

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, March 27, 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

Forgiveness is a Choice

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." – Colossians 3:13

A father mourns the death of his teenage son who was killed when a drunk driver hit the car he was driving. A police officer was shot and paralyzed from the neck down by teenagers he was questioning in a park. A woman was brutally beaten and raped by an unknown attacker. All of these people have suffered trauma from a wrong done to them. The wrong done was outside of their control. Still, in all three cases, the people who suffered also made a conscious decision to forgive the people who caused the trauma. It amazes me that people who suffer such extreme wrongs can work through the pain in order to forgive.

There is no doubt that granting forgiveness can be difficult. But most of us don't have to deal with forgiving such huge sins against us. Most of us deal more on the level of forgiving a family member for taking the last cookie out of the cookie jar. Regardless of the extent of our hurt, to be sure, we all experience hurt from time to time. While forgetting is usually impossible, forgiveness is not. In fact, Jesus expects His followers to be people of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a choice. It includes the ideas of canceling a debt and cleaning the slate. We don't forgive others so that God will forgive us. Rather, we forgive others because God has forgiven us. We prove that we understand what forgiveness is all about when we forgive others. If we regularly harbor grudges against others who have wronged us, it means that we've either never understood or never experienced God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is more than God's suggestion. It is a command. Even though we may feel hurt and angry with others who have wronged us - and although it's okay to take time to process those feelings - we need to forgive them if we have experienced God's forgiveness in our own lives. Forgiving others is to be a hallmark of those who follow Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	03/19/23
General Fund	605.00
Building Fund	55.00
The WARM Place	135.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-660.00 = Short (\$3,410.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 19, 2023	54
March 26, 2023	50

Visitors and Guests



Virginia Popiel; Gwen Staiger;
Harvey Ellis; Kay Daly; Angela Sanders;
Jerry McDearmon; Chris Pidgeon;
Austyn Taylor; Monna Resinger; Keith
Vogar; Carol Webb; Pat Crow;
David & Susan McDonald;
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 APRIL 2, 2023

Current needs include: boxes of cereal,
spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit &
vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, mac n cheese,
items for Easter lunch/dinner, etc.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, calls, visits,
food and everything else! I miss everyone and hope to
be back with you all soon.

Bonnie DePratter



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Palm Processional (S)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Reception
at New Hope Fellowship

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 PM Good Friday Service (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

9:30 AM Easter Breakfast (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, APRIL 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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To Our Church Family,

"HE has made everything beautiful in its time."
Ecclesiastes 3:11

God blesses us every day with this reminder. Thank
you to every one of you for your love and acts of
kindness during the journey with our granddaughter
Shea. She was a joy to everyone she met, and she is
now dancing and singing with
the Angels! We cherish your
love and friendship.

Don & Kathy Welch



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 Jim Eaves who passed away-
Jim's brother is married to Kaye Gregory's cousin Lisa
Collin Gregory
Diana McGee
John Mehaffey
Kim & Dave Pulliam & Don & Kathy Welch
Flora Roe
Beverly Turner-long time member before she moved
Tornadoes in Mississippi, Alabama & Georgia-
Victims & others coping with loss

We Rejoice With:

Leslie Daniel
Tina Gregory
Valerie Stuart's young friend &
family
Juanice Wichterich's Birthday on
March 19, 2023!
Bernice Williams

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, Richard Land, 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

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

11:00 am Parade of Palms at the beginning of
Morning Worship

Thursday, April 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

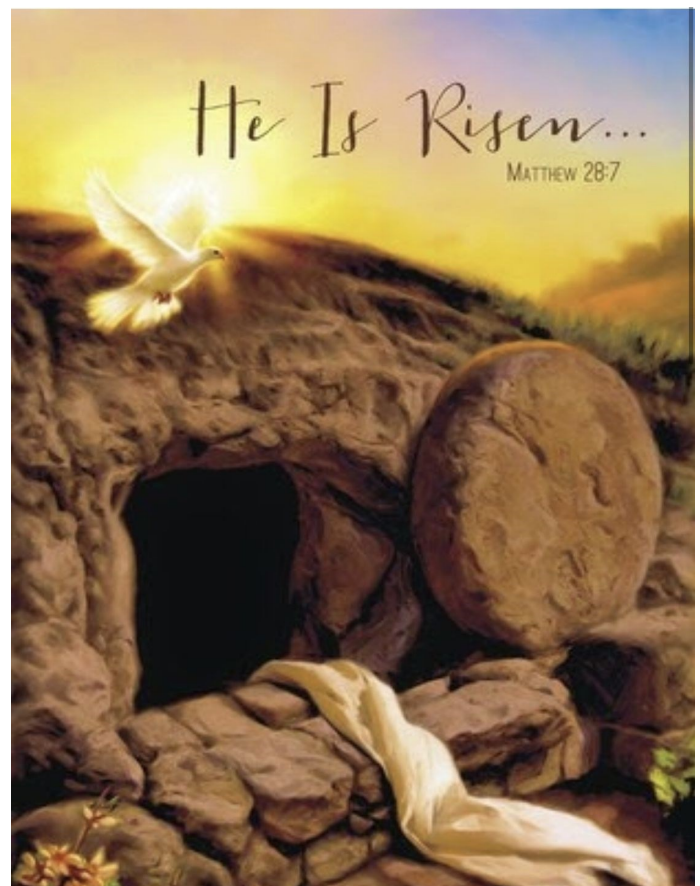
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service at New Hope
Fellowship followed by a light supper
in their Fellowship Hall-6410 S Freeway,
Fort Worth, TX 76134

Friday, April 7 - GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm Good Friday Service with New Hope
Fellowship as our guests in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

No Sunday School
9:30 am Easter Breakfast (FLC)
11:00 am Easter Worship (S)



Sunday April 2 and 9, 2023

Easter

SPECIAL OFFERING

A special day offering
of Disciples Mission
Fund

supporting general ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Easter Offering supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

- ◆ Center for Faith and Giving
- ◆ Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
- ◆ Communication Ministries
- ◆ Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry
- ◆ Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- ◆ Disciples Home Missions
- ◆ Disciples Women
- ◆ Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries)
- ◆ Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
- ◆ National Benevolent Association
- ◆ National Convocation
- ◆ New Church Ministry
- ◆ North American Pacific/Asian Disciples
- ◆ Office of General Minister and President
- ◆ Treasury Services

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/5	Valerie Stuart
4/7	Kali Gregory
4/10	Lori King
4/11	Kaye Gregory
4/14	Wayne English
4/16	Mike Kearns
4/18	Dan Hockman
4/18	Angela Kaker
4/19	Jim Sanders
4/22	Dorothy Nash
4/27	Lori Kiper
4/29	Andrew McGee

HAPPY APRIL

BIRTHDAYS!

APRIL

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory
Greeters: Tommy & Angela Kaker
Scripture Reading:

02 Angela Kaker
 09 Tommy Kaker
 16 Diana McGee
 23 Jack Gregory
 30 Ann Miller

Deacon Team: Barbara Bond; Kim Bonds;
 Diana McGee; Mike Toole

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan; Don Welch

**EASTER
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 17 ◆ 9:30 am
 Family Life Center



**6TH ANNUAL MARION HIGGINBOTHAM
MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF
MARCH 19, 2023**



This Year's Winners
1st Place—Tommy Kaker
2nd Place—Steve & Vicki Rubis
3rd Place—Mary Bryan

**CHILI
COOK-OFF**



Please take a moment to review the below listings, and if you have any additions or corrections, please call Terri in the church office (817) 295-4123. If you haven't turned in your list or donation yet, it's not too late, just give Terri a call.



The WARM Place *Grief Support Center for Children* *Donations In Honor Of*

In Honor Of

My Children & Grandchildren:

Brent, Brandy, Troy, Jacob & Elizabeth

Our Children & Grandsons:

Michael & Zach Ellis

Laurel, Joey, Joseph & Jacob Fritz

Collin, Tiffanie, Isaac & Felicity

Ky, Tina, Ky Jr., Keira, Kolt & Kali

Cody & Laura

Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren:

Tommy, Angela, Wesley & Jessica Kaker

Steven & Rhonda Janusch

Chance, Teagan, Taylor & Dylan Kaker

Scott's Mom:

Judy Lester

Our Children:

Steven, James, Michael, Andrew,

Lacy, Stephanie & Christal

Diana's Mom:

Carolyn Parmley

In honor of our 12 Grandchildren

Our Children & Grandchildren:

Kim & Dave Pulliam

Doug & Beth Welch

Dylan, Aria & Duncan Welch

Given By

Lynn Dover

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Scott & Terri Lester

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Grief Support Center for Children
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In Memory Of

My Grandson:
Kevin Bond

Terri Ann Tipton

Our Parents:
Buddy & Nell Ellis
Orson & Martha Hendrick

Our Parents:
Margie McLendon Lile
Jack, Sr. & Rubye Gregory

Doug Holton
Dalton Grisham

Our Parents:
June & Opal Johnson
Tom & Syble Cloud
Dewey & Zoetta Struck
Our Brother-in-Law:
Jimmy Huggins

Our Parents:
Robert & Jo Kearns
Francis & Cecelia Lyons

Our Parents:
Dan & Peggy Kelley
James Lester

Our Grandson:
Grayson Lane Oldham
Our Parents:
Dale Parmley
Welford & Becky McGee

Gary Murray

Our Granddaughter:
Shea Pulliam

Ed Willette
Will Davies

Given By

Barbara Bond

Darb Dewar

Jack & Lolly Ellis

Jack & Kaye Gregory

Paul & Onita Holton

Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike & Joan Kearns

Scott & Terri Lester

Steve & Diana McGee

Marilyn Murray

Don & Kathy Welch

Karen Willette





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



April 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) 5:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)				1
2 PALM SUNDAY HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	3 	4	5	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service & Reception at New Hope Fellowship	7 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service with New Hope Fellowship (S)	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 AM - Easter Breakfast (FLC) EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING	10 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	11	12 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	13 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch) 11:00 AM - DWF Meeting (Angela Tolliver's Home)	14	15
16	17	18 10:00 AM - Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	19 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	20	21	22
23	24 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	25	26	27	28	29
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