



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, November 25, 2024



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

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097

**Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

**Website:** [www.fccburleson.org](http://www.fccburleson.org)

**Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
(closed Fridays)

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

### Don't Stop – Don't Quit

*"He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord." – 1 Corinthians 1: 8-9.*

Today's story is for those who, like me, at times get discouraged with their progress in their spiritual life. Don't stop; don't quit. God will help you through the power of his Holy Spirit.

A story is told about a famous composer-pianist who was scheduled to perform at a great concert hall in America. It was an evening to remember—black tuxedos and long evening dresses—a high society extravaganza. Present in the audience that evening was a mother with her fidgety nine-year-old son. Weary of waiting, the little boy squirmed in his seat. His mother was hoping that her boy would be encouraged to practice the piano if he could just hear the immortal pianist at the keyboard. So, against the little boy's wishes, he had come.

As the mother turned to talk with friends, her son decided that he could stay seated no longer. He slipped away from her side, strangely drawn to the ebony concert grand Steinway and its leather tufted stool on the huge stage flooded with blinding lights. Without much notice from the sophisticated audience, the boy sat down at the stool, staring wide-eyed at the black and white keys. He placed his small, trembling fingers in the right location and began to play "Chopsticks." The roar of the crowd was hushed as hundreds of frowning faces turned in his direction. Irritated and embarrassed, they began to shout: "Get that boy away from there!" "Who'd bring a kid that young in here?" "Where's his mother?" "Somebody stop him!"

Backstage, the master overheard the sounds out front and quickly put together in his mind what was happening. Hurriedly, he grabbed his coat and rushed toward the stage. Without one word of announcement, he stooped over behind the stool, reached around the boy, and began to improvise a countermelody to harmonize with and enhance the boy's rendition of "Chopsticks." As the two of them played together, the famous pianist kept whispering in the boy's ear "Keep going. Don't quit, son. Keep playing. Don't stop... don't quit."

God is the maestro who improvises a countermelody and enhances our efforts. Like the master pianist, He whispers in our ear. "Don't stop.... Don't give up." He recognizes and encourages us to continue, even when our efforts appear small—especially in the eyes of others or how we think others see our efforts.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

**A LOVE OFFERING FOR STAFF— Deadline to give— December 15th**

**Please designate your checks.**





Marlene Baysinger,  
Pat Crow, Mike Grzarowicz,  
Joan Johnson, Jerry  
McDearmon, Shannon  
Mehaffey, John Mitchell,  
Charlie O'Coyné, Chris  
Pidgeon, 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.*

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                       | <b>11/17/24</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                          | 1842.00         |
| Building Fund                                         | 125.00          |
| Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 1967.00 = Short (\$2014.00) |                 |

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                 | <b>11/24/24</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                    | 1032.00         |
| Building Fund                                   | 125.00          |
| Thanksgiving Offering                           | 120.00          |
| Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 1157 = Short (\$2824) |                 |

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| November 17, 2024 | 56 |
| November 24, 2024 | 35 |

Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm  
Wednesdays

Except on...

11/27, 12/25 & 1/1/25



Remember to order your POINSETTIA in  
memory or in honor of your loved one.

**Just \$10**

Orders due by Sunday, December 8th.  
Questions? Call Melissa 817-295-4123



### Advent Season

December 1-HOPE

December 8-PEACE

December 15-JOY

December 22-LOVE

December 24-Christmas Eve Service 6PM

December 25-Christmas Day



## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No Women's Bible Study

No Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT- HOPE & Hanging of the greens

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Annual Congregational Meeting (S)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)

5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00PM Burleson Christmas Parade

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT- PEACE

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00AM Newsletter Published

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)

5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30AM Disciples Men Breakfast at Ol' South

6:00PM Disciples Women Christmas Potluck  
at Angela Tolliver's home

(MR) Meeting Room  
(FLC) Family Life Center  
(S) Sanctuary



## A CHRISMON CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

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:

Wayne English, healing.

Jason Ross, (grew up in our church- Cofounder of Front Line Equine), healing.

Cindy Speirs, Lyda Speirs daughter-in-law, healing.

**We Rejoice:** Thank you to all the Christmas/Advent volunteers who helped decorate the church.  
Also thanks to those who brought dishes for our shared lunch.

## Continued Prayers for:

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



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.



**Come join us!**



## Christmas Parade Watch

**When: Saturday 12/7  
@ 6:00pm**

**Where: FCC Parking Lot**

## NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

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In November our church contributed \$375.00 towards Harvest House needs.

**THANK YOU!**

**Harvest House Sunday is December 1**

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



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 Harvest House.



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| December 5  | Beverly Sholders |
| December 10 | Austin Bryan     |
| December 16 | Juanna Bryan     |
| December 26 | Isaac Gregory    |
| December 29 | Cody Gregory     |
| December 29 | James McGee      |
| December 29 | Steven McGee     |
| December 30 | Collin Gregory   |
| December 30 | Barbara Warren   |



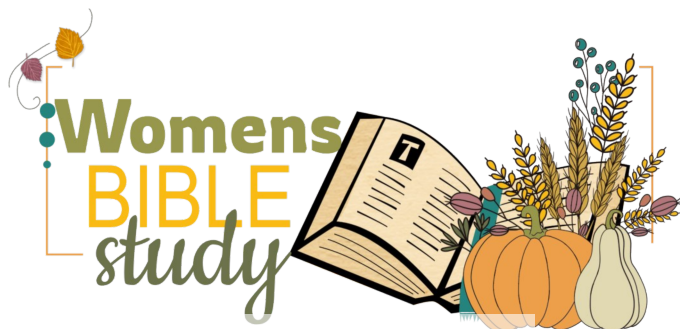
## Cabinet Meeting Reminder

**Wednesday**  
**December 11th at**  
**6:00PM**  
**in the Meeting Room**



Honored to Serve  
in DECEMBER

Worship Leader– Jack Gregory  
Greeters– Mike Toole, Karen Willette  
Scripture Readers–  
1 Don Welch  
8 Kathy Welch  
15 Karen Willette  
22 Mary Bryan  
29 Richard Bryan  
Elders– Richard Bryan, Lolly Ellis  
Team 3 Deacons–  
Lynn Dover, Brent Davis, Dottie Mehaffey,  
John Mehaffey



**Wednesday Mornings**  
**9:30 am ♦ Meeting Room**  
**During the holidays–**  
**No Bible Study on 11/27,**  
**12/18, 12/25, & 1/1**



**DON'T FORGET !**

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**Board Meeting at 6:00pm**



**Join the FCC**  
**DISCIPLES MEN**  
**for a Breakfast/Meeting**

**at Ol' South Pancake House**  
**December 12 at 8:30am**



*First Christian Church Single Ladies*  
*Our Single Ladies group*  
*will take a break during the holidays*  
*and begin meeting again in January.*



**Disciples Women Christmas**  
**Potluck Party**  
**Thursday, December 12**  
**@ 6:00 PM**

**Angela Tolliver's home, 8116 CR 1016A**  
**Burleson– Angela's cell (817)475-9142**  
**Hostess Helper: Angela Sanders**

**Please carpool from FLC at 5:45pm.**

**Items to bring: Covered dish, Exchange Gift (max \$10),**  
**and an Offering (we did not do a fundraiser this year,**  
**please be generous)**

**Service Project for Center for ASD**  
**(Autism Spectrum Disorder)**  
**Disinfecting wipes (Lysol, Clorox or similar)**



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



## December 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                                         | Monday                           | Tuesday                                               | Wednesday                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                              | Friday    | Saturday                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent-HOPE<br>Annual Congregational Meeting<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship | <b>2</b>                         | <b>3</b>                                              | <b>4</b><br>9:30am Women's Bible Study<br>5:00pm Choir Practice                            | <b>5</b>                                                                              | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>6:00pm Burleson Christmas Parade |
| <b>8</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent-PEACE<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship                                 | <b>9</b><br>Newsletter Published | <b>10</b>                                             | <b>11</b><br>9:30am Women's Bible Study<br>5:00pm Choir Practice<br>6:00pm Cabinet Meeting | <b>12</b><br>8:30am Disciples Men Breakfast<br>6:00pm Disciples Women Christmas Party | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                    |
| <b>15</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent- JOY<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>12:00pm Christmas Potluck    | <b>16</b>                        | <b>17</b>                                             | <b>18</b><br>5:00pm Choir Practice<br>6:00pm Board Meeting                                 | <b>19</b>                                                                             | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                    |
| <b>22</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent-LOVE<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship                                 | <b>23</b>                        | <b>24</b><br>6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day                                                                 | <b>26</b>                                                                             | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                    |
| <b>29</b><br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship                                                                          | <b>30</b>                        | <b>31</b>                                             | <b>1</b><br>New Years Day                                                                  | <b>2</b>                                                                              | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                     |