

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, May 26, 2020



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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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Amber Miller, Learning Center Director

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Someone Who Understands

"Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

- Hebrews 2:17-18

The story is told of a farmer who had some puppies he needed to sell. He made a sign advertising the pups and posted it in his yard. Shortly after, a boy showed up in response to the sign.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, "these puppies cost a good deal of money." The boy reached deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure", said the farmer.

The farmer whistled and called, "Here Dolly!" From the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little pups. The little boy's eyes danced with delight. As the dogs approached, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little pup appeared, but this one was considerably smaller. The little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one", the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." The little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and rolled up one leg of his pants revealing a steel brace running down both sides of his leg. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "Mister, I don't run too well myself, and that puppy needs someone who understands."

Not one of us is perfect. Everyone has flaws and weaknesses. Some are more visible than others, but we all have them. Fortunately, like the boy who chooses the pup, we have a Savior who knows and understands our feelings and our weaknesses and still chooses us to be His friends and children! And in response, He wants us to demonstrate our love to one another!

When we struggle with our own flaws and shortcomings, our faith enables us to take comfort in the knowledge of God's love for us and then share that love with someone else! Remember, the world is full of hurting people that are looking to connect with others who understand.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	05/03/20
General Fund	6,445.00
Building Fund	1,425.00
Harvest House	60.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 7,870.00 = Over \$3,898.00	

OFFERING	05/10/20
General Fund	4,645.00
Building Fund	665.00
Easter Special Offering	20.00
The WARM Place	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 5,310.00 = Over \$1,338.00	

OFFERING	05/17/20
General Fund	2,015.00
Building Fund	400.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,415.00 = Short (\$1,557.00)	

OFFERING	05/24/20
General Fund	145.00
Building Fund	25.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 170.00 = Short (\$3,802.00)	

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

No Sunday Activities

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

No Sunday Activities

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 3, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus

May 10, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus

May 17, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus

May 24, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus

May 31, 2020 - No Service due to Corona Virus



Visitors and Guests

No Services due to Corona Virus.

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

MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$460.00 in Cash Donations



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
June 7, 2020

Current Needs include: spaghetti sauce, macaroni, ravioli, canned tuna, canned chicken, frozen veggies and baby wipes. Since we aren't currently meeting at church, you can mail a check made out to Harvest House to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028. If you would rather drop off food at their location, they would appreciate that as well.

Their hours for drop off are: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm and Friday-10:00am-2:00 pm.

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:

Carol Gunn
Terri Lester

We Rejoice With:

For the ability to worship together
online during this Covid-19
crisis.

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 and Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law.

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover,
Judy Janzen, Brad King, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

The City of Burleson and Johnson County **HAVE AMENDED IT'S CORONAVIRUS ORDER TO MIRROR GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S MOST RECENT ORDER** (see the City of Burleson website or the Johnson County website for details). **HOWEVER, AT THE CURRENT TIME ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES REMAIN CANCELLED.** Our secretary, Terri Lester will be working from home and can be reached on her cell at 817-296-2388 or by email at terri@fccburleson.org and as always, Pastor Mike can be reached at 214-364-6453.

Kyle Reynoso and Pastor Mike are posting Sunday videos that are available on the FCCB Facebook page. Please click the link below and make sure you're added to the church Facebook group. If you have any questions or need assistance in viewing the post, contact Kyle Reynoso at 636-290-6765.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175431884924/>

If you don't have a Facebook account or access to Facebook, you can see the video by searching You Tube. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or unmet needs, please contact your Elder or Pastor Mike on his cell at 214-364-6453. If you don't know who your Elders is, contact Kaye Gregory at Email: jackgregoryjr@aol.com. You are all in our prayers during these difficult days.

Further schedule changes will be announced by emails, phone calls, newsletters, and Facebook postings.

Thank you for your continued support. We still have bills during this time. Your offerings can be mailed to: First Christian Church, P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to our treasurer Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028 or through your bank's online payment system.



BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Paul Holton
6/1	Melissa McElroy
6/2	Pat Findley
6/6	Pam Mason
6/13	Cyndy Garrett
6/17	Abel Reynoso
6/23	Judy Janzen
6/23	Sue Bannister
6/26	Wesley Kaker
6/26	Don Welch
6/26	Jean Crawford
6/28	Joan Kearns



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Larry Mason
Greeters: Kyle Reynoso; Bill & Bev Sholders
Communion Preparation:
Tommy & Angela Kaker
Attendance Registers: Carol Gunn
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
07 Ann Miller
14 Dorothy Nash
21 Disciples Women
28 Karen Willette
Scripture Reading:
07 Kyle Reynoso
14 Angela Tolliver
21 Karen Willette
28 Barbara Warren
Deacon Team: Vernon & Dee Fields;
Roy Cronenberg; Angela Tolliver
Serving at the Table: Don Welch; Steve Rubis

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$495 on April 26, 2020. We are grateful for your congregation's support in furthering our mission of providing hope and healing to grieving children and their families throughout our community.

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." -Melody Beattie

At The WARM Place, gifts like yours help our families by allowing them a safe place to share their past, offering peace for today, and bringing hope for tomorrow. Without the support from people like you, we would not be able to provide our grief support services, at no cost, to these families. For that, we cannot thank you enough.

With gratitude,

Shelley Bettis
Executive Director.



PS: Thank you so much for such a thoughtful gift! We are so grateful to the congregation!

Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, texts and well wishes for me during my recent hospital stay. You will never know how much your kindness and caring meant to me and lifted me up during that time, as well as while I recover at home.

I'm up and going and working from home, and hoping to be back in the office as soon as possible.

I love you all!

Terri Lester

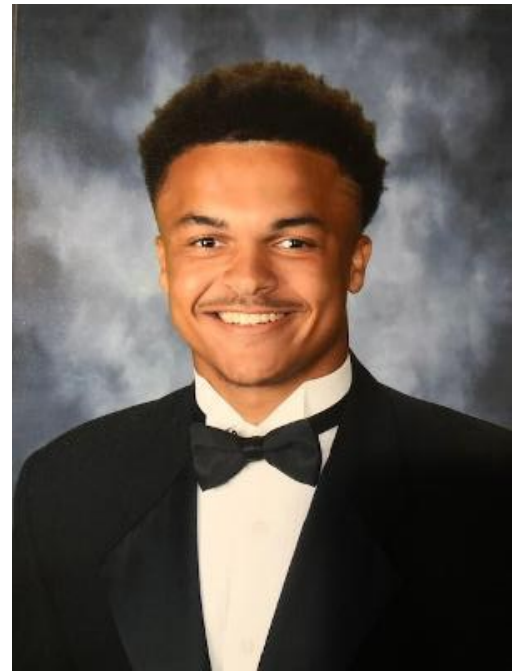




Join us in congratulating Bryson Bonds who graduates from Crowley High School this year. Bryson has been a part of our church family his whole life. His parents are Tommy and Kim Bonds. His older sister is Bethany and his grandmother is Barbara Bond.

Bryson is ambitious, hard working and has his heart in the right place. We know he can achieve anything he sets his sights on. His immediate plans are to attend Indiana University on a football scholarship this Fall.

A video honoring Bryson was a part of the May 24 online worship video which you can see on Facebook or by searching YouTube.



**CONGRATULATIONS
BRYSON!**



ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS

If you are still cleaning out your attics, closets and garages, the church dumpster has a pick up every week. If you have overflow trash that needs to be taken care of between trash pickups, consider using our dumpster. However, if it is full, please wait until the next week. No trash left outside the container please!

Thank you to the ever faithful Richard Bryan for being "spot-on" with our sign!





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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7 Pentecost Special Offering	8 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 	22 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)			