



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, July 14, 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

The Blessing of Kindness

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." -- Ephesians 4:32.

A true story: Several years ago now, there was an 85-year-old man who ate breakfast in a Kroger supermarket every morning. He was bossy, very particular, and even remarked that the female employees could stand to lose weight. A few weeks after the elderly man died of cancer, several of the clerks were shocked when they received checks for \$10,000 from his estate. Why? Even when the man had been cranky and insulting, the staff waiting on him had treated him pleasantly and tried to cheer him up with a little tender care. They even went beyond the call of duty by taking turns to visit him in the hospital. Clearly, none of them expected anything in return.

There's a word for what the Kroger staff extended to him -- kindness. What a refreshing story in a world where kindness has often become a lost commodity. Yet, as Christians, we know kindness is what we are called to share on a regular basis. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted." We also know that in Galatians, kindness is one of the fruits of the spirit. Kindness is thinking of others and extending our love and resources to meet their needs and concerns. However, we should remember that kindness is a two-way street. In Proverbs we hear, "Those who are kind reward themselves." So often, when we extend kindness to others, it comes back to us many times over.

Treating others with kindness keeps our hearts and attitudes running in the right direction. If we're not careful, we can easily fall prey to selfishness and indifference in our dealings with others. Planning to be kind gets us out of the "what will they do for us" world and gets our hearts in tune with "what can we do for them?" Intentional acts of kindness train our hearts to be loving and helpful. Acts of kindness bless us with the privilege of better friendships and more fulfilling relationships. And, most importantly, acts of kindness will make us more like Jesus, who was kind to each of us all the way to the cross.

Acts of kindness don't have to be a major event. It doesn't take a lot of time to hold a door open for the mom with her arms full, or to offer a smile to those we pass in the grocery store aisles. Even if we only encounter the convenience store clerk for a few seconds, if it is our intention to bless him or her with an encouraging word and a smile, we will be remembered as friendly and pleasant. Maybe he or she will sense that we are different from their other customers and many even want to know what it is that makes us different -- a wide open door to let them know that Jesus taught us to be kind.

And if we sometimes think that others do not show kindness to us, keep in mind that it may just be that they have never been blessed by us being kind to them. When we show kindness to others, they usually look for ways to return the favor. Remember Jesus' words from Matthew's gospel, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you."

Be kind, and watch the blessings flow!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike



Joe Bash, Marlene Baysinger, Pat Crow, Chris & Elizabeth Evans- (son and daughter-in-law of Janet Evans), Joan Johnson, Jerry McDearmon, Wayne & Janay Roberts, Karen Sturdivan, and our other regular visitors.

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

OFFERING	6/29/25
General Fund	1035.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 1035.00 = short (\$2592.00)

OFFERING	7/6/25
General Fund	4720.00
Building Fund	280.00
Front Line Equine	50.00
Harvest House	90.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 5000.00 = over \$1373.00

OFFERING	7/13/25
General Fund	6085.00
Building Fund	590.00
Harvest House	300.00
Center for ASD	200.00
Gas Royalties	96.79
Week of Compassion- Flood Relief	10.00

Weekly Needs: \$3627.00 - 6771.79 = over \$3144.79

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 29, 2025	39
July 6, 2025	40
July 13, 2025	38

Choir takes a summer break for July.



But join us in the choir loft for worship!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

12:00PM Proud Patriotic Potluck (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

9:30AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)

SUNDAY, JULY 27

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 28

Newsletter Published

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday Morning Classes

11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

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



JULY HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In June 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:

Barbara Bond, healing.
Pat Crow, healing.
Susan McDonald, healing
Dorothy Nash, moved to Baylor Scott & White,
rehab in Fort Worth.
Chris Pidgeon, Valerie Stuart's housemate, healing.
Pat Sartori and her brother, healing.
Brenda Yowell, successful hip surgery.
Prayers for all those affected by the central Texas
flooding.

Joys:

Jim & Georgia Sanders, returned to worship!
Welcome our New Member, Karen Sturdivan!
Happy 96th Birthday, Peggy Verdery!

Thank you to all who volunteered on our Tidy Up
Day and the Moving the Mulch Morning!

Continued Prayers for:

Marsha Coates, 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.

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.



During the month of July

ELDERS

CABINET

BOARD

will not meet. See you in August!



**PROUD PATRIOTIC
POTLUCK
Sunday, JULY 20th
Right after worship!**



*Be sure to wear your
RED, WHITE and/or Blue
Patriotic duds!*



Disciples Women Fundraiser

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

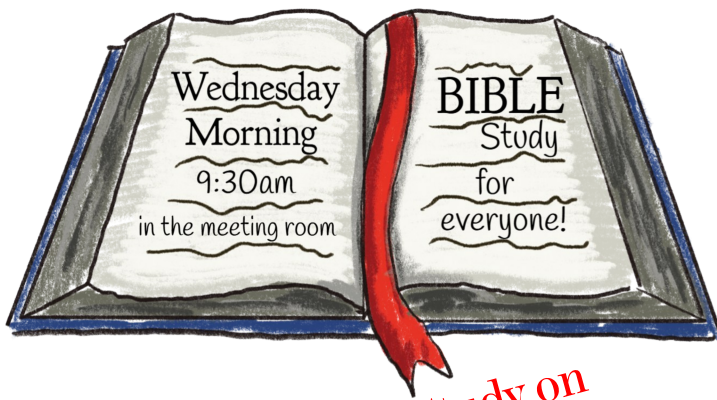


At the July 20 Proud Patriotic Potluck,
the dessert will be **Athens Disciples
Crossing Famous Peach Cobbler!**

*Come prepared to bid generously on this
crowd favorite!!*



FCCB Secretary, Melissa Powell
will be away from the church office
from Wednesday 7/16 until
Monday 7/21.



Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays!



Honored to Serve

Worship Leader— Richard Bryan

Greeters— Donna & Don Gilley,
Karen Willette

Scripture Readers—

6 Tommy Kaker
13 Susan McDonald
20 Diana McGee
27 Steve McGee

Elders— Steve McGee, Mary Bryan

Team 1 Deacons—

Barbara Bond, Jane Rudolph, Diana McGee,
Mike Toole

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.

**PLEASE!
NOTE**

Your 1st 6 months Giving Statements are available for pickup on the table out in the church foyer.



July 3	Ky Gregory
July 9	Natalie Wood (Rubis)
July 13	Peggy Verdery
July 17	Sharon Matzner
July 17	Jack Ellis
July 19	Tiffanie Gregory
July 19	Bernice Williams
July 26	Barbara Bond
July 29	Tommy Kaker



For those wanting to help the flood victims through the Christian Church's Week of Compassion fund, you can give online at - weekofcompassion.org. Or list "Central Texas Floods" on the memo line and make your check out to FCC. Peggy will mail the total in to the Week of Compassion and it will be included in our giving statements.



Need Member Addresses?

Pick up your updated Church Directory list at the front door Welcome table.

Please note the new address for:

Brent Davis

**2216 Elmwood Dr. Apt. #413
Arlington, TX 76010**



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	30	1	2	3	4 9:00am July 4th Parade Watch	5
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Burleson July 4th Parade 2025

