

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, July 10, 2023



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: Closed for the Summer

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Help Me! I'm Stuck

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." -- Philipians 2:4

One day a centipede walked by a tree where a wise old owl was perched. The owl asked the centipede, "You have so many legs! How do you know which one to move next? The centipede froze in his tracks. He started thinking. He didn't know which leg to move so he couldn't move any. He cried to the owl, "Help me! I'm stuck!" The owl said, "My little friend, you are stuck because you are too focused on yourself. When you are focused on what is going on in the world around you, you have no thoughts about how to move. You simply move." The centipede looked out to the horizon and saw the sun setting. "How beautiful," the centipede said. Just then his legs were freed and he began to walk again.

It has been reported that Dr. Karl Menninger, a famous psychologist, once gave a lecture on mental health. During a question and answer session that followed his lecture, he was asked, "What advice would you give someone who felt a nervous breakdown coming on?" He replied, "Lock up your house, go across the railway tracks, find someone in need and do something to help that person."

Both the story and anecdote above remind me that when we focus on ourselves - on our problems and circumstances - we can become inwardly paralyzed, preventing us from being everything that God intends for us to be, including serving others effectively. We can freeze in our own tracks.

Following Christ is not primarily an exercise in introspection, but rather of reaching out to others and lovingly serving them in His name. In times when I've been in tough situations, or have felt sorry for myself for some reason, I've experienced release from my anxiety by changing my focus to others and getting myself involved in serving. Routine self-evaluation is healthy. An obsession with self is not.

Today, if you are feeling paralyzed by the weight of a difficult personal situation, I encourage you to shift your focus from yourself to Jesus and find someone you can serve in His name. The weight will seem lighter, and you will start moving again.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/02/23
General Fund	7,780.00
Building Fund	925.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-8,705.00 =	Over \$4,635.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,365.00 =	Short (\$1,705.00)



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 2, 2023	37
July 9, 2023	49



Visitors and Guests

Tori Chappotin; Kay Daly; Harvey Ellis;
David & Susan McDonald; Ken & Diana
Morrow; Virginia Popiel; Gwen Staiger;
and our other regular visitors.

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



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$330.00 in Cash Donations

NEW ADDRESS FOR BONNIE DEPRATTER

Bonnie DePratter has sold her home
and below is her new address. She
would love to hear from her friends
at church.



Yvonne "Bonnie" DePratter
Advanced Nursing and Rehab
275 SE John Jones Drive - Room 401
Burleson TX 76028

Phone: 817-229-6733

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
NO Cabinet Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting
(Lolly Ellis' Home)

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (MR)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Celebrate America Potluck Luncheon
(FLC)

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

10:00 AM FCC Single Ladies Meeting
(Dorothy Nash's Home)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
NO Board Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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.

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NO JULY MEETINGS!

There will be no Elders,
Cabinet, Board, or Stewardship
meetings this month.



If one of these groups needs to meet,
you will be contacted.

Happy Vacation!

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 Richard Bryan's cousin who passed away
Brent Davis' girlfriend's mother
MaryJane Finkle, Pat Sartori's friend
Pastor Mike Kearns & Joan Kearns
Eric McGee
Steve McGee
The family of Virginia Popiel's daughter-in-law's mother
who passed away
Pat Sartori
The family of Tami Slater's father & stepmom who passed away
Don Tolliver, Angela Tolliver's father-in-law

We Rejoice With:

Bonnie DePratter
Dee Fields
Pastor Mike Kearns gave thank
you's for support following his
surgery.
Luke Nash, Dorothy Nash's
grandson

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee,
Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

A HUGE THANK YOU to Jack and Lolly Ellis. They have been taking care of the Prayer Garden between the Family Life Center parking lot and the Sanctuary doors, for many years and always do a fantastic job. They have also refinished the bench that sits across from the Prayer Garden, and it is beautiful! Next time you are here, go by and sit a spell!!



DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, July 13
11:30 am

Lolly Ellis' Home
2020 Trailwood Drive,
Burleson
817-295-5705

Hostesses: Lolly Ellis & Dee Fields

Study & Worship: Jane Rudolph

Need a ride, call Mary Bryan
817-517-9748
so arrangements can be made.
We will carpool/vanpool from
the Family Life Center parking lot
at 11:15 am.

HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT

Peanut butter & jelly, including
crackers & peanut butter



**CELEBRATE
AMERICA
POTLUCK
LUNCHEON**

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Family Life Center

**Immediately following
worship**

**Sign up sheets for
items to bring are in
the foyer.**

Wear your **red, **white**
and **blue** to church
and the luncheon!**



**DISCIPLES
MEN**

**DISCIPLES MEN
BREAKFAST AND
MEETING**

**Thursday, July 13
8:30 am**

**THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson**



The Learning Center is looking for teachers and substitute teachers. Call 817-295-4123 if you know someone who would be interested.



FCC SINGLE LADIES MEETING

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023
10:00 am**

**Dorothy Nash's Home
216 Lester, Burleson
817-296-3244**

**Bring a sack lunch for yourself, and
come join us!**

★ ★ HAPPY 4th of July ★ ★

