

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 22, 2021



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

Telephone: 817-295-4123 **Fax:** 817-295-0750

Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School
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
Mike Kearns, Senior Pastor **Cell Phone:** 214-364-6453

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Terri Lester, Secretary

E-Mail: terri@fccburleson.org

Amber Miller, Learning Center Director

E-Mail: amber.fccbc@gmail.com

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

What Are You Chasing?

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and body more than clothing?." - Matthew 6:25

The story has been told of a banker who was vacationing in a small coastal village. While walking near a pier, he observed a small boat with just one fisherman. Inside the boat with the fisherman were several yellow-fin tuna. The businessman complimented the fisherman on the quality of his catch and asked how long it took to catch them. "Only a little while," he replied.

The businessman then asked why he didn't stay out longer and catch more fish. The fisherman said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs. "But what do you do with the rest of your time?" the banker asked. The fisherman responded, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a nap in the afternoon, and stroll into the village each evening with my wife where we relax and sing, and I play guitar with our friends. I have a full and busy life."

The businessman scoffed, "You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat, and with those proceeds buy a fleet of boats. Instead of selling your fish to a middleman, you could sell directly to a processor. You could eventually open your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. You could leave this small village and move to a big city where you could run your expanding enterprise."

The fisherman asked, "But how long will this take?" The businessman replied, "15 to 20 years!" "But then what?" asked the puzzled fisherman. The banker laughed and said, "That's the best part. You can sell your business, retire and move to a small coastal fishing village where you could sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take afternoon naps, stroll to the village in the evenings with your wife where you could relax, sing and play guitar with your friends. You would have a full and busy life."

The fisherman smiled at the businessman, quietly gathered his catch and walked away.

What are we chasing in life? How, and with whom, we spend the bulk of our time may reveal much about our priorities. Jesus said, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

What kind of treasures are we storing away? Are they temporary or will they last forever?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/14/21
General Fund	3,812.00
Building Fund	1,405.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-6,217.00 = Over \$2,154.00	

OFFERING	11/21/21
General Fund	1,320.41
Building Fund	475.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering	20.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-1,815.41 = Short (\$2,247.59)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 14, 2021	62
November 21, 2021	60



Visitors and Guests

Gwen Staiger; Pat Crow; Kay Daly; Mike Grzarowicz; James Wood; Louise Yrigogen; Barbara & Deborah Hill; Scott & Terri Lester; Walker & Spencer Maxwell; and our other regular visitors.

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



2021 Christmas Offering 
A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
supporting the ministries of our Region

December 12 & 19, 2021

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
supporting the ministries of our Region.

**Please Note: this schedule may change
due to the changing restrictions regarding the
COVID-19 Virus.**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

NO Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party
(Location to be Announced)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

5:45 PM FCC Learning Center Christmas
Program (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class will **NOT** meet Wednesday, November 24. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 1 at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room.

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:

Bonnie DePratter
Joan Kearns
Wynell Ogden-Dorothy Nash's sister

We Rejoice With:

Mary Bryan was in worship!
Taylor Kaker celebrated her first birthday!
We are grateful to our members and visitors who are in worship!

The health and safety of all nurses, doctors, all health care providers as well as first responders as we go through the Covid-19 crisis. Including our members and friends Bethany Bonds; Dave & Adrienne Nash, Dorothy Nash's son and daughter-in-law; Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law, and Jeff Yowell, Brenda Yowell's son

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Betty Grisham, Jerry Hay, Sandra Hay, Becky Hoover, Eleene Pippin, Terri Tipton, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Jacqueline Wallace, Barbara Warren & Needra Womack

Our country's leaders and world leaders



NOVEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

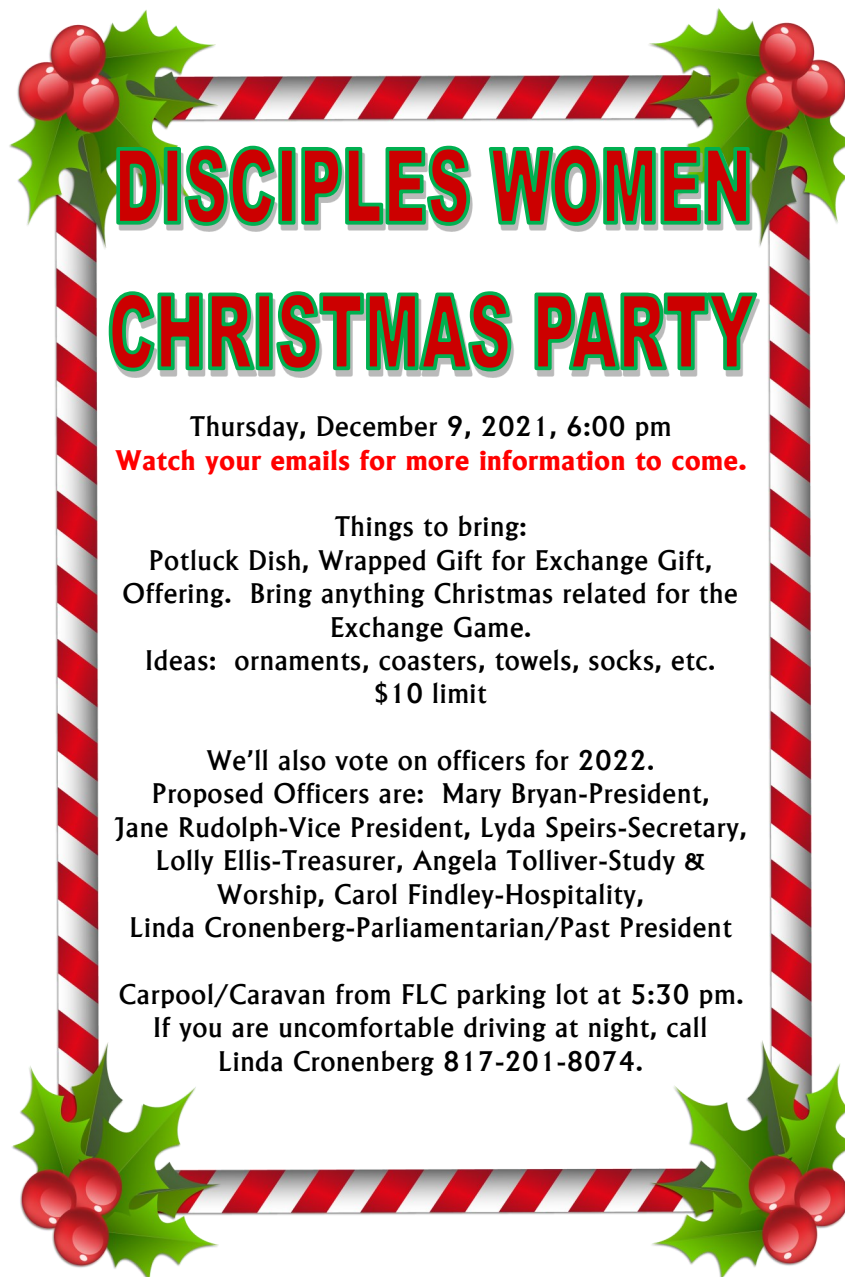
30 Pounds of Food

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

December 5, 2021

Current needs include canned goods including green beans, corn, sweet potatoes/yams, carrots or mixed vegetables, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, French fried onions, instant mashed potatoes, Mac-N-Cheese (boxes), brown gravy packets, ready made stuffing (boxes), salad dressing & boxed desserts.

If you haven't already done so, please mail your Estimate of Giving and Time & Talent forms back to the church office as soon as possible.



DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6:00 pm

Watch your emails for more information to come.

Things to bring:

Potluck Dish, Wrapped Gift for Exchange Gift, Offering. Bring anything Christmas related for the Exchange Game.

Ideas: ornaments, coasters, towels, socks, etc.
\$10 limit

We'll also vote on officers for 2022.

Proposed Officers are: Mary Bryan-President,
Jane Rudolph-Vice President, Lyda Speirs-Secretary,
Lolly Ellis-Treasurer, Angela Tolliver-Study &
Worship, Carol Findley-Hospitality,
Linda Cronenberg-Parliamentarian/Past President

Carpool/Caravan from FLC parking lot at 5:30 pm.
If you are uncomfortable driving at night, call
Linda Cronenberg 817-201-8074.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 28th - First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

Sunday, Dec. 5th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE
♦ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Thursday, Dec. 9th
♦ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party
Watch your emails for more information.

Friday, Dec. 10th
♦ 5:45 pm FCC Learning Center Christmas
Program (S)

Sunday, Dec. 12th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY
Christmas Special Offering

Tuesday, Dec. 14th
♦ FCC Single Ladies Christmas Party
(Dorothy Nash's Home-RSVP to Dorothy)

Sunday, Dec. 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE
Christmas Special Offering

Friday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
♦ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)

Saturday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day

FCC SINGLE LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

10:00 am

Dorothy Nash's home
216 Lester
Burleson, TX 76028
817-296-3244

Look in your closets ladies, and bring a gag gift that
doesn't cost anything!

Lunch is provided, but please RSVP to Dorothy at the
above number so she knows how many ladies to plan for.





2021 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Lynn Dover (3 year term)
 Angela Tolliver (3 year term)
 Mike Toole (3 year term)
 Don Welch (3 year term)
 Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2021 PROPOSED DEACONS

Barbara Bond (2 year term)
 Brent Davis (2 year term)
 Lynn Dover (2 year term)
 Tommy Kaker (2 year term)
 Angela Kaker (2 year term)
 Diana McGee (2 year term)
 Vicki Rubis (2 year term)
 Jane Rudolph (2 year term)

FCCLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 10, 2021
 5:45 pm
 Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come hear the precious voices of our 1–4 year old students as they sing songs about Baby Jesus and Christmas.



BIRTHDAYS

12/5	Beverly Sholders
12/9	Stephanie McGee
12/10	Austin Bryan
12/11	Christal McGee
12/16	Juanna Bryan
12/22	Michelle McCrory
12/24	Braylen Bryan
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Steven McGee
12/30	Collin Gregory
12/30	Barbara Warren



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory

To My FCC Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, and your generous gift honoring my 20 year anniversary. I was speechless. Twenty years has flown by!! I have loved working here and getting to know each and every one of you. Thank you all for your encouragement and support through the years. You are such a wonderful and loving family, and you make coming to work every day a pleasure. Thank you to all of you for a delicious Thanksgiving luncheon and to Mike and the Board for your generous support. As we enter this Advent Season, I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!



Love,
 Terri Lester

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF DISCIPLES WOMEN OUTREACH PROJECTS

We all know the last few years have presented many challenges including not being able to participate in some of the traditional things we have done as a church family. This year, instead of our Annual Dessert Auction, Disciples Women are going with a different fundraising idea! Your offerings will go to different outreach programs that Disciples Women support including but not limited to Harvest House, Disciples Church General Outreach, Week of Compassion, C.L.O.T.H. Fund, First Christian Church Learning Center, Disciples Mission Fund, Johnson County Meals of Wheels, Smile Train, Salvation Army, Crossroads High School, Support Our Soldiers (SOS) and Burleson Fire Department for their Children's Fire Safety Program

\$_____ 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.



\$_____ Since the pandemic cancelled my vacation plans,
I saved all that money. Here is my generous donation.

\$_____ Here is the money I would have spent at the last
two 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 our monthly luncheon on December 12.
Give to Lolly Ellis, Linda Cronenberg or Kaye Gregory. Make checks out to DWF.

Name _____ Phone Number _____



DISCIPLES WOMEN - 2021 OUTREACH FUNDRAISER
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097



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 28th.



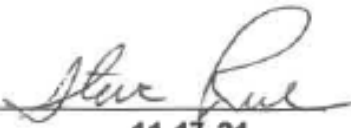
We are Live streaming from Facebook now, so you can enjoy the service every Sunday. "Like" the First Christian Church Burleson page in order to view the service at 11:00 am or later as we will save the video to that page.

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Streaming

First Christian Church Burleson
2022 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-17-21

Board Approved: 
 11-17-21
 Congregation Approved: _____

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected 2022 Income	Projected 2022 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings				
" (Unrestricted)			\$ 140,000	
Building Fund			\$ 23,030	
Gas Royalties			\$ 1,600	
Family Life Center Usage			\$ -	
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 10,000	
Other Income			\$ -	
EXPENSES				
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 4,200
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 630
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,575
Evangelism Supplies				\$ -
Fellowship				\$ 210
Honorarium				\$ 210
Insurance				\$ 10,500
Janitorial Expense				\$ 5,250
Office Supplies				\$ 1,260
Outreach * (10%)				\$ 14,000
Postage				\$ 630
Publicity				\$ 210
Pastor's Salary				\$ 74,000
Secretary Salary				\$ 32,000
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,500
Gas Well Tax (21 Pay in 22)				\$ 160
Electricity				\$ 15,750
Gas				\$ 3,150
Water				\$ 3,150
Phone				\$ 3,150
Garbage				\$ 630
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,150
Ministerial Discretion Fund				\$ 315
Outside Maintenance				\$ -
TOTAL 2022 FCC BURLESON			\$ 174,630	\$ 174,630
PROPOSED BUDGET				
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As Actuals Require				



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR) Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM - Worship (S)			1	2	3	4
5 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting (S) Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	6	7	8 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	9 6:00 PM - DWF Christmas Party Location to be Announced	10 5:45 PM - FCC Learning Center Christmas Program (S)	11
12 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY Christmas Special Offering	13 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	14 10:00 AM - FCC Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	15 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Special Offering	20	21	22	23	24 6:00 PM - Candlelight Service (S)	25 Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed
26	27 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	