

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 25, 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.

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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

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Season of Thanksgiving

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." -
Psalm 9:1-2

Our season of Thanksgiving began on Sunday, November 10th with our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. The food and the fellowship were wonderful! The decorations were awesome! "Thank You" to everyone who contributed their time and energy to make it such a special day in the life of First Christian Church.

As we journey together toward Thanksgiving Day, we offer our prayers of thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He pours out upon us. We are often reminded to "count our blessings," however, we quickly recognize that God's blessings are too numerous to count. And so I share with you the following poem, "Thank You, God, For Everything". May the message guide our prayers through the season.

Thank You, God, For Everything

Thank You, God, for everything - the big things and the small;
for "every good gift comes from God" - the giver of them all.

And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise,
the gifts God sends as blessings each day in many ways.

And so at this Thanksgiving time we offer up a prayer -
to thank You, God, for giving us a lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things that often come our way,
the things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray.

The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed -
a hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces that come to us with
"sweet surprise" from never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank you for the "Miracles" we are much too blind to see,
and give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us to remember that the key to life and living
is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks and every day Thanksgiving.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/17/19
General Fund	2,077.00
Building Fund	484.56
Thanksgiving Special Offering	5.00
CLOTH Fund	5.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 2,561.56 = Short (\$1,584.44)	

OFFERING	11/24/19
General Fund	2,296.00
Building Fund	495.00
Learning Center Utilities	185.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,146.00 - 2,811.00 = Short (\$1,335.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 17, 2019	65
November 24, 2019	64



Visitors and Guests

Ed Pappert; Marlene Baysinger; Glenna Richardson; Gracie McGee; Kim Warren; Lexi Hales; Karen Mason; Jamas Toole; Ryan Chappotin; Dan & Lois Hockman; Robert & Debra Hiller; Richard & Roxana Heidbrier and our other regular visitors.

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



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

December 1, 2019

Please bring holiday items such as scalloped potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn, rolls, yams, green beans, baked beans, desserts, ham, canned fruit & vegetables, cream of mushroom & chicken soups, all kinds of cereal, fruit jam and jelly, all kinds of peanut butter, spaghetti sauce & noodles and toiletries.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

9:30 AM NO Ladies Bible Study
NO Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

3:00 PM Meet in FCC parking lot to decorate float for Christmas Parade at 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

6:00 PM Disciples Men Caroling (meet in FLC parking lot)
6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party (Angela Tolliver's Home)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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

The family of Katherine Collins who passed-Katherine is
Cyndy Garrett's aunt
Will Davies
Rob English
Steve Janusch
Judy Janzen
Steve McGee
The family of Karen Moody who passed away-Karen is
Jane Rudolph's sister-in-law
Paul Pinyon-friend of the Johnson's
Kyle Reynoso
Kristy Williams-Barbara Bond's daughter
Mary Jo Worthington-Sharon Matzner's sister
Beverly Sholders' friends
Heritage Place at Huguley

We Rejoice With:

Dottie Mehaffey says thanks to all who donated for the Thanksgiving meal prepared by Dottie's classes for the student body of Crossroads High School!
Disciples Women Dessert Auction raised nearly \$1,700 for Disciples Women Outreach
Thank you to members who helped Harvest House sort through items donated during local schools' canned drive.

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 & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

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



December 15 and 22, 2019

The Christmas Offering supports the regions in our denomination by:

- ◆ 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

The Christmas Special Offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 1st - First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

- ◆ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Saturday, Dec. 7th

- ◆ 3:00 pm Meet in the Gregory Street parking lot to finish decorating our float for the Christmas Parade. Parade begins at 6:00 pm from the old Kerr Middle School.

Sunday, Dec. 8th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

Thursday, Dec. 12th

- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party (Angela Tolliver's Home)
- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Men Christmas Caroling (Meet in FLC parking lot at 6:00 pm to go caroling and then for dinner/snack & meeting)

Friday, Dec. 13th

- ◆ 6:00 pm FCCLC Christmas Program (S)

Sunday, Dec. 15th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

Sunday, Dec. 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Tuesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)



HOORAY FOR OUR LEARNING CENTER!

Our Learning Center donated 590 pounds of food to Harvest House during their Holiday Food Drive!



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 Pastor Mike on his 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 traditionally 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.



2019 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Jean Crawford (3 year term)
 Darb Dewar (3 year term)
 Dee Fields (3 year term)
 Donna Huggins (3 year term)
 Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2019 PROPOSED DEACONS

Roy Cronenberg (2 year term)
 Lynn Dover (2 year term)
 Tommy Kaker (2 year term)
 Angela Kaker (2 year term)
 Larry Mason (2 year term)
 Pam Mason (2 year term)
 Becky O'Neal (2 year term)
 Kyle Reynoso (2 year term)

FCCLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 13, 2019
 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come hear the precious voices of our 2 –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	Barbara Warren
12/30	Collin Gregory



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Ann Miller
Greeters: Tommy, Angela & Jessica Kaker
Communion Preparation: Juanice Wichterich
Attendance Registers: Donna Huggins;
 Ronnie Johnson
Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs
Children's Moment:
 01 Dorothy Nash
 08 Mary Bryan
 15 Richard Bryan
 22 Jack Gregory, Jr.
 29 Wayne English
Scripture Reading:
 01 Steve Rubis
 08 Angela Tolliver
 15 Mike Toole
 22 Barbara Warren
 29 Kathy Welch
Deacon Team: Kim & Bryson Bonds;
 John & Dottie Mehaffey; Angela Tolliver
Serving at the Table: Don Welch;
 Karen Willette

First Christian Church Burleson
2020 Proposed Budget
Proposed 11-20-19

Board Approved: Michael Love 20 SEP 2019

Congregation Approved: _____

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Projected 2020 Income	Projected 2020 Expense
INCOME		
Offerings		
" (Unrestricted)	\$ 163,160	
Building Fund	\$ 32,180	
Gas Royalties	\$ 1,200	
Family Life Center Usage		
Learning Center Utilities	\$ 10,000	
Other Income	\$ -	
EXPENSES		
Building Payments		\$ 42,000
Building & Equip Repairs		\$ 4,000
Computer Updates & Maint.		\$ 500
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		\$ 350
Publicity		\$ 400
Pastor's Salary		\$ 69,000
Secretary Salary		\$ 29,500
Payroll Taxes		\$ 2,100
Gas Well 2017 Property Tax		\$ 330
Electricity		\$ 15,000
Gas		\$ 2,700
Water		\$ 3,100
Phone		\$ 2,800
Garbage		\$ 600
Worship Ministry		\$ 1,100
Ministerial Discretion Fund		\$ 360
TOTAL 2019 FCC BURLESON	\$ 206,540	\$ 206,540
PROPOSED BUDGET		
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As		
Actuals Require		

DISCIPLES MEN

Christmas Caroling
and Dinner

Thursday, December 12



Meet at the Family Life
Center parking lot at
6:00 pm to carpool.

*Wear a Christmas sweater,
if you have one.
Afterwards, we'll grab a
bite to eat!*

This Sunday,
December 1, is
the First Sunday
in Advent!

Join us in
worship this
December as we
celebrate
**HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE**

**AND THE BIRTH
OF OUR LORD,
JESUS THE
CHRIST.**



DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Angela Tolliver's Home at 8116 CR 1016A, Burleson
817-447-9842 or 817-475-9142

Hostesses are Dee Fields, Terri Tipton & Angela Tolliver

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 2020.

Carpool /caravan from FLC parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

If you are uncomfortable driving at night,

Carol Findley will be glad to come and pick you up.

Give her a call at 817-223-4573 or

call Peggy Johnson at 817-295-7420.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Old Town Burleson
December 7, 6 pm**

Please come on Saturday, December 7 and help with our lighted Christmas float. Jim Sanders will have his truck & trailer at our Gregory Street parking lot at 3 p.m. We'll need to work on some last minute decorations and signage. After that, the float will be moved to the old Kerr Middle School.

Everyone (*members and friends*) are encouraged to ride the float.

Wear something warm — hopefully a Christmas sweater.

The parade will come down Gregory Street, in front of the church.

Everyone else, come out and cheer!

CANCELLATIONS

*This Wednesday
November 27*

Because the next day is Thanksgiving and folks will be traveling and cooking, the Women's Bible Study, Choir, and Stewardship Committee will not meet.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your bids & other monetary gifts raised nearly \$1700 at Disciples Women's Dessert and Casserole Auction for Outreach projects!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FROM CROSSROADS HIGH SCHOOL



Your contributions of \$450 helped Dottie Mehaffey's class feed over 100 students and staff. They started cooking on Monday, had a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday and leftovers on Thursday!





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



December 2019

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