

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 11, 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

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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
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Power of Prayer

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."
- Matthew 7:7

In the summer of 1876, grasshoppers nearly destroyed the crops in Minnesota. In the spring of 1877, farmers feared the dreadful plague would strike again resulting in the destruction of their wheat crop for the second year in a row and bringing ruin on thousands of farmers throughout the state. The situation was so serious that Governor John S. Pillsbury proclaimed April 26th as a day of prayer and fasting. He urged every man, woman, and child to ask God to prevent this terrible tragedy. Schools, shops, stores, and offices were closed in observance of this day of prayer.

The following day dawned bright and clear. Temperatures soared above midsummer norms. The unusual heat persisted for three days and the people were devastated to discover billions of grasshopper larvae wiggling to life. It appeared that the grasshopper plague would return and once again bring ruin to the wheat crops. Surprisingly, the fourth day brought with it a sudden drop in temperature and the farmers woke the next morning to find that frost covered the ground. The result? Every single grasshopper larva died as surely as if they had been poisoned.

There is no doubt that God answers prayers. James 5:16b reads, "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." Matthew 18:19-20 states, "Again, truly I tell you if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Prayer is powerful, but for some reason many Christians don't invest in seeking God's help through prayer. James explains in his letter, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:3.

God loves us and is waiting patiently to hear from us. He wants to hear about our struggles, our joys and even about the things in life we may consider mundane. Simply, prayer is communication with God and is as easy as talking with a friend. Each day, God is inviting us to talk with him. It doesn't have to be formal, flowery, or perfect. It just has to be real.

If those 19th century wheat farmers in Minnesota could put their trust in the power of prayer and go to God with their fears that seemed beyond their control, why can't we?

You know what I'm talking about!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	12/20/20
General Fund	3,200.00
Building Fund	925.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
For Video Equipment	517.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 5,125.00 = Over \$1,153.00	

OFFERING	12/27/20
General Fund	2,710.00
Building Fund	25.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,735.00 = Short (\$1,237.00)	

OFFERING	01/03/21
General Fund	5,485.00
Building Fund	890.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00 - 6,375.00 = Over \$2,312.00	

OFFERING	01/10/21
General Fund	3,675.00
Building Fund	950.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00 - 4,625.00 = Over \$562.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 20, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
20 Participated in Drive Up Communion

December 27, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
21 Participated in Drive Up Communion

January 3, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
23 Participated in Drive Up Communion

January 10, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
No Drive Up Communion due to Inclement weather.



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.

Dear Friends,

Thanks for all the loving support you've shown to me during this time of trouble. Today I'm locked down at my apartment all by myself—no one in, no one out. May God continue to bless you as you seek creative ways to remain in ministry to God's children.

Merry Christmas,
Jane H. Neal

Please Note: this schedule may change due to the changing restrictions regarding the COVID-19 Virus.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up

Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up

Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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AND OFFERINGS

Please designate offerings and mail to the church (PO Box 57, 76097), or mail to church treasurer, Peggy Johnson, or use your online banking service.



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 Will Davies who passed away
Joseph Fritz-Jack & Lolly Ellis' grandson
Len & Diane Gerstner-Friends of the Gregory's
Jeff & Pam Lyons-Joan Kearns' brother & his wife
Sara Maske & family-Carol Gunn's granddaughter
The family of Mike Rubis who passed away
Valerie Stuart
Terri Tipton
Beth Welch & family-son & daughter-in-law of Don & Kathy Welch
Needra Womack

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

Drive Up Communion

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

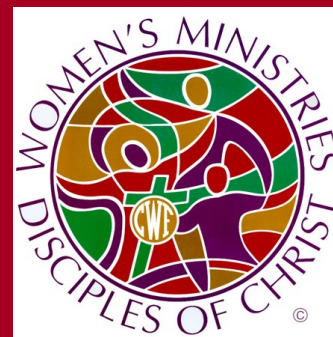
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DISCIPLES WOMEN would like to
encourage our ladies to continue to send
their offerings to Lolly at her home so we
can continue to contribute to charities and
be able to make our continued yearly
outreach goals.



We continue to experience new, confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and here in Texas. Governor Abbott has required the use of face masks for anyone out in public in all counties with more than 20 confirmed cases, although as of August 17th, all religious services are exempt from mask mandates and occupancy limits. He is encouraging citizens to remain at home when possible and practice social distancing. Additional precautions should be taken by those most vulnerable – the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. We all must be very cautious and not become complacent believing that the risk to our health is diminishing. Therefore, **ALTHOUGH CHURCHES MAY NOW HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICES WITH RESTRICTIONS AND STRICT PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, 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 You Tube or see the Saturday email titled A Word from Pastor Mike and it has the You Tube 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

JANUARY 20

**6:00 PM
FLC**

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts to each of us this Christmas. We also thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave us. The friendship and encouragement that you have shown to us is greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day. Thank you again for your generous gifts!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike and Terri



**End of Year
GIVING
Statements**

Statements have been sent by US mail. If you have not received yours, please call the church office.

**FOLLOW THE
GUIDELINES**

**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.