

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, June 26, 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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*Due to Pastor Mike's recent surgery and limited mobility during his recovery,
this is a repeat from a previous Pastor Mike's Moment.*

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Independence Day: Depending on God

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

We know that Scripture tells us that we are created in the image of God. As God's highest creation, and in that image, it is clear that we should be free. There is no scriptural foundation for any other teaching. When the citizens of the early colonies declared their freedom from and independence of England, it was a great day for freedom and the church. With the signing of the Declaration of Independence our great nation was born. And on this coming July 4th, we again celebrate the birthday of The United States of America. And as we celebrate, we thank God for the liberty that we enjoy.

As Christians, independence is never more demonstrated than when we exercise total dependence on God. We were never intended to be independent of Him or His ways. He created us to depend on Him and thus to find our total fulfillment in Him, to find His perfect strength by acknowledging our own weakness.

As we celebrate Independence Day, as we give honor to our country, one nation under God, let us also declare that this is our Day of Dependence. A day that we acknowledge that we depend on God for everything in this life. A day that we know that we live and move and have our being in Him.

As we move toward this year's Independence Day, I share the following Independence Day prayer with you.

Creator and lover of what you have created, open your arms to those imprisoned by sin that they might experience the independence you intended in the creation.

Gracious Christ, crucified and risen Christ, embrace those who stumble through life that they might feel the independence from uncertainty that you died to abolish by undying love.

Mysterious, yet ever present Holy Spirit, fill us with your power when we waver that we might cling to the independence from doubt, promised by the lover and savior of all that is yours.

Eternal God, holy and ever present, we thank you for the independence provided in our spiritual life which makes a celebration of national independence a true and meaningful celebration.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	06/18/23
General Fund	1,740.00
Building Fund	125.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-1,865.00 = Short (\$2,205.00)	
OFFERING	06/25/23
General Fund	1,940.00
Building Fund	425.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,365.00 = Short (\$1,705.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 18, 2023	56
June 25, 2023	46



Visitors and Guests

Mike Bond; Kay Daly; Harvey Ellis; David & Susan McDonald; George Montgomery; Ken & Diana Morrow; Virginia Popiel; Gwen Staiger; Karen Sturdivan; and our other regular visitors.

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

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY



July 2, 2023

Current needs include fresh fruit and vegetables, breakfast bars, cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans, crackers, mac & cheese, pasta, ramen, canned soups, and drinks (hot & cold). A basket for financial donations will be available next Sunday on the table in the back of the sanctuary next to the offering.

Dear Friends,

The words "Thank You" aren't nearly enough to convey my thankfulness for the cards, notes, phone calls, and prayers I've received regarding my months of physical discomfort and my brother's death. I am truly blessed to be a part of this loving, caring congregation.

Thank you,
Karen Willette



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! Church Office Closed

9:00 AM Burleson 4th of July Parade

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 10, 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!



Church Office Closed on Monday, July 4th.

HAPPY 4th of JULY



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:

Wayne English
Beth Gregory - Jack Gregory's sister
Jack Gregory
Richard Hirsch - Richard Bryan's good friend
Mary Hyer - Lynn Dover's friend
Pastor Mike Kearns & Joan Kearns
Steve McGee
John Palmer - Lynn Dover's friend
Karen Willette

We Rejoice With:

Carol Gunn & Laurie Carroll were
in worship on June 18!
Angela Kaker

Continued Prayers for:

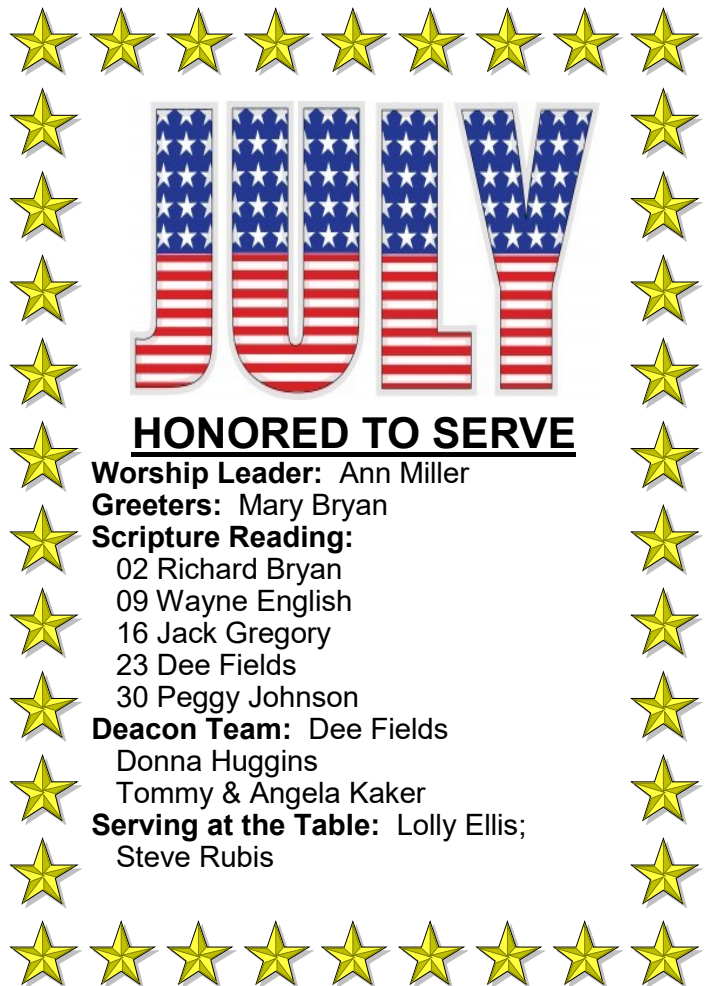
Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee,
Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders



BIRTHDAYS

7/2	Pat Powell
7/3	Ky Gregory, Jr.
7/5	Teagan Kaker
7/9	Natalie (Rubis) Wood
7/13	Peggy Verdery
7/17	Jack Ellis
7/17	Sharon Matzner
7/17	Carol Morris
7/19	Tiffanie Gregory
7/19	Ed Pappert
7/19	Bernice Williams
7/26	Barbara Bond
7/29	Tommy Kaker
7/30	Caden Vastine



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Ann Miller

Greeters: Mary Bryan

Scripture Reading:

02 Richard Bryan

09 Wayne English

16 Jack Gregory

23 Dee Fields

30 Peggy Johnson

Deacon Team: Dee Fields

Donna Huggins

Tommy & Angela Kaker

Serving at the Table: Lolly Ellis;
Steve Rubis

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
817-295-3390
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.



**DISCIPLES
MEN**

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, July 13
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson



BURLESON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Come join us in the Gregory Street parking lot and
watch the parade pass by! The parade begins at 9 am.

Bring your chairs and lots of water. Come early
because Gregory Street gets blocked to traffic before
the parade begins!



ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY

honoring Jean Crawford,
Marilyn Murray & Janie Rudolph

June 25, 2023



Let's Sit Together for the 4th of July Parade!



Burleson's 4th of July Parade begins at 9 am and goes in front of our Gregory Street parking lot! Come early and claim a spot! Gregory Street gets blocked to traffic before the parade begins.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)						1
2 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY No Elders' Meeting	3	4  Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12 No Cabinet Meeting	13 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meet- ing (The Porch) 11:30 AM - DWF Meeting (Lolly Ellis' Home)	14	15
16 12:00 PM - Celebrate America Potluck Luncheon (FLC)	17	18 10:00 AM - FCC Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	19 No Board Meeting	20	21	22
23	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27	28	29 General Assembly Begins Louisville, KY - 7/29-8/1
30	31					