

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 23, 2020



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 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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Amber Miller, Learning Center Director

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

THANKING OTHERS

"I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day." - 2 Timothy 1:3

In 1949, John Heenan began his ministry in the city of Liverpool, England by going to Walton Jail for a preaching mission where spent days in prison. After the first worship service in the prison, there was a phone call. John's mother was very ill and not expected to live. She had forbidden his brother to call with the news, for, she said, the men in prison needed her son more than she did; but the brother had disobeyed and phoned anyway.

John prayed about it. He wanted to be with his mother, but he had a sense that she was right; the prisoners did need him more than she did. So he remained at the prison. He prayed that his mother would live long enough for him to see her; and he remained to complete the mission. The next day, word got around the prison that his mother was dying and he had been sent for but did not go.

Realizing the rumors were flying, John spoke about it before he began his sermon that day. His mother, he said, had asked that he not be told. She wanted him to remain at the prison. She herself had been praying for weeks for the success of the mission in Walton Jail.

He asked the men to join him in praying for her every night that week - that she would live until the mission was over and he could be at her side. The day after that, as he went from cell to cell, the men assured him they were praying; and the prayers of John and the prisoners were answered. He got to be with his mother before she died. Also, scores of prisoners gave their lives to Christ; they became new men.

Nineteen years after the mission, John received a letter from one of the men who had been in Walton Jail. It was dated January 24, 1968. It said, "I was in Walton Prison, Liverpool, many years ago when you conducted a mission there. I was deeply moved at the time when you told us how your mother, before her death, told you not to cancel the mission and return home because we needed you more than she did. You can be sure that we prayed hard for you at that time. My point in writing is that I wish you to know that this mission bore fruit, and I have settled down with a good job for many years now. I feel that the mission was the turning point in my life."

I'm sure that over the years, many Christians have helped each of us grow to become more like Jesus. These are people, like John Heenan, whose lives have intersected with ours at various times, uniquely walking with us and strengthening us in our journeys of faith. Some continue to be a part of our lives - others are a part of our memories.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us lift these folks up in our prayers as we give thanks for the difference they have made, and continue to make, in our lives. American author William Arthur Ward wrote, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

Happy Thanksgiving!
Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/15/20
General Fund	2,185.00
Building Fund	25.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 3,210.00 = Short (\$762.00)	

OFFERING	11/22/20
General Fund	3,270.00
Building Fund	400.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 3,670.00 = Short (\$302.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 15, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
21 Participated in Drive Up Communion

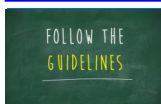
November 22, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
29 Participated in Drive Up Communion



Visitors and Guests

No Services due to Corona Virus.

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



CURRENT PROCEDURE



Anyone coming into the building needs to come to the "Church Office" doors BEFORE you go anywhere else, including the Family Life Center. Everyone must wear a mask. Your temperature will be taken and logged in with your name.

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.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

HAPPY THANKSGIVING-Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Drive Up Communion
(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY December 6, 2020



Current needs include canned corn, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, mac-n-cheese, boxed desserts, etc. Since we aren't currently meeting at church, you can mail a check made out to Harvest House to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028. If you would rather drop off food at their location, drop off times are Monday-Thursday 10:00-4:00 and Friday 10:00-2:00. PLEASE NOTE: Harvest House is closed November 23-27 for Thanksgiving. If you are going to donate food, Harvest House will be open Monday, November 30, at 10:00 am.

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:

Lesley Baker-Bonnie DePratter's friend
Pene Enochs
Brandy Glaser-Darb Dewar's daughter
The family of Nancy Jennings who passed away-
Nancy was Dorothy Nash's sister-in-law
Flora Roe
Pat Yarborough
Al-Pene Enochs' friend

We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Chance Kaker & Sara Juarez on the birth of their daughter, Taylor, at 5:59 am on November 14th. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Tommy & Angela Kaker, and Great-Grand-Parents are Ronnie & Peggy Johnson.

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; Colin Cronenberg, the Cronenberg's son, Desiree Lester, Terri Lester's daughter-in-law, and Jeff Yowell, Brenda Yowell's son

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Becky Hoover,
Judy Janzen, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Drive Up Communion

Every Sunday
10:00 am-12:00pm

*Come to the
Gregory Street
Parking Lot*

*First
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We continue to experience new, confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and here in Texas. Governor Abbott has required the use of face masks for anyone out in public in all counties with more than 20 confirmed cases, although as of August 17th, all religious services are exempt from mask mandates and occupancy limits. He is encouraging citizens to remain at home when possible and practice social distancing. Additional precautions should be taken by those most vulnerable – the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. We all must be very cautious and not become complacent believing that the risk to our health is diminishing. Therefore, **ALTHOUGH CHURCHES MAY NOW HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICES WITH RESTRICTIONS AND STRICT PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE WILL NOT RESUME ON-SITE SERVICES OTHER THAN DRIVE-UP COMMUNION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10 AM UNTIL 12 PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

On Sunday from 10 am until 12 pm DRIVE UP COMMUNION will be available at the church. Come to the Gregory Street parking lot near the glass doors that are closest to the sanctuary. A team of our members who have graciously volunteered will come out to your car, bring you communion and offer prayer.

Collin Gregory, Jack Gregory, and Pastor Mike are posting Sunday videos that are available on the FCCB Facebook page. Please click the link below and make sure you're added to the church Facebook group. If you have any questions or need assistance in viewing the post, contact the church office 817-295-4123.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175431884924/>

If you don't have a Facebook account or access to Facebook, you can see the video by searching You Tube or see the Saturday email titled A Word from Pastor Mike and it has the You Tube link. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or unmet needs, please contact your Elder or Pastor Mike on his cell at 214-364-6453. If you don't know who your Elder is, contact Kaye Gregory at Email: jackgregoryjr@aol.com. You are all in our prayers during these difficult days.

Further schedule changes will be announced by emails, phone calls, newsletters, and Facebook postings.

Thank you for your continued support. We still have bills during this time. Your offerings can be mailed to: First Christian Church, P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to our treasurer Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028 or through your bank's online payment system.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Under normal circumstances, we would have our annual congregational meeting in early December. Well, this year has been anything but normal! We have a slate of Board nominees to begin serving a three-year term at the January, 2021 Board Meeting. They are Mary Bryan, Brent Davis, Ronnie Johnson and Dottie Mehaffey. The board has approved these four people and we now submit them to the congregation for approval.

In normal times, we would also submit a slate of Deacons for confirmation. This year we are asking the Deacons who would have rotated off to agree to serve an additional two years. They are: Kim Bonds, Lolly Ellis, Cordelia Fields, Vernon Fields, Donna Huggins, Dottie Mehaffey, John Mehaffey and Angela Tolliver. Of course, if any Deacon wishes to decline, that is understandable, and we appreciate their service. If you wish to decline, you may call the church office and we will honor your request.

And, so, the Board submits for your approval:

1. Four new Board members.
 2. Retaining the current roster of Deacons.
 3. The 2021 FCC Budget which was approved by the Board on 18 November 2020.
- The budget is posted below this letter.

Members of the church will also receive an email this week that contains the above information and asks for a response of YES (approve) or NO (not approve). This will constitute our Annual Congregational Meeting for 2020. You may contact the Board Chairperson, Mike Toole, with any questions or concerns at 817-319-9262. Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter.

Mike Toole
For the Board

First Christian Church Burleson
2021 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-18-2020

Board Approved: Michael J. Jock

11-18-2020

Congregation Approved: _____

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected 2021 Income	Projected 2021 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings				
" (Unrestricted)			\$ 169,570	
Building Fund			\$ 31,000	
Gas Royalties			\$ 700	
Family Life Center Usage			\$ -	
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 10,000	
Other Income			\$ -	
EXPENSES				
Building Payments				\$ 42,000
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 4,000
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 600
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,500
Evangelism Supplies				\$ -
Fellowship				\$ 200
Honorarium				\$ 200
Insurance				\$ 8,400
Janitorial Expense				\$ 4,900
Office Supplies				\$ 1,200
Outreach * (10%)				\$ 16,300
Postage				\$ 600
Publicity				\$ 300
Pastor's Salary				\$ 72,000
Secretary Salary				\$ 31,000
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,200
Gas Well Property Tax				\$ 210
Electricity				\$ 15,000
Gas				\$ 2,700
Water				\$ 3,100
Phone				\$ 2,800
Garbage				\$ 600
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,100
Ministerial Discretion Fund				\$ 360
Outside Maintenance				
TOTAL 2021 FCC BURLESON			\$ 211,270	\$ 211,270
PROPOSED BUDGET				
				-
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As				
Actuals Require				

DECEMBER

HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory
Greeters: Mary Bryan;
 Tommy & Angela Kaker
Communion Preparation: Vicki Rubis
Attendance Registers: Vernon Fields;
 Angela Tolliver
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 06 Kaye Gregory
 13 Diana McGee
 20 Ann Miller
 27 Dorothy Nash
Scripture Reading:
 06 Steve Rubis
 13 OK Neal
 20 Angela Tolliver
 27 Jack Gregory
Deacon Team: Kim Bonds;
 John & Dottie Mehaffey
Serving at the Table: Kaye Gregory;
 Karen Willette



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
12/23	Edyn Nelson
12/24	Braylen Bryan
12/26	Isaac Gregory
12/29	Cody Gregory
12/29	James McGee
12/29	Steven McGee
12/30	Barbara Warren
12/30	Collin Gregory

2020 Christmas Offering
REJOICE
 A special day offering of
 Disciples Mission Fund

Sundays, December 13 & 20

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. Your gifts work toward: Connecting congregations to each other; foster faith development; gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies; nurture the development of a new generation of pastors; assist churches in calling new ministers; interpret the global mission of the Church; represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings; counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit; lead the Church to address racism; inspire leaders to experiment and create; witness to the power of God to make things new and many other ministries of our regions.

Dear Disciples Women,

Thank you all so much for your kindness, generosity and appreciation you ladies show us each year. It means so much to us!

First Christian Church Learning Center Staff,
 Amber Miller, Director,
 Brittany Roberts, Assistant Director
 Tammie Allen
 Autumn Creamer
 Kim Devisfruto
 Shannon Dress
 Tammy Flores
 Elizabeth Harman
 Gena Holcomb
 Becca Rudolph
 Roxanne Wright

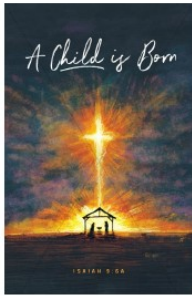
THANK YOU



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Activities: No Wednesday Activities Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)		1	2	3	4	5
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6 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot) Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot) Christmas Special Offering	14 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot) Christmas Special Offering	21	22	23	24 	25 Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed 	26
27 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	28 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 		