



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Tuesday, July 6, 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.

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

Rev. Mason Wagner— Pastor (817)917-0697

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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM



FROM PASTOR MASON

Howdy Church!

It is good to be with you this week after a great worship service on Sunday! For the last three weeks, we've been going through Matthew and talking about how Jesus expects us to act as his followers. We've talked about being peacemakers and how that can be unpopular, even with the people we're closest to. We talked about welcoming the stranger, the prophet, and care for children, and how, in Jesus's day and in our current day, this would be very countercultural. This last Sunday, we talked about Jesus admonishing the people of his day who rejected his message and that of John the Baptist. Jesus tried to point out the hypocrisy of the leaders of his day in the ways that they dismissed Christ and John and called the complaints against John and himself childish. Then Jesus told the crowd that God had revealed sacred truths to children but hidden them from the wise and we decided that maybe he meant the answers to questions and the solutions to our problems are actually much more simple than we think.



Finally, we looked at one of my favorite sayings from Jesus, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." I love this text so much because the Jesus who gives us hard jobs to do also calls us to rest in him before we take up our cross alongside him. I think this is good advice for us as we begin our journey together as a church. You have been doing ministry for over 63 years in Burleson and have made the decision to continue that ministry in a new way with a new minister. This is not an easy decision to make! It can be scary to entrust your spiritual direction and care to an outsider, especially when you have patterns and routines that you're already used to. I am honored that you have entrusted me to work towards going from "outsider" to "pastor." I think the best way for that to happen, though, is for us to come together with our savior and rest.

When we are in the midst of chaos, work, or just the business of life, all we want to do is rest. We look at the lives of children when they lie down for a nap, we think "man, a nap sounds nice!" I have found, though that when we actually do get the chance to rest, we become restless. We think about all the things we need to get done, the calls we need to make, the appointments we need to follow up on, etc. We want to rest and then when we have the chance, we can't. Resting, it turns out, is hard work. So let's do that hard work before we begin the new hard work of ministry that we're being called to. I look forward to getting to know you all better in this time of rest, so that when we put the rubber to the road soon, we can do so knowing that we have one another's backs.

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After the hard work of rest, scripture tells us we have something else to look forward to... more work! Christ first invites us to rest and THEN invites us to take on his yoke that is easy, gentle, and humble. Do not be fooled though, Church, this yoke is still hard work. Our Buddhist brothers and sisters can tell us that trying to reach a stage of gentleness and humility is a lifelong endeavor, and we know this to be true in our own faith tradition. When we are faced with hardship and anxiety is extremely difficult to choose the path of gentleness and humility. Lord knows that when my 3-year-old is jumping off the back of the couch, which I've told her not to do a dozen times, gentleness is not the first reaction I have. But it is important and Christ-like to turn towards that gentleness anyway and deal with the issue in love. Throughout the next few months and years, I do not doubt that we will encounter our fair share of issues that demand our attention, and I pray that we keep in mind that we are called to handle such moments gently and humbly.

This Sunday we will be discussing the parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:1-19, 18-23. Perhaps we will be able to find some good news to rest in with this story of Jesus. I hope that our time together in worship is like good soil for our roots to dig deep into. When we grow together in faith with our roots firmly in the good soil of scripture, pulling up the living water of the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we can become something like a beautiful garden or a food forest like our native American neighbors used to tend to. Where the fruit trees shade the grass and herbs, and the herbs shade the critters, and all of God's creation feeds one another in a harmonious ecosystem. I look forward to sharing God's abundance with you this week!

Pastor Mason Wagner



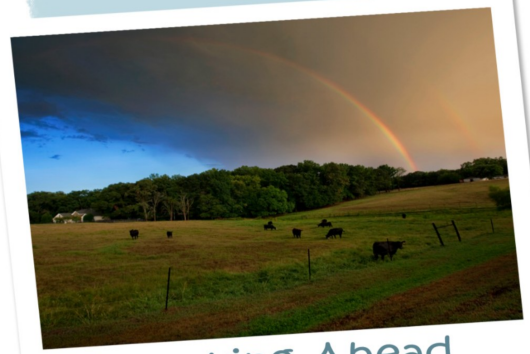
Arise, shine, *for your light has come,*
and the glory of the Lord
rises upon you.

Did you know you can view all the upcoming events and happenings at First Christian right from our website?

From your phone or Google type in

www.fccburleson.org

From the menu at the top of the page, **click Calendar** and there you'll find the whole month of activities!



Looking Ahead

Sunday, July 19 Salute to Our American Flag Patriotic Potluck Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Wear your red, white and blue!

Sunday, August 9 Installation Service for Rev. Mason Wagner During the worship hour. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

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.

facebook **LIVE**

Church
FAMILY
—PRAYER LIST—

Those in Need of Prayer:

Marlene Baysinger and Joan Johnson.
Lolly Ellis, recovering from surgery.
Mike Kearns, recovering from surgery.
Bev Sholders, recovering from injury.

Joys: New great granddaughter for Vernon & Dee Fields.

Thank you to Dee & Vernon's daughter, Lesile and husband Troy for donating furniture for our foyer.

Continued Prayers for:

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

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



Welcome Guests

Pat Crow, Sami Jo English,
Matt & Christina Harper,
Betty Jareles, Brian &
Michelle McCrory, Jerry
McDearmon, Steve & Janet
McKay, Charlie O'Coyné,
Gwen Staiger, Rev. Mason,
Katie, Charlotte & Juniper
Wagner, Mike & Christy Wagner and our
other regular visitors.

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

OFFERING	6/28/26
General Fund	1775 .00
Building Fund	55.00

Weekly Needs: \$3108.00 – \$1830.00 = (\$1278.00) short

OFFERING	7/5/26
General Fund	5820.00
Building Fund	250.00
Room Rent	200.00
Harvest House	425.00
Center for ASD	350.00

Weekly Needs: \$3108.00 – 6270.00 = \$3162.00 over

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2026	43
July 5, 2026	55



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 John-
son), or use your online banking services.

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

**Enjoy some coffee
and Bible Study
in the Chapel.**



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

11:30AM Disciples Women @ Mary Bryan's home

SUNDAY, JULY 12

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes (C)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

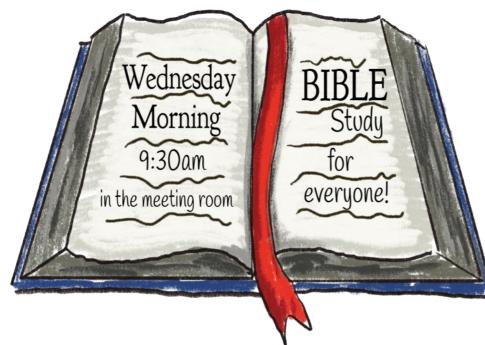
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12:00PM Salute the Flag Patriotic Potluck (FLC)

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Honored to Serve

Worship Leader– Richard Bryan

Greeters– Rhonda Janusch and Ronnie Johnson

Scripture Readers–

5 Donna Gilley

12 Jack Gregory

19 Rhonda Janusch

26 Donna Huggins

Elders– Steve McGee, Mary Bryan



Disciples Women Meeting

Thursday, July 9
11:30 am

At Mary Bryan's home
216 S.W. Taylor, Burleson
(817)517-9748

Happy Helpers: Dee Fields & Kathy Welch
Study: & Worship: Peggy Johnson

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

**Bring your Blessing Box Money*

*Donations for Kindred Montessori
Money for Flower Craft*



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In July our church contributed \$425.00 and 28 lbs. of food towards the Harvest House needs. **THANK YOU!**

Harvest House Sunday is August 2.

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.

REMEMBER!!

JULY is a  **MEETING-FREE MONTH**

No meetings for Elders, Board or Cabinet during the month of JULY.



Peggy Verdery	July 13
Jack Ellis	July 17
Sharon Matzner	July 17
Tiffanie Gregory	July 19
Bernice Williams	July 19
Pat Crow	July 19
Bill Smythe	July 20
Barbara Bond	July 26
Tommy Kaker	July 29

Here's Your Sign!



**Pick up your free
First Christian Church
Sign Today!**

Pick up your yard sign after Sunday worship or stop by the church office Mon-Thurs- 8-4 and help get the word out about our wonderful church!