

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, November 13, 2023



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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Church Telephone:
817-295-4123

Learning Center:
682-255-5492

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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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Putting God on Display

"Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.'" -- John 14:8-10

I think there are times in all our lives when we hear the words of Jesus and have the same collective thought, "What on earth is He talking about?" I don't think we're alone. I wonder what the disciples were thinking when they heard Jesus teach. Did they have that same thought, "Now exactly where is He going with this one?"

In John 14, Jesus makes this astounding claim, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." In reality, Jesus is saying something quite profound. "This God that you worship, who is far off, has come near. In fact, nearer than you would have ever imagined. If you want to know what He is like, then watch me." In essence, Jesus was putting God on display.

If you want to know what God is like, watch Jesus. Do you want to see how God would love or show compassion? Then watch how Jesus does it. To see Jesus is to see God in action. In Jesus, the invisible God is made visible.

Now this has insightful ramifications for us. If Jesus was putting God on display and we are called to live as Jesus did, then in a truly mysterious way, we are also putting God on display for this world. This is what Jesus is inviting us to do as his followers - to put God on display for this world to see. At home. At work. At school. Wherever we go...in all that we do...the question remains: are we putting God on display for this world to see? If people were to watch us, would they gain a better sense of who God is?

What if in watching us and describing how we lived, people actually would be describing God without ever even knowing it? That would be truly amazing. Perhaps it could even change the world.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/29/23
General Fund	2,365.00
Building Fund	425.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,790.00 = Short (\$1,280.00)	
OFFERING	11/05/23
General Fund	7,351.80
Building Fund	1,250.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-8,601.80 = Over \$4,531.80	
OFFERING	11/12/23
General Fund	3,640.00
Building Fund	425.00
Harvest House	300.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-4,065.00 = Short (\$5.00)	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 29, 2023	38
November 5, 2023	51
November 12, 2023	52


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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 26th.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (MR)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
11:00 AM Honor Dr. Wayne English as
Elder Emeritus (S & FLC)
12:00 PM Thanksgiving Luncheon (FLC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (MR)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Decorate church for Advent &
Christmas-Soup/Stew Luncheon
for Volunteers

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



Visitors and Guests



Pat Crow; Kay Daly; Marti English; Aubrey
Hundley; David & Susan McDonald;
Kirk & Kea McGinty; Ken & Diana Morrow;
Charlie O'Coynce; Susan O'Donnell;
Angela Sanders; Gwen Staiger;
Karen Sturdivan; Austyn Taylor; and our other
regular visitors.

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



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 Matt Aiken who passed away-

Matt was a friend of Ronnie & Peggy Johnson

Mike Bourne-Shannon Mehaffey's husband

The Danelski Family-Janie Rudolph's family

Bonnie DePratter

Darb Dewar

Cyndy Garrett

John Gillaspie-Tiffanie Gregory's grandfather

Beth Gregory-Jack Gregory's sister

Susan Shaha-former Hughes Middle School Principal

The family of Don Vardeman who passed away-Don is

Dorothy Nash's brother-in-law

Lori-Iris Wilson's daughter

Austin-Emily White's boyfriend

Tommy Bonds' co-worker's cousin & family

Luke Nelson-Steve & Diana McGee's 4-year-old grandson

We Rejoice With:

Rob & Marti English are here

visiting their dad, Wayne English.

Marilyn Murray was in worship!

Thank you, Choir, for the special

Veterans Day special. Thank

you to all our Veterans for their

service.

Wonderful Disciples Women

Retreat on Nov. 4 at the Rubis'

home. Thanks to the retreat

committee: Mary, Dee, Kaye,

Peggy & Vicki.

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Lenny Findley (friend of Pastor Mike), Betty Grisham,

Sterling Grisham (Steve & Vicki Rubis' great-nephew), Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee (Steve & Diana

McGee's great-nephew), Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Susan Shaha (former Hughes Middle School Principal),

Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Shelby Weldon, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

4 Pounds of Food

\$465.00 in Cash Donations



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.



BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 ♦ 6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

At Mariposa, Elk Drive

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 am-2:00 pm

All crafters selling homemade items, wood items, centerpieces, angels wreaths, pillows, etc.

Plus, our Annual Bake Sale Goodies!

Also this year we have someone making BBQ sandwiches, plus you get a bag of chips and bottle of water for sale.

Come do your Christmas shopping with us!



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON November 19

Please join us this Sunday immediately following worship for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. If you haven't signed up to bring something yet, call Dee Fields 817-793-8844 to see what you can bring.

We will be setting up the Family Life Center for the luncheon on Friday, November 17th at 3:00 pm.
We appreciate all volunteers!!

*Donations are greatly appreciated.
Money goes toward purchases of paper goods,
condiments, tea, coffee, etc.*

THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, November 23 - Closed
Friday, November 24 - Closed

Normal office hours will resume on Monday,
November 27, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

The Learning Center will be closed
November 20-24.



CONGRATS DOC

This Sunday we
will recognize
Dr. Wayne R. English
as an
Elder Emeritus.

Faith. Education. Leadership Development.

15 Colleges & Universities
7 Seminaries & Divinity Houses

DONATE HERE!



Your Thanksgiving Offering
will be Part of a 129 Year
Legacy of Educational Support



The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church. To see a list of colleges, universities, seminaries, foundations & divinity house go to www.disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF DISCIPLES WOMEN OUTREACH PROJECTS

Disciples Women Outreach in 2022 totaled \$5,289.54.

We hope to exceed that amount this year by hosting a **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**.

Forms will be available at the back of the sanctuary on the white table, on our Facebook pages, by email and in this newsletter. If you cannot find a form, contact Kaye Gregory and she will get one to you – 817-228-7529.

The deadline to give is Sunday, November 19.

Please give your filled out forms and donations (or just donations) to Lolly Ellis, Mary Bryan or Kaye Gregory.

You can also mail them to the church:
Disciples Women
2023 Outreach Fundraiser
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
PO Box 57
Burleson, TX 76097



Saturday - December 2, 2023 - 6:00 pm

The parade route goes right next to our Gregory Street parking lot. Jim Sanders will have his trailer parked next to the grassy area near Gregory Street. Bring your lawn chairs and sit on the trailer for a prime viewing spot or sit around us.

***Wear something festive—with lights if possible!
Come early as Gregory Street gets blocked to traffic before the parade begins.***

After the parade, walk or drive over to Old Town Burleson. There will be entertainment on the Plaza stage from 6:30–8 pm. The tree lighting at the Plaza and the drone show will be at 8 pm.

GOD SAYS YOU ARE ... UNIQUE, SPECIAL, LOVELY, PRECIOUS, STRONG, CHOSEN

23 women attended the Disciples Women Day Retreat at Vicki Rubis' home. We learned about women of the Bible who are examples of the kind of women God wants us to be. Thanks to all who came.



November 4,
2023



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF DISCIPLES WOMEN OUTREACH PROJECTS

Disciples Women enjoyed this fundraising idea so much, we are doing it again this year!

Our Outreach in 2022 totaled \$5,289.54. We gave \$1327.85 to Harvest House in Burleson, \$621.69 to Stuff the Boot for US Troops overseas, \$500 to Johnson County Meals on Wheels, \$300 to Center for ASD in Burleson, \$300 to Smile Train, \$300 to Salvation Army, \$300 to Wounded Warriors Project, \$290 to Church Finance Council (Blessing Boxes), \$1190 to FCC needs: kitchen supplies, CLOTH Fund, Learning Center Teacher Appreciation, and \$100 to Support Our Soldiers (SOS).

Your generous donations help us make these Outreach Projects possible. Thank you!

\$_____ I do not want to bake, so here is the money
I would have spent on all those rainbow icing cupcakes.



\$_____ I don't want to buy a Marie Callender's Dutch
Apple Pie, bake it, and pretend I made it from scratch, so
here is the money I would have spent to keep up that farce.



\$_____ I am allergic to dairy, gluten, sugar, nuts, eggs, and
chocolate so here is the money I should have spent all those years
at the Dessert Auctions.

\$_____ I am making this donation so my spouse does not have
to buy my dessert and pretend it's the best cookie, cake, pie, etc., they have ever had.

\$_____ I've been thrifty this year and saved a lot of
money. Here is my generous donation.



\$_____ Here is the money I would have spent at the last
3 cancelled Dessert Auctions.

\$_____ I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy,
sell or do except fill out this form...and mail if necessary.

*Contribute on or before Sunday, November 19, 2023.
Give to Lolly Ellis, Mary Bryan or Kaye Gregory. Make checks out to DWF.*

Name _____ Phone Number _____



DISCIPLES WOMEN - 2023 OUTREACH FUNDRAISER
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