

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 14, 2022



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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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

Finding Quiet

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!" – Habakkuk 2:20

I'm confident that many of you can relate to one of my "parenting memories" born of one of the many challenging days of rearing our children. I recall the day when my two sons were particularly hyper-active - playing with one another one moment - fighting with one another the next. The noise created by their bickering finally got the best of me, so I informed Mom that I needed to run some errands and would be back "after a while." I needed a little peace and quiet. There is just something so necessary about quiet.

Think about all the noise that is around us whether we want it or not. All day long we experience noise - commuting noise, human noise, media noise, advertising noise, disaster noise, advice noise, shopping noise, reality-TV noise - so much clatter that it even forces the noise level to rise in order to hear or be heard.

Yet, an essential ingredient of connecting with God and growing spiritually is pursuing quiet. It's that simple - and in a world inherently noisy, it's that complex too. Fortunately, pursuing quiet doesn't mean we have to become a monk and stay mute for a year. We don't have to enclose our house in insulating bubble wrap. We don't even have to destroy our televisions. Instead, we just have to allow ourselves to be quiet. Consciously choose no noise. Clear out the noise of worry. Turn off the clamor of consumption. Silence the noise of procrastination. Quiet our lives in small ways. Doable. Practical. Attainable. Even undersized times of quiet will add up and bring big rewards.

What happens when we're quiet? We are more apt to hear the voice of God, for God often speaks through silence. Maybe in a time of silence, a name comes to mind, and we know we need to go to that person to offer companionship, love and compassion. Or perhaps in the quiet, a specific situation - one that requires confession - suggests itself. When there is silence, we may even hear the voice of God saying, "I love you" through His creation.

God is not distant. He wants to connect with us. We just need to find quiet in order to hear Him in the whispers of life. We can do it - you can do it - right now - in this moment. Take five minutes and stop the noise. Don't go on to another task. Just turn off the noise and consciously be quiet. Deliberately focus your thoughts away from the distractions of the day and move them toward God.

When the noise is gone. Be prepared to connect with God!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/30/22
General Fund	3,246.00
Building Fund	125.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,359.00-3,371.00 = Over \$12.00	

OFFERING	11/06/22
General Fund	4,474.00
Building Fund	805.00
Harvest House	35.00
Gas Royalties	524.59
Weekly Needs: \$3,359.00-5,803.59 = Over \$2,444.59	

OFFERING	11/13/22
General Fund	6,565.00
Building Fund	1,150.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,359.00-7,715.00 = Over \$4,356.00	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 30, 2022	47
November 6, 2022	45
November 13, 2022	56

BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 ♦ 6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Visitors and Guests

Harvey Ellis; Kay Daly; Carol Webb; Monna Risinger; Keith Vogar; Gwen Staiger; Lexi Hales; Ashley Davis; Lori & Erica Chernosky; Nancy & Austyn Taylor; and our other regular visitors.

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

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am ♦ Meeting Room
NO Ladies Bible Study on November 23

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**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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

NO Board Meeting this Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

NO Ladies Bible Study

NO Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

THANKSGIVING DAY - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIEST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - HOPE

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

14 Pounds of Food

\$155.00 in Monetary Donations



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Disciplesmissionfund.org

Thanksgiving Offering 2022

November 20, 2022



The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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 Jane Butler who passed away

Jane is Jack Ellis' sister

The family of Jack Hartis who passed away

Jack is a former neighbor of the Bryan's

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Jessica Kaker
who will graduate from
Crossroads High School in
January!

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Marsha Coates (Dorothy Nash's niece),
Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Barbara Hill, Deborah Hill,
Becky Hoover, Eric McGee, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Alesha Walker
(Dorothy Nash's niece), & Barbara Warren

Our country's leaders and world leaders

POINSETTIAS

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 27th.



PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEE TING

SUNDAY ♦ DECEMBER 4
12:00 PM

2023 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Evans (3 year term)

Jack Gregory (3 year term)

Tommy Kaker (3 year term)

Jane Rudolph (3 year term)

Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2023 PROPOSED DEACONS

Lolly Ellis (2 year term)

Cordelia Fields (2 year term)

Donna Huggins (2 year term)

Dottie Mehaffey (2 year term)

John Mehaffey (2 year term)

Angela Tolliver (2 year term)

Barbara Bond (1 year term)

Brent Davis (1 year term)

Lynn Dover (1 year term)

Tommy Kaker (1 year term)

Angela Kaker (1 year term)

Diana McGee (1 year term)

Vicki Rubis (1 year term)

Jane Rudolph (1 year term)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 20

AFTER WORSHIP
DECORATE FOR
ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS
(LUNCHEON FOR
VOLUNTEERS)

NOVEMBER 27

1ST SUNDAY IN
ADVENT — HOPE

DECEMBER 3

BURLESON
CHRISTMAS
PARADE WATCH

DECEMBER 4

2ND SUNDAY IN
ADVENT — PEACE
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

DECEMBER 8

DISCIPLES WOMEN
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11

3RD SUNDAY IN
ADVENT — JOY

DECEMBER 15

DISCIPLES MEN
CAROLING

DECEMBER 18

4TH SUNDAY IN
ADVENT — LOVE

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY
WORSHIP SERVICE



HELP DECORATE THE
MAIN BUILDING AND
FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOR
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

This Sunday, November 20
(After Worship)

We'll have a lunch for volunteers.
Bring soup, stew, crackers,
cheese, desserts, etc to share.



DISCIPLES MEN

Christmas Caroling, Dinner,
Devotional

Thursday, December 15

Meet at the Family
Life Center parking
lot at 6:30 pm to
carpool.

*Wear a Christmas
sweater, if you
have one.*

Afterwards, we'll
grab a bite to eat!



Saturday
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:00 pm

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022



HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

Let's sit together during the
Burleson Lighted Christmas Parade
on Saturday, Dec. 3.

It begins at 6 pm and will pass by
the church on Gregory Street.
Bring a lawn chair and stake out
your spot early!

We will have cards with candy canes
to pass out to our neighbors inviting
them to join us for our Christmas
Eve Candlelight Service and
Christmas Day Service.

Wear a Christmas sweater and let's
have some fun together!



Sunday
Christmas Day Service
11:00 am

Stuff the Boot

**HELP DISCIPLES WOMEN
STUFF THE BOOT FOR CHRISTMAS**



Disciples Women, with your help, is raising funds to send items to the "Hoplites" for Christmas. They requested socks, hoodies, hand warmers, Little Debbie snacks and beef jerky.

***The deadline to donate is this
Sunday, November 20, 2022.***

Look for the military boots located in the back of the sanctuary and "stuff" your donations inside. Please donate cash or checks only. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to Angela Tolliver and designate — Soldiers Christmas!

Items will be ordered and shipped free through Amazon.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE HOPLITES THIS CHRISTMAS!**

