

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, July 12, 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.

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Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School
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

Holding Fast to God's Word

"But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance."

- Luke 8:15

Most of us love a good story. Good stories have a way of transporting us to a different world - a world where we can forget the current one, albeit for only a moment. We find ourselves wrapped up in the drama of others, somehow feeling a connection with the story ourselves.

I believe this is one of the reasons Jesus spoke so often in parables. He knows how we are wired. In a world that is captured by truth delivered in quick sound bites, Jesus says, "Once upon a time..." Truth conveyed in stories; stories that grabbed ahold of people.

Jesus' stories used common imagery from His day, but He told stories in such a way that listeners were drawn in, only to find their ideas of God and the world in which they lived somehow expanded. His stories were like seeds planted deeply in the soil of His listeners' hearts. These seeds would lie dormant for a while, but when the time came, they pushed forth through the surface to produce something beautiful in the lives of those who nurtured the seed.

In perhaps one of Jesus' most well-known stories, He tells of a Sower spreading seed over a variety of different soils. Some soils receive the seed; others do not. Some see a crop produced by the seed; others do not. One soil, which eagerly awaits the seed and nurtures it, produced a crop 100 times that which was sown - a remarkable feat - one well beyond anything that could be imagined when the seed was sown.

Jesus' meaning was clear. If we allow the seed to take up residence in us - if we choose to re-orient our lives around these teachings - we will see God produce something in us that is beyond our wildest dreams.

When Jesus spoke of allowing these truths to take up residence in us, He spoke of "retaining" the seed planted. This word "retaining" is a fascinating word. It's the Greek word *katecho*, which means to possess, but it can also mean to be possessed by. By the use of this word, Jesus made a profound statement. These teachings are not something just to know and possess, but also something to be possessed by. We are not called to master these teachings, like a scientist studying something from afar. Rather, we are called to be in relationship with them - to allow them to explore our hearts and our motives - to be captured by them.

When we come into this kind of relationship with the scriptures, are we truly transformed by them? Only when they take up residence in us, capturing us by their profound beauty and mystery, is a crop produced in us - one that is beyond our wildest dreams.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	07/04/21
General Fund	5,131.00
Building Fund	1,655.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-6,786.00 = Over \$2,723.00	

OFFERING	07/11/21
General Fund	3,325.00
Building Fund	380.00
Genna Edmonds Memorial	500.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-4,205.00 = Over \$142.00	

SUMMER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 4, 2021	47
July 11, 2021	41



Visitors and Guests



Peggy Verdery; Marlene Baysinger; Virginia Popiel; Braylen & Graysen Bryan; Thomas & Andrew Bryan; 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.



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$235.06 Cash Donations

6 Pounds Food

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)
No Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021

2:00 PM Lexie Hobby Graduation Party (FLC)

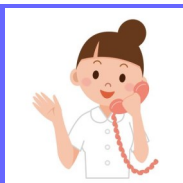
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



CALLING ALL SINGLE LADIES

The First Christian Church Single Ladies met for the second time on Tuesday, June 8, with 8 ladies present. Games were played and sack lunches were enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on the THIRD Tuesday of July which is July 20, at 10:00 am.

We will meet at:

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

Plans are to play Bingo! We are asking everyone to bring a sack lunch for you to enjoy, and a white elephant gift from home for prizes for Bingo.

If you are a single lady, we would love for you to join us!



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:

Jerry & Sandra Hay
Scott & Terri Lester
Doug McElroy
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Walken
The family of Eula Mae Yowell who passed away at 100 years old.

We Rejoice With:

Richard & Mary Bryan celebrated
51st Wedding Anniversary on
July 11!
Laurie Gunn Carroll has a new
grandson!
Carol Gunn

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, Sandra Hay, Becky Hoover,
Doug McElroy, Eleene Pippin, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Barbara Warren, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

We are so excited to be back in worship services in our sanctuary at 11:00 am, and would love to have you with us next Sunday.

Because everyone's safety is a top priority for us, we will have a shortened service of 30-35 minutes. **Due to the Governor's new mandate, the wearing of masks are no longer required. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, it is your choice to do so.** We also recommend social distancing except for family groups.

Please stay home if you are ill or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19.

We have a table in the sanctuary that has a place to put your offering and pick up pre-packaged Communion that you will take to your seat. You can also pick up an Order of Worship and an activity kit for children, which are both on the table.



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