



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 6, 2025



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.

Address: 601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson, TX 76028

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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)

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Proof Vs. Mystery

"But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe." – John 6: 36.

"To stand on one leg and prove God's existence is a very different thing from going on one's knees and thanking Him." Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

"Prove it!" I heard that phrase numerous times when I was a small child. When children get together, there are often stories being told that would best be regarded as "tall tales." That's why we learn at a young age that we want proof. Don't tell me what I should believe is real or not real...prove it! Does the neighbor really keep an elephant in his garage? Prove it! That's how many of us learned when we were children. We wanted proof! We wanted to put our hands on it, to taste it, to see it, to experience something that was real, or else it was just a fantasy.

It doesn't take too much of a stretch of imagination to see how the "prove it" attitude has crept into our understanding of God. If something had to be proved real when we were small, innocent and naïve, it had to pass the same criteria as we started to emerge into the adult world. For many people in the world and in our culture, unless God can be proved, He doesn't exist. In our world, we've learned to gain meaning by those things that can be proved with our senses. And unless something can be proved, it isn't real.

Yet a life in the Kingdom of God is really more about "mystery" than proof. Mystery is best explained as something that can't be scientifically proven, yet still is very real. Mystery is something that the Apostle Paul talked about when he said in 1 Corinthians 13, "Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known."

The simple truth is we don't know everything! We can't prove and explain everything. For a follower of Jesus, this is okay. It is okay to trust that there is a God who, although we do not see, we know to be real because of the power, love and truth that He has released into our lives.

It is okay to trust in the miracles of forgiveness, generosity, intimacy, new life and transformation of the heart when there is no logical reason for those things to exist. That's why for a person who loves God the best words are not "prove it" but "thank you."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike





Joe Bash, Marlene Baysinger,
Bethany & Bryson Bonds, Pat
Crow, Kaitlin Dilworth, Fidel
Estrada, Amelia Gravelin,
Mike Grzanowicz, Joan
Johnson, Jerry McDearmon,
Shannon Mehaffey,
Charlie O'Coynce, Gwen Staiger, Karen
Sturdivan and our other regular visitors.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
10:00AM Undecorate the Church (S)
5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)
11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR) Meeting Room
5:00PM Choir Practice (S) (FLC) Family Life Center
6:00PM Board Meeting (FLC) (S) Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

12:00PM Disciples Women Officer Installation @
Old Texas Brewing Company



OFFERING	12/15/24
General Fund	3080.00
Christmas Offering	180.00
Building Fund	1020.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 4100.00 = Over \$119.00	

OFFERING	12/22/24
General Fund	1930.00
Other Contributions	150.00
Christmas Offering	10.00
Building Fund	235.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 2165.00 = Short (\$1816)	

OFFERING	12/29/24
General Fund	3530.00
Building Fund	70.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 3530.00 = Short (\$451)	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 15, 2024	46
December 22, 2024	38
December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)	93
December 29, 2024	30



Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm
Wednesdays



A BIRTHDAY BASH POTLUCK!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Right after worship

Prayers & Praises

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:

Comfort for Betty Grisham family, Vicki Rubis' mother.

Jerry Hay, healing.

Marilyn Murray, healing.

Dorothy Nash, healing after surgery.

Bud & Lacy Oldham's sons, healing. (Diana and Steve McGee's grandsons)

Angela Sanders, healing.

Karen Willette, surgery on January 14.

We Rejoice:

Jack & Kaye Gregory celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

Ann Miller and her family attended the Christmas Eve service,

Bev Sholders, new great-granddaughter.

Karen Willette, new great-granddaughter.

Continued Prayers for:

Suzanne Barton, Sue Bannister, Bonnie DePratter, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, Ann Miller, Dorothy Nash, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Bill Smythe, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren and Iris Wilson.

* Email your prayer request to secretary@fccburleson.org or call (817)295-4123

A note from FCCB Treasurer, Peggy Johnson:

Starting in February, please make your Harvest House donation checks payable to First Christian Church. We will then combine them for one monetary donation check directly from First Christian Church. This makes it easier for us to accurately monitor our outreach funds to them.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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.



DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In December our church contributed 1 lb of food and \$320.00 towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is February 2

Current Needs Include: Ravioli /SpaghettiOs, canned fruit, canned meat, Ramen noodles, pasta & sauce and tomato soup.



If you prefer you can give a monetary donation by placing it in the basket marked Harvest House on the white table in the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church.



January 9	Lolly Ellis
January 10	Richard Bryan
January 10	Onita Holton
January 12	Marilyn Murray
January 13	Karen Willette
January 16	Donna Gilley
January 18	Linda Robinson
January 20	Janie Rudolph
January 27	Ronnie Johnson

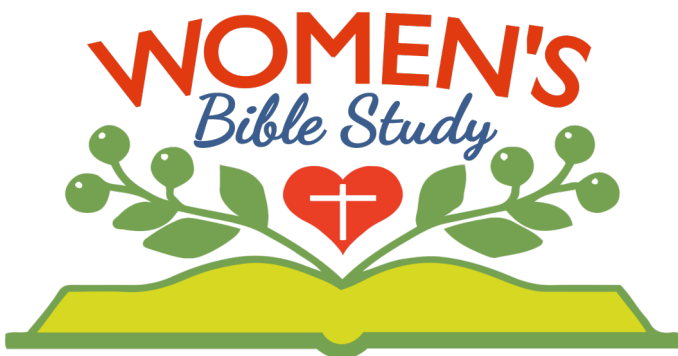
Cabinet Meeting Reminder

Wednesday
January 8 at
6:00PM
in the Meeting Room



Honored to Serve
in JANUARY

Worship Leader- Mike Toole
Greeters- Donna Huggins, Ronnie Johnson
Scripture Readers-
5 Lynn Dover
12 Dee Fields
15 Karen Willette
19 Carol Findley
26 Jack Gregory
Elders- Jack Gregory, Mary Bryan
Team 4 Deacons-
Lolly Ellis, Steve Rubis, Vicki Rubis,
Janie Rudolph



Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am ♦ Meeting Room



DON'T FORGET !
Wednesday, January 15
Board Meeting at 6:00pm





DISCIPLES MEN

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Breakfast/Meeting

Cancelled due to
Inclement Weather



First Christian Church Single Ladies

Our Single Ladies group
are taking a break but will announce
soon their meeting schedule.



Disciples Women Meeting
Installation of Officers
Thursday, January 16
@ Noon

at Old Texas Brewing Company
112 W. Ellison St- Burleson

Please carpool from FLC at 11:45AM.

The Service Project for Center for ASD
will be 13 gallon trash bags.
Please bring to our meeting in February.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	30	31	1 New Years Day	2	3	4
5 EPIPHANY SUNDAY HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Elder's Meeting 3:00pm Boars Head & Yule Log Festival @ UCC	6	7	8 9:30am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Undecorate the Church 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cabinet Meeting	9 Disciples Men Breakfast- CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER	10	11
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