She told him, "Clarity is the last thing you are clinging to and must let go of." Kavanaugh replied that he longed to have the same kind of clarity that Mother Teresa seemed to have. Hearing this, Mother Teresa laughed and said, "I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God."

Many of us have made seeking clarity a higher priority than simply trusting God. In issues of faith, when we only seek the *safe*; and when we only live on the basis of what we know and understand, we end up walking the Christian life by sight, not by faith. And this pathway is dangerous to our spiritual health.

Trust is faith in action. I love the example of Abraham. God called Abraham to move from his own country to another. God told Abraham that He would make him into a great nation. That was pretty much the extent of the direction that Abraham was given. Talk about lack of clarity. If I were in Abraham's shoes, I would have wanted specific details on *everything* involved before setting out on the journey. I think I would have peppered God with questions like "Where, exactly, am I supposed to go?" and, "What am I supposed to do?" Yet, that wasn't the way Abraham responded. Instead, trusting God, Abraham *went*.

He just *went*.

This is why Abraham is called in the Scriptures, the "father of all who believe". Yet, taking a closer look into Abraham's life, found in the Old Testament book of Genesis, we find that Abraham was also an average person who struggled with real life issues. He made risky decisions. And he made a number of bad decisions along the way. Abraham did not live a safe life. Ignoring any desire for clarity, he pursued God's calling on his life. He lived a life of trust.

Today, let's take a step towards following the example of Abraham. Let's take up the challenge of faith. Let's begin to live with less clarity and more trust. Remember, the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians tells us that we are to "live by faith, not by sight."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike



THANK YOU!

*Thank you to everyone for the prayers,
cards, and phone calls.
Words cannot express my appreciation.
I can FEEL your prayers and
they give me strength to press on.*

*Love in Christ,
Dorothy Nash*



OFFERING 8/18/24

General Fund	1981.00
Building Fund	180.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 – 1981.00 =	Short (\$2000)

OFFERING 8/25/24

General Fund	1707.00
Building Fund	180.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 – 1887.00 =	Short (\$2094)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 18, 2024	49
August 25, 2024	40



WELCOME

Joe Bash, Marlene Baysinger, Ted & Kae Clifton, Pat Crow, Joan Johnson, Jerry McDearmon, Charlie O'Coyné, Ricky & Mary (no last name) Janay & Wayne Roberts, Gwen Staiger, Austyn Taylor and our other regular visitors.

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



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
No Choir Practice
6:00PM Special Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)
11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)
12:00PM Elder's Meeting (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY – Church office closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00AM
(MR) Meeting Room
(FLC) Family Life Center
(S) Sanctuary
day School
11:00AM
day Wor-



Sun-
(MR)
Sun-
ship

*Shine on
Harvest Moon*

Potluck!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

Right after worship
Come for good food,
And lots of FUN!



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:

Sue Bannister on hospice with an aneurism.
Wayne English, healing and soon to be back home.
Dorothy Nash's sister, healing from broken wrist.
Eric and Stacy McGee, both suffering from cancer.
Jerry McDearmon is dealing with blood pressure issues.
Dorothy Nash going through chemo.



We Rejoice: Bethany Bonds accepted as Nurse Practitioner!

Continued Prayers for:

Suzanne Barton, Sue Bannister, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, Eric McGee (Steve & Diana McGee's great-nephew), Ann Miller, Dorothy Nash, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren and Iris Wilson.



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.



AUGUST HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In August our church contributed 42 lbs of food and gave \$475 towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is September 1st

Current Needs Include: Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Canned Corn, Canned Soup, Hamburger Helper & Knorr Products, Flour/Sugar/Corn Meal, other baking items.



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.



September 2	Brent Davis
September 2	Susan McDonald
September 4	Lyda Speirs
September 6	David Arguello
September 6	Clay Robinson
September 16	Pat Sartori
September 19	Angela Tolliver
September 20	Donald Gilley
September 24	Steve Rubis
September 29	Magunn Carroll

Elders Meeting Reminder

**Sunday
September 1st
Right after Worship
in the Meeting
Room**



**PLAN NOW to
Join the FCC
DISCIPLES' MEN
for a Breakfast/Meeting**

**at Ol' South Pancake House
September 12 at 8:30am**



**THANKS
FOR
STEPPING
UP**

Honored
to Serve
in
September

Worship Leader— Jack Gregory
Greeters— Angela Sanders, Bev Sholders
Scripture Readers—
1 Mike Toole
8 Mary Bryan
15 Richard Bryan
22 Lynn Dover
29 Dee Fields
Elders— Mary Bryan
Steve Rubis
Team 4 Deacons—
Lolly Ellis, Steve Rubis,
Vicki Rubis, Janie Rudolph



**DISCIPLES WOMEN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
@ 11:30 AM**

**at Vicki Rubis' home.
Carpool at 11:15 am
from FLC parking lot**

Helpers: Carol Findley, Susan McDonald
Study & Worship: Barbara Bond



Harvest House Service Project
Any type of Bread



*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our church. You make a big difference, and we are so grateful for everything you do.

May God bless you for your kindness and commitment.

**CHOIR
restart
this coming
Wednesday
SEPTEMBER
4th**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Elders Meeting	2 Labor Day- Church Office Closed	3	4 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 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/Meeting 11:30am Disciples' Women Meeting	13 3:00pm Potluck Setup	14
15 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Shine On Harvest Moon Potluck Luncheon	16	17	18 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Board Meeting	19	20	21
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