

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, February 1, 2021



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

Telephone: 817-295-4123 **Fax:** 817-295-0750

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
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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Amber Miller, Learning Center Director

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Do You See What I See?

"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
- 1 Samuel 16:7

According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and we can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Give the theory a shot, and see if it's true:

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Isn't it amazing? I love this illustration of how the mind works to put words together. It goes against everything I was taught in school and totally ends the need for spell check! It's the perfect example that confirms what we see may not be what we get.

Here's a reminder: God is searching our hearts. He doesn't care about our outward appearances. In fact, many of us have gotten so good at hiding who we really are, that even we don't recognize our true selves. And, it's often Christians who put masks on so quickly, fearing that if other people really knew them, they would quickly be rejected, condemned, or cast aside.

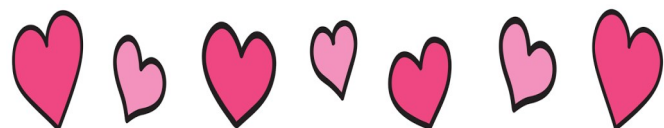
So, if we are hiding behind a mask (and I'm not speaking of the protective Covid-19 masks), afraid to reveal our true selves, consider allowing God to peel back the layers of fear, pain and deception in order to find our true selves - the one that was made in the image of God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/17/20
General Fund	1,313.00
Building Fund	275.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: 4,063.00-2,588.00 = Short (\$1,475.00)	

OFFERING	01/24/20
General Fund	2,480.00
Building Fund	580.00
Mike Rubis Memorial	50.00
Weekly Needs: 4,063.00-3,110.00 = Short (\$953.00)	

OFFERING	01/31/21
General Fund	3,180.00
Building Fund	175.00
Gas Royalties	238.32
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-3,593.32 = Short (\$469.68)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 17, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
20 Participated in Drive Up Communion

January 24, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
23 Participated in Drive Up Communion

January 31, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
20 Participated in Drive Up Communion



Visitors and Guests

No Services due to Corona Virus.

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

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up

Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up

Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up

Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Drive Up Communion

Every Sunday
10:00 am-12:00pm
Come to the
Gregory Street
Parking Lot

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**HARVET HOUSE SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Current needs include any kind of
canned fruit as well as cereal,
peanut butter, jelly, etc.

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 Marjorie Armstrong who passed away
Doug & Melissa McElroy
The Janzen Family
Jeff & Pam Lyons-Joan Kearns' brother & his wife
Tori Nichols-granddaughter of Darb Dewar
Terri Tipton
Pat Yarborough

We Rejoice With:

Bethany Bonds
For the ability to worship together online
during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of all nurses, doctors, all health care providers as well as first responders as we go through the Covid-19 crisis. Including our members and friends Bethany Bonds; Dave & Adrienne Nash, Dorothy Nash's son and daughter-in-law; Colin Cronenberg, the Cronenberg's son, Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law, and Jeff Yowell, Brenda Yowell's son

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover,
Judy Janzen, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Hope you all are doing well. It has been almost a year and we are still having to deal with this awful virus. We are working to get the church opened up as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are so fortunate to have a wonderful young man that provides us a service that can be watched on YouTube and/or Facebook each week. If you have not watched one of these videos, I encourage you to do so.

Collin Gregory, along with his dad Jack and others, have gone above and beyond to provide us with these each week. We even had a wonderful Christmas Eve Service. As I said, we are so very fortunate. Collin has a full time job with the City of Burleson as well as being a youth pastor at his "other" church. This being said, he has given so much time and effort to do this for us at no cost to the church.

At the January board meeting it was decided that we would take up a Love Offering to present to Collin. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please mail your check as you have your offering and tithe checks. I am asking that you get these to me or the church by February 6. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

You are all such a blessing and I know God is watching over you. Please continue mailing your tithes and offerings to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or mailing direct to me at 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028.

**IMPORTANT
READ ME...**

Love to you all,
Peggy Johnson
Treasurer

We are trying to get the church reopened for on-site worship as soon as possible. However, **WE WILL NOT RESUME ON-SITE SERVICES OTHER THAN DRIVE-UP COMMUNION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10 AM UNTIL 12 PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

On Sunday from 10 am until 12 pm DRIVE UP COMMUNION will be available at the church. Come to the Gregory Street parking lot near the glass doors that are closest to the sanctuary. A team of our members who have graciously volunteered will come out to your car, bring you communion and offer prayer.

Collin Gregory, Jack Gregory, and Pastor Mike are posting Sunday videos that are available on the FCCB Facebook page. Please click the link below and make sure you're added to the church Facebook group. If you have any questions or need assistance in viewing the post, contact the church office 817-295-4123.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175431884924/>

If you don't have a Facebook account or access to Facebook, you can see the video by searching YouTube or see the Saturday email titled A Word from Pastor Mike and it has the YouTube link. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or unmet needs, please contact your Elder or Pastor Mike on his cell at 214-364-6453. If you don't know who your Elder is, contact Kaye Gregory at Email: jackgregoryjr@aol.com. You are all in our prayers during these difficult days.

Further schedule changes will be announced by emails, phone calls, newsletters, and Facebook postings.

Thank you for your continued support. We still have bills during this time. Your offerings can be mailed to: First Christian Church, P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to our treasurer Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028 or through your bank's online payment system.



WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17

**6:00 PM
FLC**



**CURRENT
PROCEDURE**



Anyone coming into the building needs to come to the "Church Office" doors BEFORE you go anywhere else, including the Family Life Center. Everyone must wear a mask. Your temperature will be taken and logged in with your name.

DISCIPLES WOMEN FELLOWSHIP GIVING—2020

Disciples Church General Outreach	\$ 500.00
Disciples Church Week of Compassion	500.00
Church Finance Council DWF Blessing Boxes	387.00
Harvest House	1,650.00
Smile Train	300.00
FCC Learning Center (for teachers)	175.00
Thanksgiving Dinner at Crossroads HS	150.00
First Christian Church (Live Streaming Equipment)	517.00
CLOTH Fund	400.00
Meals on Wheels	300.00
Fire Safety Program	50.00
Support Our Soldiers	100.00
Salvation Army	300.00
	<u>\$5,329.00</u>



February

BIRTHDAYS

2/4	Linda McDowell
2/7	Georgia Sanders
2/7	JoAnn Mason
2/7	Terri Tipton
2/8	Marlene Baysinger
2/8	Kim Bonds
2/10	Bethany Bonds
2/11	Bonnie DePratter
2/11	Ann Miller
2/12	Cordelia Fields
2/13	Carol Gunn
2/17	Beth Hindman
2/20	Diana McGee
2/20	Truett Oldham
2/24	Brenda Yowell



Week of Compassion is more than a week. It is a ministry of the whole Church, reaching those in need “around the world, around the year.” Any time we respond to a need in the world, we bear witness to the unity of our table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have as an expression of Christ’s love. In working together with partners, we represent the Disciples of Christ commitment to unity, making our resources reach farther and growing our impact on a global scale.



Dear Friends in Christ,

What a year 2020 turned out to be! So many monumental events happened in 2020 it’s still hard to process them all.

Throughout the year, Disciples Crossing’s Staff and Board struggled with how best to fulfill the ministry and calling of the campground that you all love so much. Through many hours of prayer, discernment, and a lot of tears we canceled summer camps for the first time in the camp’s history. Our Board struggled with how to pay staff and keep the camp open for the day when we could all join together again here in Athens.

God’s faithfulness was exhibited over and over again through your generous donations. The camp was able to keep all of our staff employed and pay our bills with no interruptions in payments.

Your donation(s) of \$6,207.15 was instrumental in helping the camp meet its financial obligations this year. Your generous donation allowed us to keep the camp financially solvent and prepare for the return of our guests. We are blown away by how God worked through you to help Disciples Crossing.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Disciples Crossing - Thank You for your support! I pray God is present in your lives through 2021.

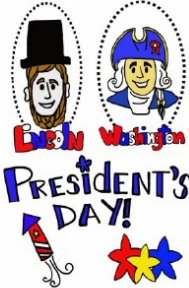
Until we meet again in Athens,

Matt Chandler
Executive Director



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February 2021

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