

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 13, 2020



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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Simple Truth - It Takes Time

"O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? ... We do not see our emblems; there is no longer any prophet ... Why do you hold back your hand?" - Psalm 74:1, 9a, 11a

A woman wrote a postcard while vacationing in New Jersey and mailed it to her mother in Pennsylvania. When the card arrived, the mother called her daughter to say thanks. The daughter was confused. "What card?" she asked. The card had been postmarked in Asbury Park, New Jersey and the daughter remembered that she had sent her mother a postcard from that location - but it had been 37 years before. It seems that shortly after its arrival at the post office, the postcard fell behind a sorting machine, and it had been discovered when the machine was moved. The postal workers added a new stamp and sent it on its way. Talk about snail mail!

The story prompted me to reflect about how our contemporary culture views time and just how much change we've experienced in our lifetimes. Today, we live in a culture that is focused on the here and now. A lot of this has to do with technology, of course. The popularity of new communication technologies in recent years has really had a huge influence! The methods of communication that were once a regular part of life, like letter writing, are close to becoming a complete thing of the past.

A major downside to our instant society is that it gives an illusion that anything and everything should be at our disposal immediately. We expect a quick resolution to problems that have taken years to develop and become depressed when things aren't better in the morning! We simply cannot maintain balanced lives if we expect everything instantly!

Often our impatience over timing spills over into our spirituality. When problems aren't quickly resolved, we get angry at God. When we don't see growth in our lives as quickly as we desire, we become depressed. We hear about God's ability to change lives and fix problems instantly, but when we don't see these miracles happening in our lives, we wonder why God doesn't act on our behalf.

The simple truth is that following Christ takes time. Growing in maturity takes time. Character building takes time. Resolving most problems takes time. Building strong families and relationships takes time.

So, as we fully embrace all that this new year will bring, we should take a longer view of time. I assure you that God is still on His throne, He is still at work in our lives. We must understand and remember that God has His own timing that is often different than ours. We must trust that His timing is perfect when it comes to our lives.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	01/05/20
General Fund	7,060.04
Building Fund	1,570.00
CLOTH Fund	25.00
Margie Lile Memorial	150.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 8,780.04 = Over \$4,808.04	

OFFERING	01/12/20
General Fund	2,593.52
Building Fund	405.00
Margie Lile Memorial	150.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 3,148.52 = Short (\$823.48)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 5, 2020	65
January 12, 2020	66



Visitors and Guests

Ed Pappert; Marlene Baysinger; Lexi Hales; Emmy Nash; Will Davies; Chris Pidgeon; Ashley Davis; Conner Gilley; Jean Lake; Dan & Lois Hockman; and our other regular visitors.

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



Our family can never fully express our feelings of gratitude we have for our church family during Mom's brief illness and following her passing. We coveted your prayers and felt them when hard decisions had to be made. Thanks to all who sent cards and made phone calls, visited Mom and us in the hospital, drove to Longview (in the rain) for her graveside service, provided food at the house and at the reception, helped with her Celebration of Life service, and sent memorials to the church in her honor. We truly are one big family and Mom's passing would have been so much harder without you all.

Much love,
Kaye Gregory

Dear Disciples Women,

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to you all for the attention that was given to the replacement of the entry rugs. They are perfect!

Iris Wilson



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
NO Board Meeting

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
NO Stewardship Meeting

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

6:00 PM Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 AM Installation of Church Officers (S)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



AED/CPR Training Class

Saturday, January 18

9:00 am-10:30 am

New Hope Fellowship

6410 South Freeway

Fort Worth, TX 76134

817-293-2222

New Hope Fellowship is having an AED/CPR Training Class and is inviting any and all who are interested in this training to attend.

There is no charge for attendance. If you are interested in attending this training, please call Terri in the church office 817-295-4123 by this Thursday, January 16th, and we will put you on the list.

This class could be life saving and will always be an aid in knowing what to do in an emergency situation.



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:

Roy Cronenberg
Bonnie DePratter
Lexie Hobby-Angela Tolliver's daughter
Angela Kaker
Diana McGee
Dave Nash and family in Austin
Frenda Tolliver-Angela Tolliver's mother-in-law
Pat Worrell-a friend of Dorothy Nash
V.J. Welch-Don Welch's sister
Tammy-a friend of Pat Sartori's daughter

We Rejoice With:

The Gunn's great-granddaughter
Valerie Stuart & Chris Pidgeon
Some of our travelers are back
home safely.

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover,
Judy Janzen, Brad King, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

JANUARY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

40 Pounds of Food

\$408.00 in Cash Donations



JOINT BOARD/CABINET MEETING

THURSDAY
JANUARY 23

6:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER



There will be no individual Cabinet and
Board meetings this month.

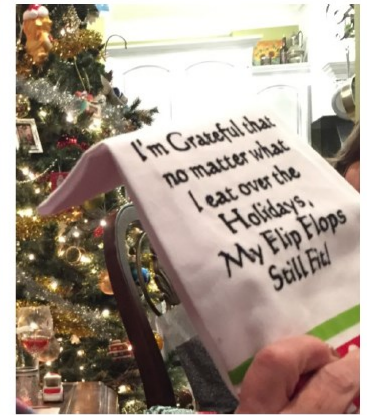
End of Year
GIVING
Statements

Statements are now available on the white
table in the foyer.

Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 26

11:00 am



**December
2019**



**CHRISTMAS AT FCC LEARNING CENTER AND HARVEST HOUSE
ADVENT SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DISCIPLES MEN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING
DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY
BURLESON CHRISTMAS PARADE**

