

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, July 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: Closed for the Summer
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

When Cows Fly

"Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. - I Timothy 4:12

Recently, a news story caught my attention. Apparently, a cattle carrier traveling on an interstate highway experienced trouble when the back of the trailer came open. For lack of a better way to put it, cows flew out. Of course, cows can't fly, which in this instance, is not good news for the cows involved.

Neither was it good news for the traffic following the cattle carrier. The flying cows led to a chain reaction of negative events. Several cars hit some of the cows. Police scrambled to the scene. While working to control the accident scene, another truck approached on the interstate. It sped by, nearly hitting a police officer. Two police vehicles immediately began pursuit of the speeding truck. The truck quickly pulled off to the side of the interstate and two men jumped out and began running. The police vehicles also pulled over, the officers got out of their vehicles, and began pursuing the suspects on foot. Eventually, the suspects were caught. Unfortunately, the officers had stopped their vehicles in tall grass, which ignited a fire, engulfing their squad cars in flames and completely destroying them.

When cows fly, bad things happen. When cows fly, unintended consequences are set into motion. There are times when I look back on my day and I feel like I've sent cows flying. Of course, I've never actually flung a cow, but in my words and actions, I've unleashed all kinds of unintended consequences.

Here's one simple example. In a weak moment, I said unkind words about someone else in the presence of others and that, in turn, encouraged them to do the same. My slip of tongue simply revealed the frustration of the moment, not any long-standing issues. But, the unkind words somehow made their way back to the person they were spoken about. Talk about unintended consequences. Soon, it was raining cows! Relationships were damaged and work had to be done to restore them.

The Scriptures tell us that we have a responsibility to keep a close watch over our lives regarding how we think, speak, and act. Today's story is a simple cautionary tale. When cows fly, unintended consequences result and bad things happen. Today, let's do our best, with God's help, to keep the cows where they belong.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	06/28/20
General Fund	1,046.00
Building Fund	30.00
Genna Edmonds Memorial	50.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 1,126.00 = Short (\$2,846.00)	

OFFERING	07/05/20
General Fund	5,937.00
Building Fund	1,715.00
Harvest House	720.00
Genna Edmonds Memorial	225.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 7,877.00 = Over \$3,905.00	

OFFERING	07/12/20
General Fund	2,050.00
Building Fund	185.00
Harvest House	35.00
Genna Edmonds Memorial	150.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,235.00 = Short (\$1,737.00)	

SUMMER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus
38 Participated in Drive Up Communion

July 5, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus
22 Participated in Drive Up Communion

July 12, 2020 - 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.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

10:00 am-Noon Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

10:00 am-Noon Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$755.00 in Cash Donations!



Since 1953, Blessing Boxes have been kept in the homes and offices of women across the church to enable them to express their gratitude for everyday blessings by giving to others. It is a way of saying, "Thank you God, for your world and especially for people."

For those who participate, it is a spiritual discipline even more than a financial one. It helps keep a focus on gratitude to God and on the responsibility to share blessings with others. The amount put in may be a dime, a quarter or more. The amount is not nearly as important as the discipline of regularly remembering God's goodness thru the acts of dropping in coins and praying prayers of thanks.

This month when you send your Disciples Women offering to Lolly, include in your check the total from your blessing boxes - and consider rounding up your donation. Be sure to designate what is offering and what is Blessing Box. Usually Lolly sends our total to the National office in July but this year she will send it in August.

Lolly Ellis
2020 Trailwood
Burleson, TX 76028

Kaye Gregory
Disciples Women Publicity



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:

David Barker-Kaye Gregory's half-brother
The family of Susan Bond who passed away-Susan is
Barbara Bond's daughter-in-law
Collin Gregory
Carol Gunn
Pastor Mike Kearns
Marilyn Murray
Rev. Dr. Phillip Chacko-Former Pastor of New Hope Fellowship
Michelle & Todd-Sharon Matzner's daughter and son-in-law
After 22 years, Ky Gregory is retiring from the Marine Corps. Ky and family leave California on Wednesday and will be driving here to live.
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 and Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law.

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Richard & Mary Bryan who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 11, 2020!
For the ability to worship together online during the Covid-19 crisis.

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

We continue to experience a significant spike in confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and particularly 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. 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 A.M. THROUGH NOON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Our secretary, Terri Lester is working in the church office, and can be reached at the church at 817-295-4123 or on her cell at 817-296-2388 or by email at terri@fccburleson.org. As always, Pastor Mike can be reached at 214-364-6453.

Kyle Reynoso, Collin Gregory, Isaac 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 Kyle Reynoso at 636-290-6765.
<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. 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.



We have always been a church family who never hesitates to step up when needed. We say thank you to Rev. Larry & Pam Mason, Becky O'Neal and Don & Kathy Welch who greet us with Communion and prayer on Sunday mornings. We say thank you to Tommy Bonds, Jean Crawford, Dee Fields, Steve McGee and Terri Tipton for providing special music during our online worship services. We say thank you to Richard Bryan, Darb Dewar and Jack Gregory for taking on other leadership roles during our worship services. We say thank you to Kyle Reynoso, Collin Gregory and Isaac Gregory for their hard work of re-

recording and getting our worship services ready for us to see every Sunday. We say thank you to Rev. Dr. Ann Miller who has filled in for Pastor Mike Kearns when needed. AND...we say thank you to all our members and friends who continue to watch our services and send in their tithes and offerings.

A huge thank you to Richard Bryan who is always so faithful to make sure that the grounds of First Christian looks great! Whether it is scorching hot or crazy cold, he makes sure the church looks great outside by mowing, trimming trees/bushes, weed eating and also finds time to change our sign!

Big thanks also to Jack Gregory & Ronnie Johnson who help when needed!



Drive Up Communion

Every Sunday

10 am - Noon

*Come to the
Gregory Street
Parking Lot*

*First
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