

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 11, 2019



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

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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: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 am-5:30 pm
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Love God With Your Mind

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37

Many have written of, spoken about and acted upon the "second greatest" commandment of Jesus Christ: loving your neighbor as yourself. We don't hear as much about the greatest commandment: love God with all your soul and your mind. I suppose that's because most of us relate more to life from an emotional standpoint and because Christianity is often offered as a solution to felt needs.

Our faith is based on a propositional truth: namely the life, death and resurrection of a historical figure. The response to that propositional truth involves emotion and living a faith from day to day that intersects with felt needs. But many good people never become followers of Christ because they can't get their heads around it. They just don't believe it. And shallow statements and half-truths by well-intentioned saints - not to mention half-hearted lifestyles - often do more harm than good. In the book, "Love Your God With All Your Mind," J.P. Morgan writes that the growing anti-intellectualism in the church has resulted in the marginalization of Christianity in society and the emergence of the most secular culture the world has ever seen. The real problem for us shows up when tough times come, and our house-of-cards belief system tumbles down because we're used to "putting our hands together" but not our heads.

Truth becomes relational when we come to Christ, but truth is objective before it becomes experiential. Today, through words and lifestyle we stand up for the story we find ourselves in just as Jesus did and as the Apostle Paul and the disciples did. It is the story of Jesus coming to earth, living a sinless life, being crucified, buried and resurrected. It's the story of how the Holy Spirit gives us the power to live every day. It's about how life is going somewhere, and that our lives can be purpose-filled. If we're not embracing that narrative and staying true to it in our minds, we're not yet at the loving God stage.

Loving God with our minds isn't as intimidating as it first appears. It might involve studying the life of Christ, reading a good book on philosophy, or pausing before we say something that is acceptable as American theology, but biblically inaccurate. Loving God with our minds is the first commandment because we must know truth and love it before we can send anyone else in that direction.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/03/19
General Fund	7,324.00
Building Fund	1,445.00
Gas Royalties	162.48
Weekly Needs:	\$4,146.00 - 8,931.48 = Over \$4,785.48

OFFERING	11/10/19
General Fund	1,636.00
Building Fund	445.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs:	\$4,146.00 - 3,081.00 = Short (\$1,065.00)



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 3, 2019	63
November 10, 2019	84



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger; Ed Pappert; Will Davies; Emmy Nash; Austyn Taylor; Karen Mason; James Wood; Chris Pidgeon; Glenna Richardson; Brad King; Dan & Lois Hockman; Ellie & Gracie McGee; Lori & Erica Chernosky; and our other regular visitors.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)
NO Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)
11:30 AM Disciples Women Luncheon & Meeting (Tiffanie Gregory's Home)
6:30 PM Disciples Men Meeting (C)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Disciples Women Sandwich Luncheon & Casserole & Dessert Auction (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Decorate Church for Advent & Christmas-Soup/Stew Luncheon for Volunteers

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**Holiday
Craft
Fair**

CRAFT FAIR!

November 16th

9:00 am-2:00 pm

In the Café of
Mariposa Apartments
155 Elk Drive
Burleson

It is open to the public so bring your family and friends for some fun Christmas shopping. You will see original jewelry made by our very own Marilyn Murray, ornaments made by the craft class and our own Pat Sartori as well as many other holiday items and baked goods!



NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

65 Pounds of Food

\$433.00 in Monetary Donations

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:

The family of our member Bobby Barton who passed away
Sonya Black
Pat Findley
Judy Janzen
The family of James Lester who passed away-Terri Lester's
father-in-law
Toady Montgomery-Angela Tolliver's aunt
Karen Moody-Jane Rudolph's sister-in-law
O.K Neal
Pat Yarborough

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Richard &
Stacie Kearns on the birth of
2nd daughter, Lennon Tyler
Kearns who was born on
November 4, 2019. She
weighed 7 lbs, 8 oz.
The proud grandparents are
Pastor Mike & Joan Kearns.
Glenna Richardson
Valerie Stuart
Happy Birthday to Genna
Edmonds & Bill Gunn
Congratulations to Centennial
High School Marching Band that
Placed 5th in the State
Championship Marching Band
Contest.
Burleson High School volleyball
girls are playing in Regionals.

Continued Prayers for:

Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Will Davies, Jack Gregory, Sr., Betty Grisham, Becky Hoover,
Jessica Kaker, Joan Kearns, Brad King, Kim Lassitor, Margie Lile; Eric McGee; Carol Morris,
OK & Jane Neal, Karen Parker, Darrell Tolliver, The Vardeman Family, Ivan Walker, V.J. Welch,
Iris Wilson, Faye Wirsdorfer, Needra Womack, Carole Wright & Pat Yarborough

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:
MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch





POINSETTAS

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____

@ \$10.00 each = _____

In Honor Of: _____

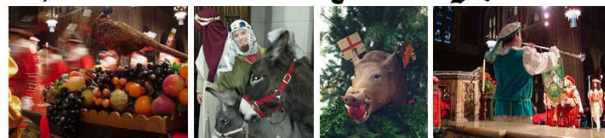
In Memory Of: _____

Please turn in this order form
 along with payment to Terri Lester
 in the church office by Sunday,
 November 24th.



BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2019
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival



BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL

Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 3:00 PM
University Christian Church - Fort Worth
Reserved Seats - \$15.00 each

There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary foyer for you to indicate your intention to be a part of our group attending the festival. Please sign up by Sunday, December 1st, so we can purchase tickets on your behalf. If you wish, you may also call Terri at the church or me on my cell (214-364-6453), and we will be happy to put your name on the list.

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a celebration of good over evil. It began as a holiday tradition in the grand manor houses of England, and was brought to America during colonial days. A multi-generational cast and musicians of over 300 re-enact the ancient celebration which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. Also known as The Epiphany, the end of the twelve days tradition-ally claims that the Magi offered their gifts to the Christ Child.

The pageant is based on an old legend, that of an Oxford student who kills a wild boar when it interrupts his studies. When the church adopted the Festival, it gained a new, Christian significance: the wild boar, symbolic of evil is overcome by good through the teachings of Christ. Marching companies, in beautiful authentic costumes of Renaissance England, sing the ancient songs of Christendom, as they carry in the gaily-bedecked head of the wild boar, which is conquered by the innocent goodness of the Christ Child. The triumph of light over darkness is made graphic in the Christ Candle through its light and through the carvings on the wooden candleholder in the production.

The second part of the festival features the original Christmas story, as shepherds and Wise Men travel to Bethlehem to pay homage and to bring gifts to the Christ Child.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON & MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2019

11:30 a.m.

Tiffanie Gregory's Home
412 Bretts Way, Burleson
817-908-3081

Hostesses:

Carol Findley, Kathy Welch, Tiffanie
Study & Worship: Tiffanie Gregory

*Carpool from FLC parking lot at
11:15 a.m. Need a ride? Call
Peggy Johnson at 817-295-7420.*

Service Project:

*Monetary Donations to Benefit
Dottie Mehaffey's Classroom*

TWO MEETING TIMES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2019

8:30 a.m. at **THE PORCH**
140 S. Wilson, Burleson

AND

6:30 p.m. **FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH** in the Chapel



NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

Disciples Women will be asking for financial donations to go to Dottie

Mehaffey's class - *Family and Consumer Sciences Education* - at Crossroads High School in Burleson. This class prepares and serves a Thanksgiving meal to their school. Donations will help purchase food for the class to prepare. Bring your donation to the next Disciples Women meeting on November 14, or give your donation to Terri Tipton or Peggy Johnson before Sunday, November 17.



We're Offering Something New

Sunday, November 17
Noon (FLC)

It's been tradition for many years for Disciples Women to host a Sandwich Luncheon and Dessert Auction during the Fall. This year we will give it a twist and host a -

SANDWICH LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY A CASSEROLE AND DESSERT AUCTION.

Everyone is encouraged to participate by donating a casserole and/or dessert and staying to enjoy a complimentary sandwich luncheon and then bid on the casseroles and desserts.

This is Disciples Women's only fundraiser for Outreach Projects during the year. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Forms are available in Sunday's bulletins or call Terri in the church office to place your order in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary on the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve. Plants are \$10 each.

**Deadline is Sunday,
November 24.**



DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 24, after church. Soup/stew luncheon served to all volunteers.