



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, December 22, 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

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 Commandment

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." – John 13: 34.

Dr. Seuss' famous Grinch who loved just above Whoville had a problem. It is reported that his heart was two sizes too small. This is why the Grinch hated Christmas and everything else about the merry Whos. By the end of the story, however, something happens. After working to ruin Christmas, the Grinch saw the Whos celebrating and loving each other even though they had nothing. "And what happened then . . .? Well . . . in Whoville they say, that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!"

The Grinch's heart grew because he saw how the people loved each other no matter the circumstances. Once he saw their unconditional love, he wanted to be a part of it and he wanted to have it. It is no wonder his heart grew! He had never before experienced that kind of unselfish love that was not based on getting or gaining more.

Jesus gave His disciples a new command in the book of John. The old command says to love the Lord your God with all you heart, mind, and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. His new command is to love one another, just as He loves us. What is the key difference in this additional command? We are to love as Christ loved. It is a love that was demonstrated to us on the cross, when He died for us.

This love is a revolutionary love. It is a sacrificial love that is willing to put others' needs ahead of personal needs. It is a forgiving love that is willing to forgive without limitations. It is a love that helps even when it does not fit into the schedule. It is a love that does not complain, even when it has been wronged. It is a love that is hard to live by, but it is a love that we are called to strive for. That is why God sent His son and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us so that we could have the strength to love as He loved.

It is when we love like this that others will be able to catch a glimpse of Jesus. It is when we love like this, not only our own hearts will continue to grow, but other people, whose hearts are perhaps two sizes too small, will respond to God as they see love played out like they have never seen before.

So, in this Christmas season, in this season of gift-giving, perhaps the very best gift we can give to others is to follow Christ's command to love one another, just as He loves us. Merry Christmas!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike





Marlene Baysinger, Ryan & Hudson Chappotin, Pat Crow, Betty Jireles, Joan Johnson, Mason, Jerry McDearmon, Charlie O'Coyne, Kae & Ted

Thayer, Jamas, Jameson, and Ryan Toole and our other regular visitors.

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



OFFERING	12/14/25
General Fund	595.00
Building Fund	80.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 675.00 = short (\$2952.00)

OFFERING	12/21/25
General Fund	2340.00
Building Fund	80.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 2420.00 = short (\$1207.00)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 14, 2025	40
December 21, 2025	44

DECEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In DECEMBER our church contributed \$420.00 and 29 lbs. of food towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is JANUARY 4.

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 and designate Harvest House.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes (C)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

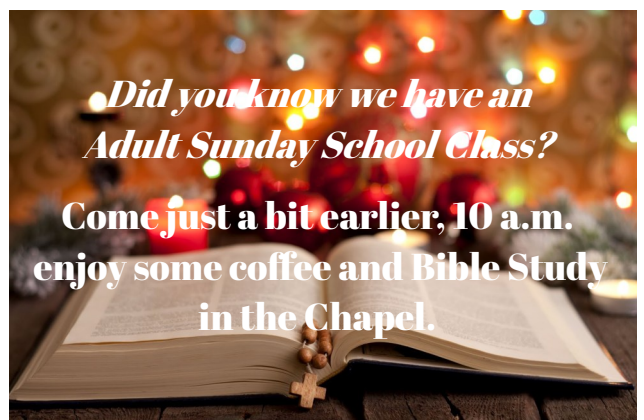
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes (C)

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Elders Meeting (MR)

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



After the holidays...

Join us for Bible Study- Everyone welcome!





Those in Need of Prayer:

Sandy Hendricks, Lolly Ellis' sister-in-law, healing.
Comfort for Cyndy Garrett and rest of the Bill Taylor family. Bill passed away in October 2025.

Diana McGee's sister, Karen Parmley, healing.
Bev Sholders, continued prayers.
Bill Smythe, continued prayers.

Joys:

Steve & Diana McGee's 46th Anniversary!

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 and Iris Wilson.

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



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



JANUARY
2026
Honored to Serve

Worship Leader- Mike Toole

Greeters- Don & Donna Gilley, Ronnie Johnson

Scripture Readers-

- 4 Karen Willette
- 11 Richard Bryan
- 18 Lynn Dover
- 25 Dee Fields

Elders- Mary Bryan, Lolly Ellis

Team 4 Deacons-

Lolly Ellis, Don Welch, Kathy Welch



Elders Meeting

*Will meet on January 4 after
Worship in the Meeting Rm*



**Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday
January 7 at 5:00PM**

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

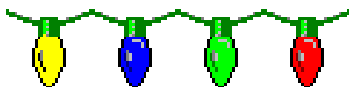
Help us put away



Friday January 9th

At 9:00am

Thank you for your help!



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.

Disciples Women January Meeting Installation of Officers

**11:30 am January 8
at The Brewery Restaurant
in Burleson in their
party room.**



**To car pool, meet at the
church at 11:15**



JANUARY
2026

When they saw

THE STAR, *they rejoiced
exceedingly with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 4



**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!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	29	30	31	1 	2	3
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