



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)  
Monday, July 28, 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

**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)

**Church Office:** 817-295-4123

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

### The Source of Lasting Change

*Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. – John 15:4-5*

The story has been told of a Minnesota man who retired. Seeking change, he moved to Florida, where he would escape the cold winters, relax, and live out his years in a warm and sunny climate. He spent his days going to the beach and lying in the sun. Six months after he moved to Florida, the man died. His body was shipped back to Minnesota for the funeral. His friends attended the funeral and stood in front of the open casket. They stood there for a moment, and then one friend remarked, "Whoa! Florida sure did him good!" The man had tanned considerably while in Florida, but the point is, he was still dead. Florida was the source of the man's change, but what good is that change now?

We, too hope for change. Maybe it's the hope of moving to Florida someday. Perhaps, for you, cosmetic surgery is the answer. Or maybe it's a bigger home, a better job, a more attractive spouse, or whatever else you think you need. You may pursue this type of change, but once you get it, if you don't have the real and lasting source of change, you'll end up empty and searching for the next best thing in your pursuit of fulfillment.

In today's Scripture passage, we read about the real source of meaningful and lasting change, Jesus. He tells us that He is the vine, and we are the branches. Only in our connection to Him will we find fulfilling change. Only in our connection to Him will we bear lasting fruit.

We're all connected to some vine. To what vine are you connected? Is it Jesus? Or is it the vine of the world? No matter what, you're going to produce the fruit of the vine to which you are connected. So the question is, what kind of fruit are you producing? If you are connected to the vine of the world, you will produce bitter fruit that comes from your selfish old nature. If you are connected to the vine of Christ, you are going to produce fruit that comes from being connected to Jesus and the Spirit of God.

The most contented people I know are not the ones with the golden tans, the coolest cars, the biggest houses, the most attractive spouses, or the most perfect bodies. Instead, they are the people whose lives are marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. What's the secret to their contentment and fulfillment in life? They are people who are connected to Jesus, the only source of lasting change.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike



CJ & Jamie Aitken,  
Joe Bash, Marlene  
Baysinger, Chuck &  
Donna Britain, Pat  
Crow, Joan Johnson,  
Wayne & Janay  
Roberts, Jan Whitner, 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>7/20/25</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund                    | 1845.50        |
| Building Fund                   | 110.00         |
| Week of Compassion-flood relief | 100.00         |

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 1957.50 = short (\$1669.50)

| <b>OFFERING</b>          | <b>7/27/25</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund             | 3590.00        |
| Building Fund            | 160.00         |
| Kindred Montessori-Mulch | 100.00         |

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 3750.00 = over \$123.00

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| July 20, 2025 | 46 |
| July 27, 2025 | 40 |



**Choir Practice resumes  
On Wednesday, AUGUST 6th @ 5PM!**



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

#### HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Elder's Meeting (MR)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00PM Disciples Women @ Mary Bryan's home

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



### JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

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In July our church contributed \$390.00 and 48lbs. of  
food towards Harvest House needs.

**THANK YOU!**

**Harvest House Sunday is AUGUST 3.**

Current Needs Include: Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Sauce,  
Canned Tomato Products, Canned Soup, Chicken Broth



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.

# PRAYER list

## Those in Need of Prayer:

Pat Crow, continued healing.  
Len Gerstner, hospitalized, very ill with infection.  
Dorothy Nash, back at Mustang Creek Estates.  
Karen Parker, Kaye Gregory's sister, healing from second hip fracture.  
Chris Pidgeon, home healing from surgery.  
Pat Sartori and her brother, healing.

## Joys:

Jim & Georgia Sanders, returned to worship!  
Happy 80th Birthday, Bill Smythe!  
Brenda Yowell, had a successful hip surgery!

## Continued Prayers for:

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

\* Email your prayer request to [secretary@fccburleson.org](mailto:secretary@fccburleson.org) or call (817)295-4123

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.



**There will be an ELDERS Meeting  
right after  
worship on  
Sunday,  
August 3 in the  
Meeting Room.**



BOARD MEETINGS RESUME!



AUGUST 20th at 6:00PM in the FLC



## AUGUST 17 Back to School Potluck

FEATURING THE NEW BIG 12  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE



Pure Potluck!

NO SIGN UP SHEET!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE SCHOOL COLORS

AND BRING YOUR BEST POTLUCK !



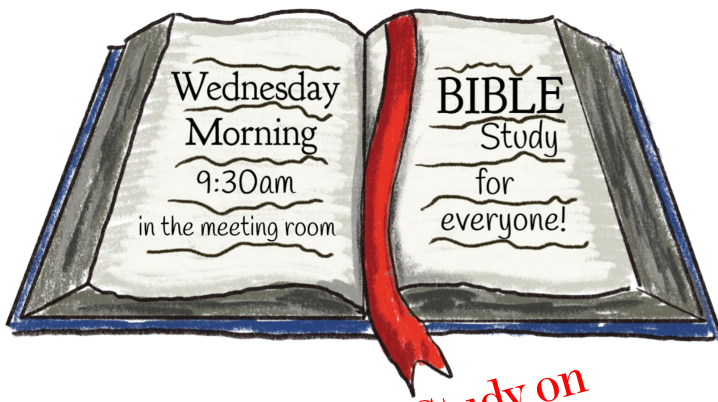
## Disciples Women Fundraiser

During our fellowship luncheons, the Disciples Women will auction off one dessert with the funds going toward their Outreach Projects.



However, we're doing something different at the Back to School Potluck on AUGUST 17. Look for the dessert table with all types of goodies for your sweet tooth. \$10.00

Come prepared to buy generously!



**Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays!**



*Honored to Serve*

**Worship Leader**– Jack Gregory

**Greeters**– Angela & Tommy Kaker, Susan McDonald

**Scripture Readers**–

3 Marilyn Murray  
10 Mike Toole  
17 Kathy Welch  
24 Richard Bryan  
31 Lynn Dover

**Elders**– Don Welch, Karen Willette

**Team 3 Deacons**–

Lynn Dover, Brent Davis, Dottie Mehaffey, John Mehaffey



August 11

Dottie Mehaffey

August 15

Jack Gregory, Jr.

August 19

Jessica Kaker

August 25

Terri Lester

August 27

Donna Huggins

August 29

Natalie Arguello

August 31

Lynn Dover



**Disciples Women Meeting**

***August 14 at 6:00 PM***

***At Mary Bryan's home***

***216 S.W. Taylor***

***Burleson, 76028***

***(817)517-9748***

***Study and Worship: Dee Bash***

***Happy Helpers: Lynn Dover & Lolly Ellis***

*For those needing a ride from home,  
contact Lynn Dover 817-645-2264  
We will carpool from FLC at 5:45 PM*

***Service Project for Center for ASD-***

***13 Gallon Trash Bags***



***HELP us get ready for BACK TO SCHOOL!***

Our Kindred Montessori Academy is asking for donations to help with the cost of the kiddie mulch needed for the playground– about \$1200. To help, checks can be made to First Christian and designated- SCHOOL MULCH.

**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.