



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 23, 2024



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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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

Learning Center Hours: 6:30 am - 5:30 pm

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1 John 4:19

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

God Loves You Just the Way You Are

"We love because he first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

Once upon a time, there was a young girl named Susie. She was a beautiful little girl with the most wonderful doll collection in the world. Her father traveled all over the world on business and for nearly 12 years, he had brought dolls home to Susie. In her bedroom she had shelves of dolls from all over the United States and from every other continent on earth. She had dolls that could sing and dance and do just about anything a doll could possibly do.

One day, one of her father's business acquaintances came to visit. At dinner he asked Susie about her wonderful doll collection. After dinner, Susie took him by the hand and showed him these marvelous dolls from all over the world. He was very impressed. After he took the grand tour and was introduced to many of the beautiful dolls, he asked Susie, "With all these precious dolls you must have one that is your favorite. Which one is it?"

Without a moment's hesitation Susie went over to her old beat-up toy box and started pulling out toys. From the bottom of the box she pulled out one of the most ragged dolls you have ever seen. There were only a few strands of hair left on the head. The clothing had long since disappeared. The doll was filthy from many years of outside play. One of the buttons for the eyes was hanging down, with only a string to keep it connected. Stuffing was coming out at the elbow and knee. Susie handed the doll to the gentleman and said, "This doll is my favorite."

The man was shocked and asked, "Why is this doll with all these beautiful dolls in your room?" She replied, "If I didn't love this doll, nobody would!" That single statement moved the businessman to tears. It was such a simple statement, yet so profound. The little girl loved her doll unconditionally. She loved the doll not for its beauty or abilities, but simply because it was her very own doll.

God loves you the way Susie loved her doll. God loves you not for what you do, but for who you are. You never need to earn God's love. He loves you because you are His special creation. Because of God's unconditional love, you are free to blossom into all He wants you to be. His love has no strings attached.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike





RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

"You shall all be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of the streets to live in." Isaiah 58:12

Sunday, September 29th - Sunday, October 6th



www.reconciliationministry.org



Marlene Baysinger,
Lori Chernosky,
Joan Johnson,
Jerry McDearmon,
Shannon Mehaffey,
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	9/15/24
General Fund	1665.00
Building Fund	125.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 1790.00 = Short (\$2191.00)	

OFFERING	9/22/24
General Fund	1405.00
Building Fund	150.00
Weekly Needs: \$3981.00 - 1555.00 = Short (\$2426)	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 15, 2024	32
September 22, 2024	36



First Christian Church Single Ladies

*Will meet on Tuesday,
October 17 at 10:00AM
Location TBA soon!*

REMEMBER!
ELDER'S MEETING
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP
OCTOBER 6TH



Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday
@5:00PM

**COME Make a Joyful Noise
with US!**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)
11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
5:00PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

10:00AM Sunday School (MR)
11:00AM Sunday Worship (S)
12:00PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (MR)
5:00PM Choir Practice (S)
6:00PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

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



HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Right after worship
Come for good food,
And lots of FUN!

Details coming SOON!



The Power of Prayer

Because our newsletter is now online, we will no longer be listing specific conditions.
Thank you for your continued prayers for all.

Those in Need of Prayer:

Pat Crow, healing.
Wayne English, healing.
Aiden Hicks, a student of Diana McGee's, healing.
Dan Hockman, healing in rehab.
Ronnie Johnson, knee replacement.
Marilyn Murray, healing.
Dorothy Nash going through chemo.
Prayers for the family of Fred Rauschuber.
Jim & Georgia Sanders, Jim is recovering from surgery.



We Rejoice: Mike and Joan Kearns' 18th Wedding Anniversary (September 14th)

Continued Prayers for:

Suzanne Barton, Sue Bannister, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Sterling Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Dan & Lois Hockman, Eric McGee (Steve & Diana McGee's great-nephew), Ann Miller, Dorothy Nash, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Ron Struck, Darrell Tolliver, 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.



SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

In September our church contributed 49 lbs of food and gave \$350 towards Harvest House needs.

THANK YOU!

Harvest House Sunday is October 6th

Current Needs Include: Pasta, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Ramen, Boxed Meals, Canned Corn, Beans, Soup, Fruit, Rice, Flour/Sugar/PB & J.



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 Harvest House.



Happy Birthday!

October 5	Bill Taylor
October 14	Suzanne Barton
October 12	Iker Arguello
October 16	Diane Gerstner
October 19	Rhonda Janusch
October 20	Kay Daly
October 27	Peggy Johnson
October 28	Chance Kaker

Cabinet Meeting Reminder

Wednesday
October 9th at
6:00PM
in the Meeting Room



Honored to Serve in October

Worship Leader– Mary Bryan

Greeters– Lynn Dover, Mary Bryan

Scripture Readers–

6 Carol Findley

13 Jack Gregory

20 Diana McGee

27 Steve McGee

Elders– Lolly Ellis

Don Welch

Team 1 Deacons–

Dee Fields, Donna Huggins, Tommy Kaker,
Angela Kaker



PLAN NOW to
Join the FCC
DISCIPLES' MEN
for a Breakfast/Meeting

at Ol' South Pancake House
October 10 at 8:30am



DISCIPLES WOMEN
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
@ 11:30 AM

at Kaye Gregory's home
Carpool at 11:15 am
from FLC parking lot

Helpers: Lynn Dover, Kathy Welch
Study & Worship: Peggy Johnson

Service Project for Center for ASD
(Autism Spectrum Disorder)
Paper Towels



THE HISTORY OF THE SONG "JESUS LOVES ME"

The words were written by Anna Bartlett Warner, who was born in 1827. Her father was Henry Warner, a well-known New York City lawyer and her mother, Anna Bartlett, was from a wealthy family. Although Henry Warner had been a successful lawyer, he lost most of his fortune in the Panic of 1837 and the family had to leave their mansion to move to a farmhouse on Constitution Island, near West Point, NY. Both sisters became devout Christians in the late 1830s.

Seeing little change in their family's financial situation, in 1849 Anna and her sister, Susan, began writing to earn money. Susan wrote under the pen name Elizabeth Wetherell. She wrote over thirty novels, but her first, *"The Wide, Wide World"* written in 1850 was the most popular. Anna wrote under the pseudonym Amy Lothrop. She wrote thirty-one novels including *"Robinson Crusoe's Farmyard"*, *"Dollars and Cents"*, *"In West Point Colors"* and a biography of her sister. The sisters published 106 novels and children's books, eighteen of which they wrote together.

Neither sister married but held regular Bible Studies for West Point cadets. Their uncle, Rev. Thomas Warner, was the Academy Chaplain. Anna wrote a fresh hymn for her Sunday School class each month. ➡

The words to *"Jesus Loves Me"* first appeared in Susan's 1860 bestselling novel *"Say and Seal"*. In the novel, Sunday School teacher Mr. Linden comforts his student, Johnny Fax. The words are spoken to soothe the dying child.

The tune and chorus were added in 1862 by Dr. William Batchelder Bradbury. Dr. Bradbury dedicated himself to teaching, writing and publishing his music. *"Jesus Loves Me"* appeared in his hymnal *"The Golden Sower"*.

When they were on military duty, the West Point cadets would sing *"Jesus Loves Me."* The popularity of the song was so great that both sisters were buried with military honors because of the contribution they made to the spiritual well-being of the soldiers. They are the only civilians buried in the West Point Cemetery.

"Jesus Loves Me" is many times the first hymn taught to children worldwide.





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Reconciliation Offering Starts 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	30	1	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY World Communion Sunday 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Elders Meeting	7 Newsletter Published	8	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cabinet Meeting	10 8:30am Disciples' Men Breakfast/Meeting 11:30am Disciples' Women	11	12
13 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	14 Columbus Day	15 10:00am Single Ladies Meeting	16 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Board Meeting	17	18	19
20 Stewardship Campaign Begins 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Halloween Potluck	21 Newsletter Published	22	23 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 10:00am Sunday Morning Classes 11:00am Worship	28	29	30 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Choir Practice	31 Halloween	1 All Saints Day	2