

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, March 8, 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: Mon-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A Childlike Faith

"And he said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"
- Matthew 18:3

The Sunday school teacher was leading her class of five-year-old children in a familiar cheer. "Give me a J", cheered the teacher. "J", yelled the children. "Give me an E", encouraged the teacher. "E", yelled the children. The teacher continued, "Give me an S". "S", chorused the children. Their voices grew louder as the teacher led them to the final letters of "U" and "S". Together they said J-E-S-U-S! With excitement rising, the teacher shouted, "What does that spell?" A strange pause followed, and one child finally answered, "I don't know." Later, the teacher admitted that to herself she couldn't help but laugh at the innocence of the answer.

Kids are like that. They believe what we tell them. They celebrate the simple joys of discovery and become excited when given new ideas and experiences. That is the joy of a childlike faith. Unfortunately, something happens between childhood and adulthood that changes everything. Expectations, pains, failures, and disappointments enter the picture, and the once joyous innocence of childhood becomes marred. Faith can slowly give way to cynicism, and hearts that were once open and filled to overflowing become closed, cold, and empty.

Jesus call us, however, to return to a childlike faith. The late author Mike Yaconelli wrote of this "place all children know about". "This voice of our childhood is the voice of wonder and amazement, the voice of God, which has always been speaking to us, even before we were born." He then describes what happens when things change. "One sad day, we are aware of an absence. We can no longer hear the God-voice, and we are left with only silence - not a quiet silence, but a roaring silence."

Yaconelli suggested the reason we stopped hearing God's voice was not because we wanted to stop hearing it, but that our lives became louder. Many believe that children have an innate ability to hear the voice of God, and it is that clarity which makes it easy to believe. As we go through life, other noise enters the scene and muffles the one-clear voice of God. Now we must spend the rest of our lives "clearing the air" in order to return to the simple clarity of our childhood.

Jesus invites us to come to Him as little children, eager to be with Him, to simply enjoy His presence. So, each day, take some time to remember the simple pleasures of childhood. Laugh out loud, sing too loud, lighten your step a little and remember who waits to share this time with you.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	02/21/20
General Fund	1,525.00
Building Fund	25.00
Weekly Needs: 4,063.00-1,550.00 = Short (\$2,513.00)	

OFFERING	02/28/20
General Fund	538.00
Building Fund	165.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: 4,063.00-1,703.00 = Short (\$2,360.00)	

OFFERING	03/07/20
General Fund	9,095.00
Building Fund	1,930.00
Jack Gregory, Sr. Memorial	50.00
Gas Royalty	145.47
Weekly Needs: 4,063.00-11,220.47 = Over \$7,157.47	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 28, 2021-No Service due to Corona Virus
20 Participated in Drive Up Communion

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Visitors and Guests

Pat Crow; Marlene Baysinger; Karen Boyd;
and our other regular visitors.

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

FOLLOW THE
GUIDELINES

CURRENT PROCEDURE



When visiting the church building during the week,
please come to the "Church Office" doors BEFORE
you go anywhere else, including the Family Life
Center. Everyone must wear a mask. Your
temperature will be taken and logged in with your
name.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

No Other Wednesday Activities

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

11:00 AM Jeff Rowe Memorial Service (S)
Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2:00 am tomorrow morning. Set your clocks FORWARD 1 hour before going to bed tonight!

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Begins

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



WEDNESDAY

MARCH 17

**6:00 PM
FLC**

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:

Matt Aiken-a friend of Ronnie Johnson
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick-the Bryan's neighbor
Doug McElroy-Melissa McElroy's husband
Eleene Pippin-Angela Tolliver's mom
The family of Jeff Rowe who passed away-
Jeff is Sharon (Yowell) Rowe's husband
Terri Tipton
The family & friends of Britt Williams who passed away-Britt was Wesley Kaker's friend
Emily, Chris, Zack and Zoe-Linda Robinson's step-daughter's family
The family of Barbara who passed away-Barbara is Bev Sholders sister-in-law

We Rejoice With:

Jeff Lyons-Joan Kearns' brother
Truett Oldham, the McGee's grandson
was in worship.
For being able to worship together again.

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, Becky Hoover,
Judy Janzen, Kim Lassitor, Doug McElroy, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders



We are so excited to let you know that this past Sunday, March 7, we resumed 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. We are asking everyone to wear masks, and 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.



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 Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Total Contribution _____

