

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 22, 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

Mercy and Grace

"Forgive each other just as the Lord has forgiven you."

– Colossians 3:13b

It was reported in Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts that following the Civil War, Jefferson Davis was captured and indicted for treason. Though many Northerners called for Davis' execution, one group petitioned for his release. The group? The former slaves from Davis' cotton plantation. Following a two-year imprisonment, Davis was freed, having avoided a trial.

In the above anecdote from the Civil War era, we see both grace and mercy at work on Davis' behalf, being extended by his former slaves. A basic explanation of the concepts of mercy and grace is as follows: Grace is receiving something beneficial that we don't deserve, and mercy is not receiving some negative consequence for what we do deserve.

Whether these former slaves were followers of Christ or not, they demonstrated the same kind of mercy and grace that God has displayed toward us through Christ Jesus - and the same kind of grace that we are to extend to others.

Through our own sin, we deserve the wrath of God. Through the mercy and grace demonstrated on our behalf through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been forgiven and freed from the penalty of sin - and beyond that we have received the great blessings of being adopted into the family of God. In return, God asks us to extend mercy and grace to others. As Christians, we talk a lot about the concepts of mercy and grace. But the truth of the matter is that we show whether or not we really understand mercy and grace through our lives. The bottom line is this: Do we extend mercy and grace to others? If not, according to Jesus, we really don't get it.

Has someone mistreated you? Have you suffered injustice from someone or some institution in our society? If so, I urge you - as difficult as it may be - extend God's mercy and grace: Forgive even as the Lord has forgiven you.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	05/14/23
General Fund	4,880.00
Building Fund	460.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-5,340.00 = Over \$1,270.00	

OFFERING	05/21/23
General Fund	2,720.00
Building Fund	195.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-3,915.00 = Short (155.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 14, 2023	49
May 21, 2023	55



Visitors and Guests

Mike Grzarowicz; Gwen Staiger; Beth Gregory; Phoenix Mitchell; Carol Kubiack; Karen Sturdivan; Lexi Hales; Virginia Popiel; Carol Webb; Jamie Yowell; Conner Gilley; Shannon Mehaffey; Lexie Hobby; Mikayla Newsom; Chris Wichterich; Eric, Deborah & Lauren Wichterich; 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.

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.



DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, June 8
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

Last Day of FCCLC 2022-2023 School Year

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY - Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting
(The Porch)

6:00 PM Disciples Women Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



2023 PRE-K GRADUATION AND MOVING UP CELEBRATION PROGRAM

May 23, 2023 ♦ 6:30 pm
Family Life Center



You are invited to watch our Learning Center little ones say goodbye to their present class and move on to next year's adventures! Everyone from Infants to Pre-K will be performing!

Everyone is welcome!



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 Rhona Brink who passed away -
Rhona is a dear friend of Steve & Diana McGee
Joe Durrett - Mary Bryan's brother
Lenny & Barb Findley - Pastor Mike Kearns' friends
The family of former member Richard Land who passed away
Kylie Love - Granddaughter of Len & Diane Gerstner
The family of former member Beverly Royer who passed away
Pat Sartori
The family of Joann Spruell who passed away - Joann is
Betty Wheeler's sister
Carolyn Vardeman - Dorothy Nash's sister
Karen Willette
Brinton Wynder - Valerie Stuart's dad

We Rejoice With:

Keith Vogan joined our church
family on May 14, 2023!

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, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders



The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry across the United States and Canada to equip, train and empower new leaders.

Observed May 21 and 28, 2023

MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

27 Pounds of Food/Items and \$415.00 in Cash Donations



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
June 3, 2023

Current needs include: fresh fruit & vegetables, cereal, 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 is available on the table inside the sanctuary next to the offering.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, June 8
6:00 pm

First Christian Church
Family Life Center

Hostess: Peggy Johnson

Refreshments provided by
Peggy Johnson & Kathy Welch

Study & Worship: Mary Bryan

Need a ride, call Mary Bryan
817-517-9748 so
arrangements can be made.

**HARVEST HOUSE SERVICE
PROJECT**
Cereal



BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Paul Holton
6/2	Pat Findley
6/5	Lois Hockman
6/13	Cyndy Garrett
6/19	Janet Evans
6/23	Sue Bannister
6/23	Judy Janzen
6/26	Jean Crawford
6/26	Wesley Kaker
6/26	Don Welch
6/28	Joan Kearns



Wear Red

May 28, 2023



Pentecost Sunday



HONORED TO SERVE

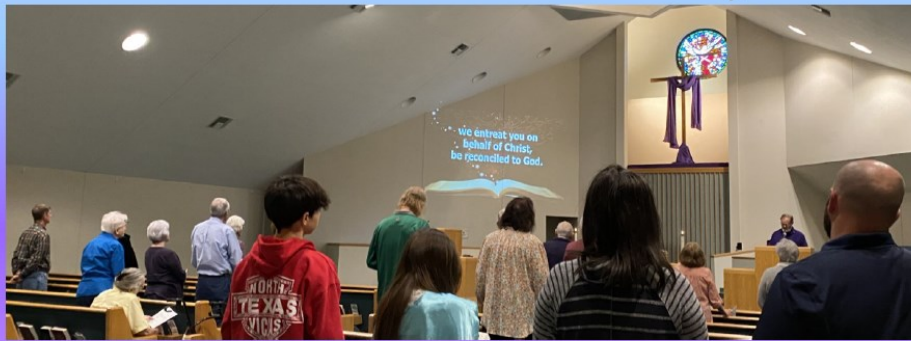
Worship Leader: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Wayne English; Carol Findley
Scripture Reading:

04 Kathy Welch
11 Karen Willette
18 Mary Bryan
25 Lynn Dover

Deacon Team: Lolly Ellis; Steve & Vicki Rubis;
Jane Rudolph

Serving at the Table: Jack Gregory;
Wayne English

Ash Wednesday



Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday



2023 Graduates



Congratulations to Lexie Hobby, Cori Ann Yowell, Shannon Mehaffey, Jessica Kaker, Mikayla Newsom & Keira Gregory.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



June 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	3
4 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 12:00 PM - Elders' Meeting (MR)	5	6	7	8 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch) 6:00 PM - DWF Meeting (FLC)	9	10
11	12 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	13	14 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	15	16	17
18 12:00 PM - BBQ Potluck (FLC) 	19	20 10:00 AM - Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	21 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	22	23	24
25	26 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	27	28	29	30	