

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, May 8, 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

Metamorphosis

"And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

— Romans 5:3-5

There is a story of a boy who found a caterpillar and brought it home. Shortly thereafter, the caterpillar began building her cocoon. The boy knew that one day, when the time was right, she would emerge and spread her beautiful wings. The boy couldn't wait! So each day he checked on his caterpillar until one day he noticed a tiny hole. It was time. But as the boy watched, he could see that the butterfly was struggling. So, with a pair of scissors, he carefully opened the cocoon to free the butterfly. The butterfly emerged, but her wings were small and shriveled and her body was swollen. The butterfly never flew.

What the boy came to learn was that part of the metamorphosis for the butterfly, was the struggle. In order for the butterfly to fly, it needed to work its way through the small hole. That is how it builds its wing and body strength to fly. Even though the boy was trying to help, in the end, he hurt the butterfly.

A lot of times, if given the option between the difficult path versus the easy path, we readily choose the latter. It is not pleasant to suffer or struggle. But oftentimes, it is a part of the process of growth. It is true. We grow most through experiences that push us to our limits. Yet regularly, we avoid the struggle ourselves, or else as parents, we help our children avoid the struggle. In the end, like the boy, instead of helping ourselves or others, we only cause long-term hurt.

It seems bizarre to rejoice in our sufferings, but the story of the butterfly illustrates why it is not necessarily a bad thing to go through trying times. This is where growth comes. God uses life's difficulties to help us grow into stronger and better people. These problems develop perseverance, which in turn deepens our character. This then leads to hope because it deepens our trust and relationship with God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	04/30/23
General Fund	3,020.00
Building Fund	555.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-3,575.00 = Short (\$495.00)	

OFFERING	05/07/23
General Fund	4,449.00
Building Fund	1,280.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-5,729.00 = Over \$1,659.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 30, 2023	54
May 7, 2023	44



Visitors and Guests

Kay Daly; Harvey Ellis; Mike Grzarowicz; Jerry McDearmon; Monna Resinger; Gwen Staiger; Virginia Popiel; Angela Sanders; Keith Vogan; Carol Webb; 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.



MAY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

\$363.00 in Cash Donations

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, May 11
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson
Burleson



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

- 8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
- 11:00 AM Disciples Women Meeting (Dee Fields' Home)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)
- 12:00 PM Mexican Fiesta & Honoring Our Graduates Potluck (S & FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

- 9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Vernon & Dee Fields would like to thank the congregation for their love, support, the many cards and condolences, and for your presence at the Memorial Service after the death of their daughter, Lisa Ann Fields. Your presence and support meant everything to us.



Love You All,

Vernon & Dee

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, delicious food, visits and prayers while I was recuperating from surgery. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this time meant the world to both of us.



You are all simply "THE BEST"!

Love,
Scott & Terri Lester

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:

Teresa Dewar - Darb Dewar's sister-in-law
Terri Lester
Kylie Love - Granddaughter of Len & Diane Gerstner
Georgia Sanders
Violet - Pat Powell's great-granddaughter

We Rejoice With:

Pat Powell
Thanks to Ann Miller & Mike Toole
for filling in while Pastor Mike
was gone.
Monna Resinger joined our church
family on May 7, 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, 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



Wednesday, May 17
6:00 pm
Family Life Center



CABINET MEETING
Wednesday, May 10
6:00 pm
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 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



MEXICAN FIESTA AND HONORING OUR GRADUATES POTLUCK

Sunday, May 21, 2023

12:00 pm

Family Life Center

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and help us
Honor Our Graduates!

Sign Up Sheets are in the foyer for you to sign up for what you
would like to bring.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 11:00 am

Dee Fields' Home
336 Patterson Circle
Burleson
817-295-4664

Refreshments:
Lolly Ellis & Dee Fields

Study and Worship: Dorothy Nash

*Carpool/Caravan from FLC Parking Lot at
10:30 a.m. Need a ride?
Call Mary Bryan at 817-517-9748.*

Harvest House Service Project:
Bags of Sugar

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

Burleson High School

Keira Gregory & Mikayla Newsom

Crossroads High School

Jessica Kaker

Hill College Associate's Degree

Cori Ann Yowell

Texas A&M Master's Degree

Shannon Mehaffey

University of North Texas Master's Degree

Lexie Hobby

FCC SINGLE LADIES

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 am

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

Bring a sack lunch for yourself.

