



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, May 12, 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](http://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

### Celebration

*"The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: These are the appointed festivals of the LORD that you shall proclaim at holy convocations, my appointed festivals." – Leviticus 23:1*

Following today's Scripture passage, the rest of Leviticus 23 reads like a dry listing of stoic assemblies which God's people are required to observe — with about as much apparent joy as a nine-year-old forced to sit through a church service. Yet if we look deeper, another picture emerges.

God calls His people to observe the festivals not out of duty, but out of a desire to connect them in celebration with the larger story of their history. In celebrating the festivals, the people were not merely remembering some foregone event long ago. They believed that as they celebrated the festival, they were actually ushered into the original event, somehow actively participating in the original event itself. The festival was not merely remembrance of what God had done in the past; it was claiming that event for the present. The God who did this in the past is the God who still does it in the present. So in the festivals, God was giving them a multi-sensory experience of His goodness and provision, both past and present.

Something else worth noting is this: often, when we think of "the appointed festivals of the LORD," we imagine something akin to a social hall church potluck. You know the kind. But in reality, these festivals were blowout parties — celebrations — filled with food, drink, dancing and laughter. They were loud and raucous, sometimes lasting up to a week or more at a time! It was a time not to work, but to focus on the work at hand: some serious celebrating! Ever thought about it? We serve a God who loves a good party. We serve a God who says, in essence, "Be sure to stop working and start partying... or you'll be disobedient!"

What if Christians were known more for the celebrations we threw — epic, God-sized celebrations? What if we were known as people who really knew how to celebrate life and beauty and goodness? I wonder how that would change perceptions.

How about you? Do you struggle to see God as a God who loves a good party? Do you have rhythms and times of celebration where you reconnect yourself with the larger story of God, one that is beyond your "work" or "accomplishments" that focuses on God's goodness?

These are not to be times of duty, but times of celebration. These are gifts from God who knows how we are wired, that we need times to be reminded of what is important, what is essential...that life is more than work. Perhaps we might need a reminder every once in a while. "This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live."

(Leviticus 23:31)

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike



Marlene Baysinger, Pat Crow,  
Lynn Dover's son, Mike  
Grzanowicz's sister, Joan  
Johnson, Jerry McDearmon, ,  
Gwen Staiger, and our other  
regular visitors.

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

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>5/4/25</b>
General Fund	4255.00
Building Fund	55.00
Gas Royalties	131.94
Harvest House	170.00
Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 4441.94 = Over \$814.94	

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>5/11/25</b>
General Fund	4620.00
Building Fund	655.00
Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 5275.00 = Over \$1648.00)	

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 4, 2025	33
May 11, 2025	38



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)
- 5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
- 6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)
- 5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
- 6:00PM Board Meeting (FLC)

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

### MONDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY

Church office closed

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



5:00pm  
Wednesdays  
in the  
Sanctuary

**Choir Rehearsal**

### MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

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In April our church contributed \$170.00 and 25 lbs. of  
food towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is JUNE 1.

Current Needs Include: Peanut butter and jelly, Ravioli /  
SpaghettiOs, canned fruit, canned meat, pasta & sauce and  
condiments.



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:

Mary & Richard Bryan's nephew's wife, Melissa, who passed away from cancer.  
Judy Janzen, recovering from surgery.  
Marilyn Murray's brother, John Ball, healing.  
Dorothy Nash, healing from a fall.

## Joys:

John Mehaffey home from rehab!  
Don & Kathy Welch returned to worship!

## Continued Prayers for:

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

\* Email your prayer request to [secretary@fccburleson.org](mailto:secretary@fccburleson.org) or call (817)295-4123



*Right  
after  
Sunday  
Morning  
Worship  
in the  
Family  
Life  
Center!*

**Wondering what to bring?**

**Call Dee @ 817-793-8844**

*Donations are always welcome to help buy paper goods, plastic ware, coffee, etc.*



## Cabinet Meeting Reminder



**Wednesday  
May 14  
6:00PM  
in the Meeting Room**



## Disciples Women Pie Auction!

*This year during our fellowship luncheons, Disciples Women will auction off one dessert with the funds going toward this year's Outreach Projects. At the May 18th Salsa Sunday Potluck, the dessert will be*  
**MARY BRYAN'S FAMOUS CHOCOLATE PIE!**

*Come prepared to bid generously on this crowd favorite!!*

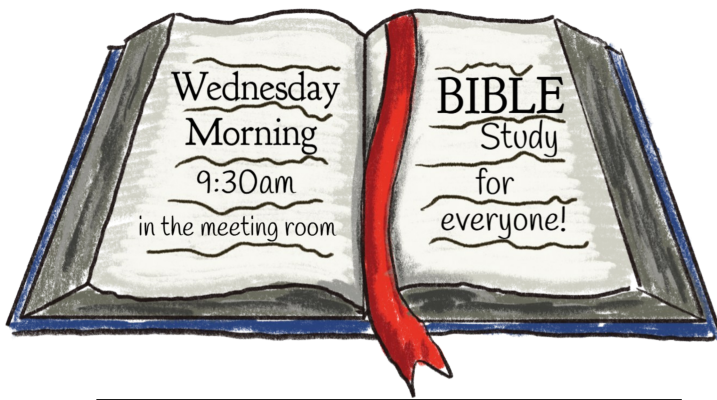


We are Live streaming from Facebook now, so you can enjoy the service every Sunday.

"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**





Elders

**There will be  
an ELDERS  
Meeting right  
after worship  
on Sunday, JUNE 1 in  
the meeting room**



**Worship Leader**– Karen Willette  
**Greeters**– Ronnie Johnson, Don & Kathy Welch,  
**Scripture Readers**–  
     4 Mary Bryan  
    11 Lynn Dover  
    18 Dee Fields  
    25 Carol Findley  
**Elders**– Richard Bryan, Jack Gregory  
**Team 4 Deacons**–  
   Lolly Ellis, Vicki Rubis, Don Welch, Kathy Welch



DON'T FORGET the  
BOARD MEETING!

Wednesday, May 21  
At 6:00pm  
in the Family Life Center.



May 7	Taunja Carlisle
May 8	David McDonald
May 8	Kathy Welch
May 19	Carol Findley
May 19	Ky Gregory
May 21	Joan Johnson
May 24	Flora Roe
May 25	Jerry Hay
May 27	Steve McGee
May 29	Mary Bryan



Thank you,  
to our  
Disciples Men  
for the lovely  
roses presented  
to our ladies on  
Mother's Day,  
May 11.

You made each one feel special!

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.



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*

## May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	<b>28</b> Newsletter Published	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY</b> 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Elder's Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 11:30am Disciples Women Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	<b>12</b> Newsletter Published	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cabinet Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Salsa Sunday Potluck	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Board Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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