



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Tuesday, February 23, 2026



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.fciburleson.org

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

Church Office: 817-295-4123

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

A New Lease On Life

"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God'"
-- Isaiah 40:3.

At the onset of Jesus' ministry, John announced his coming in fulfillment of Isaiah 40. This is the cry of Lent: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make room for him in your thoughts and activities and affections.

An appropriate response to this announcement is to take stock of our lives, to reconsider how we are living our lives in light of God's presence and power made available to us in Jesus. And that is what Lent is for, to reflect on our lives as they are and as they could be.

Giving up a habit or a food or a pleasure is not distinctly Christian. People give up things all the time in the name of self-help, or worse, vanity and vengeance. The point of Lent is to reorient life God-ward. This reorientation has to do with desert and wilderness.

A "wilderness experience" in our language usually means one has been gone for a while and now returns with new insight or perspective, "a new lease on life." Although our own "wilderness experience" can manifest itself in countless ways, it is a time and place where we are stripped of our usual comforts, removed from the safety of familiarity, and we are forced to see ourselves and the world from a different vantage point.

When we enter the "wilderness" during Lent, we want to shake up our lives significantly enough that when we reach for our usual comforts and grasp a fistful of air, we are forced to cling to Christ. We want to see just how upside down our world really is as our "important things" prove to be perishable goods, as the light shines on our "righteousness" and exposes the layers of "self" beneath the surface, and as our "busy" lives are shown to simply lack wisdom.

The desire is a new lease on life -- a view into the vast world of God -- a deep breath and long look above the tree line of self-absorption. So in Lent we focus on getting away from the life of flesh and into the life of the Spirit, denying our ways and embracing God's.

The point of giving things up is not to be reminded of how much we miss them, but rather to be awakened to how much we miss God and long for his life-giving Spirit. This means, of course, that Lent is not only about giving up things. It is also about adding things, God-things.

The practice of giving something up for Lent is a way of entering into the wilderness with Jesus. Don't worry about whether or not your sacrifice is a good one. Just make your aim to know Christ more fully, and trust him to lead you. Seek to replace that thing with devotion to Christ -- his Word and his mission. God may lead you to give up more and take up more as you go. That's good. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike



Marlene Baysinger, Pat Crow,
Betty Jareles, Joan Johnson,
Jerry McDearmon, Charlie
O'Coyné and our other regular
visitors.

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

OFFERING 2/15/26

General Fund 250.00
KMA 875.00

Weekly Needs: \$3108.00 - 1125.00 = short (\$1983.00)

OFFERING 2/22/26

General Fund 525.00

Weekly Needs: \$3108.00 - \$525.00 = short (\$2583.00)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 15, 2026	42
February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)	24
February 22, 2026	36

*Did you know we have an
Adult Sunday School Class?
Come just a bit earlier, 10 a.m.*

**Enjoy some coffee
and Bible Study**



**Here's
Your
Sign!**



Our church has
purchased signs to help
promote us!

If you would like a sign
for your yard, feel free to
pick one up after Sunday
worship or stop by the
church office Mon-Thurs-
8-4 and help us get the
word out about our
wonderful church!



**SPRING
AHEAD**

Sunday, March 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)
5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes (C)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Elders Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes (C)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

4:00PM Zero Birthday Party @ Mary Bryan's

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

FEBRUARY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In FEBRUARY our church contributed \$435.00 and 19
lbs. of food towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is MARCH 1.

Current Needs Include: Canned goods (fruit, vegetables,
beans, soups), pasta, rice, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal,
snack packages (crackers, granola bars, fruit cups),
shelf stable milk or juice.



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 and designate Harvest House.

Prayer LIST

Those in Need of Prayer:

Larry Hendrick, Lolly Ellis' brother, loss of his wife and healing.
 Lolly Ellis, healing.
 Don Gilley, healing.
 Angela Kaker's co-workers, their families and the Home Depot Family.
 Jerry McDearmon's daughter, Mindy, healing.
 Flora Roe, healing.
 Don Welch, healing.

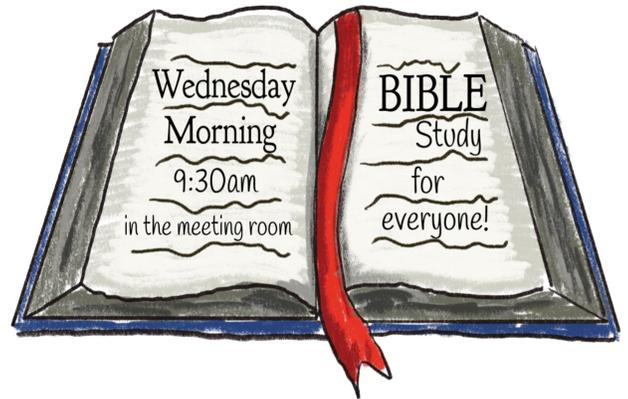
Continued Prayers for:

Bonnie DePratter, Paul Drahushuk, Wayne English, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, Ann Miller, Flora Roe, Georgia & Jim Sanders, Pat Sartori, Bill Smythe, Barbara Warren, Juanice Wichterich and Iris Wilson.

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



March 5	Karen Sturdivan
March 11	Sharon Rowe
March 16	Vicki Rubis
March 19	Juanice Wichterich
March 21	Lynn Quarzenski
March 28	Tina Gregory
March 29	Tommy Bonds



Honored to Serve

Worship Leader- Richard Bryan
 Greeters- Mary Bryan, Karen Willette
 Scripture Readers-
 1 Peggy Johnson
 8 Ronnie Johnson
 15 Angela Kaker
 22 Tommy Kaker
 29 Jack Gregory
 Elders- Jack Gregory, Steve McGee



CHOIR PRACTICE

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE WITH US!

Wednesdays at 5:00PM

Elders Meeting
on Sunday, March 1st
Right after worship



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.

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Bring

Your



BEST!



**For a chance to win
some great prizes!**

Chili Cookoff Luncheon

Sunday, March 15

Right after worship



Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting

Thursday, March 12
at 11:30am



At Lynn Dover's home
136 Gardens Blvd. Burleson
(817)645-2264

Hostess Helpers: Pat and Janie
Study & Worship: Kathy Welch

Contact Dee Bash if you need a ride,
817-996-8032

Donations for the Center for ASD
Paper Towels



Board Meeting Reminder

Wednesday, March 18
in the Meeting Room
At 5:45PM



Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

6:00pm in the Meeting Room

Everyone Welcome!

ZERO BIRTHDAY PARTY!

MARCH 8 AT 4:00PM

AT MARY BRYAN'S HOME
216 S.W. Taylor, Burleson



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Please designate offerings and place in the offering plate on
the table at the back of the sanctuary.
You may also mail your offerings to the church (PO Box 57,
76097), mail to church treasurer (Peggy Johnson), or use
your online banking services.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Elders Meeting	2	3	4 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Zero Birthday Party at Mary Bryan's	9	10	11 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cabinet Meeting	12 11:30am Disciples Women Meeting	13	14
15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Chili Cookoff Luncheon	16	17	18 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 5:45pm Board Meeting	19	20	21
22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	23	24	25 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	30	31	1 9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	2 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service and Reception	3 6:30pm Good Friday Service at New Hope	4