

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 13, 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: 6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Season of Lent

Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." – Luke 9:23-24

As we entered the season of Lent this year on Ash Wednesday, many of us heard the familiar question, "What will you give up for Lent?" So, what is that all about?

Although the Lenten season is one of the oldest seasons of observation on the Christian calendar, not all Christian faith traditions have actively observed it and have not understood the focus of this 40-day period leading up to Easter. And even among those faith communities that have consistently acknowledged the season, over many centuries there have been changes to how Lent is observed. Yet, its purpose has always stayed essentially the same - it is a season of self examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. Lent has been observed by believers throughout the centuries as a time dedicated to self-denial, sacrifice, spiritual formation, spiritual discipline and prayer.

In many traditions, fasting plays a huge role. In history, people were regularly encouraged to fast daily (eating only one meal a day). In other traditions, prayers and confession were the primary focus on the 40-day Lenten journey.

Though Lent is still devoutly observed in some Christian denominations, others hardly mention it at all. However, in our time there is an increased interest in the significance of Lent. Frankly, there cannot be a better emphasis than for all of us to focus on our relationship with Jesus. Lent is a time to get in touch with that part of us that is broken and needs healing. It is a season to be able to openly acknowledge our deep desire for transformation and Christ-likeness.

As you read the following Lenten prayer authored by Ruth Burgess, make it a part of your inner desire to be more like Jesus.

Lighter of lights - illumine us
Fire of fires - thaw us
Power of powers - strengthen us
Lover of lovers - warm us
Teller of tales - encourage us
Destroyer of darkness - save us
Touchstone of truth - examine us
Summoner of stars - amaze us
Wellspring of wisdom - weather us
Water of life - refresh us
Dancer of days - delight us
Breath of the universe - bless us

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/05/23
General Fund	9,535.00
Building Fund	870.00
Gas Royalties	315.16
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-10,720.16 = Over \$6,650.16	

OFFERING	03/12/23
General Fund	900.00
Building Fund	125.00
The WARM Place	155.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,025.00 = Short (\$2,045.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 5, 2023	49
March 12, 2023	49



Visitors and Guests

Virginia Popiel; Robin Anstead;
Gwen Staiger; Harvey Ellis; Kay Daly;
Mike Grzarowicz; Carol Webb; Jerry
McDearmon; David & Susan McDonald;
Angela Sanders; and our other regular
visitors.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)
6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 AM Chili Cook-Off Potluck (FLC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
6:00 PM - FAMILY LIFE CENTER



MARCH HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

22 Pounds of Food/Necessities

\$489.00 in Cash Donations

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.



SIXTH ANNUAL MARION HIGGINBOTHAM MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



Sunday, March 19
Following Worship (FLC)

Prizes will be awarded for the
top three vote getters!

A sign-up sheet is located
in the foyer.

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:

Wynell Brunson-Dorothy Nash's sister
Pat Crow
Bonnie DePratter
Mike Grzarowicz
Richard Land-former member
Diana McGee
The family of Faye McLaren who passed-Faye is a former member
Marilyn Murray
David Pickering-Karen Willette's brother
The family of Don Reynolds who passed away-
Don is Clay Robinson's best friend
Lyda Speirs
Valerie Stuart
Alesha Walker-Dorothy Nash's niece
Karen Willette
The family of Joe who passed away-Joe is a friend of Darb Dewar's

We Rejoice With:

Mike Grzarowicz
Brent Lynn-Lynn Dover's son
Beverly Sholders was in worship
on March 12!
Many Thanks to Steve McGee,
Richard Bryan & Jack Gregory
for fixing one of the sanctuary's
projector.

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Marsha Coates (Dorothy Nash's niece),
Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Barbara Hill, Deborah Hill,
Becky Hoover, Eric McGee, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Beverly Sholders, Darrell Tolliver,
Alesha Walker (Dorothy Nash's niece), Barbara Warren & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

GAME DAY!

SINGLE LADIES OF MEETING

TUESDAY ♦ MARCH 21
10:00 AM

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

EASTER!

We are having a Game Day and
celebrating Easter!

Please bring a sack lunch, and come join us for
good fun and fellowship!

REMEMBER AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER



The WARM Place®
Grief Support Center for Children

Again this year, in lieu of donations for Easter lilies, we are asking for contributions to help support The WARM Place in Fort Worth. The WARM Place helps children who are grieving the loss of someone they love by providing a safe environment for them to express feelings and emotions as well as the opportunity to meet with children and families who are experiencing situations similar to their own. For more information see their website at www.thewarmplace.org.

As usual, your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin on Easter and in the newsletter. Thank you for your willingness to continue this outreach ministry as we help support children when they need it most.

Donation Form to Remember and Honor Loved Ones

Name _____

Phone _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Make checks payable to First Christian Church and designate The WARM Place. Put forms and checks in the offering plate or mail to First Christian Church, PO Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097, by Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Total Contribution _____



Starts at 12:15pm
(Love Offering)



Starts at 2pm



12:15 - 2pm

Sunday, March 19, 2022

Central Christian Church

3205 Hamilton Avenue

Fort Worth, TX

All proceeds go to the Building for the Future Campaign



Live Auction Items:

- Joy Colvin Paintings (2)
- Louis Daniel Painting "Gypsy Life"
- 2-bedroom Condo Stay
- Smart TV
- Fine Jewelry and more

Silent Auction Items:

- Babysitting - 4 hours
- Photo Shoot - 2 hours
- Oil change
- Home Repair Voucher
- Custom Voice Message and more

Reservations Please Contact the Church Office @ 817.335.1520

Lunch Reservations: sanderson@cccw.org

