

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 26, 2018

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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

I Heard the Bells

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.." -- Luke 1:76-79

One of my favorite Christmas carols is "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's best-known poets, wrote the poem "Christmas Bells" in 1863. Eight years later, John Baptiste Calkin put music to the poem and it became the carol we know today.

The gravity of the poem can only be understood within the context of Longfellow's deep sorrow. Two years earlier his wife was tragically burned to death in their home, and just before Christmas. In the waning months of the Civil War, his son was seriously wounded in battle.

As he sat at his son's bedside on Christmas Day, 1863, Longfellow - a 57 year old widowed father of six children, the oldest of which had been nearly paralyzed as his country fought a war against itself - wrote a poem seeking to capture the dynamic and dissonance in his own heart and the world he observed around him.

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on Earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on Earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on Earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth the cannon thundered in the South. And with the sound the carols drowned of peace of Earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent the hearth-stones of a continent and made forlorn the households born of peace on Earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; 'There is no peace on Earth,' I said; 'For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on Earth, good-will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on Earth, good-will to men.'

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OFFERING	11/18/18
General Fund	2,013.56
Building Fund	482.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering	95.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 2,495.56 = Short (\$1,576.44)	

OFFERING	11/25/18
General Fund	2,186.00
Building Fund	1,032.00
CLOTH Fund	2.00
Bob Lee Memorial	100.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,072.00 - 3,218.00 = Short (\$854.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 18, 2018	62
November 25, 2018	67



Visitors and Guests

Charles Davis; Marlene Baysinger;
Wanda Crowder; James Dennis;
Karen Mason; Jordyn Ethetton;
Mary Ann Erickson; Darb Dewar &
Terri Tipton; Tom, Pam, & Mary
Reynoso; Kyle, Gabe & Sebastian
Reynoso; 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 2, 2018

Please bring holiday items to help restock the shelves such as canned cranberry sauce, gravy, vegetables (not corn), rice, beans, boxes of potatoes, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Mac n cheese, peanut butter & jelly, snack items for kids, etc., and snack items for kids who are home from school during the holidays.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM PPRC Meeting (MR)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

6:00 PM Burleson Christmas Parade (meet in the Gregory Street parking lot at 4:00 pm to help decorate the float and ride to Kerr)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

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 5, 2018

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

10:00 AM Set-up FLC for Christmas Potluck

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Classes
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Christmas Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



PPRC MEETING

Wednesday

November 28, 2018 ♦ 5:00 PM
Meeting Room

PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT (Continued from Page 1)

I Heard the Bells

Despite Longfellow's despair and the tragedy of war around him, he heard the bells on Christmas Day "loud and deep" proclaiming that Christ is alive.

The power of Christmas is that it reminds us that God is not dead and we can rest in the peace and hope Jesus promises us. As we begin this Season of Advent this coming Sunday, it's time to proclaim, "Merry Christmas - Glory to God - Peace on Earth and goodwill to all!"

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

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:

Raelynn Almand - Larry & Anne Beck's great-granddaughter
Walter Dewar, Jr. - Darb Dewar's brother
Lauren McGee - Mike McGee's wife
Dakota Miller - Jane Neal's cousin's friend
Kemper Platt - Bonnie DePratter's brother
Jean Rubis
Megan Spradlin - the Gregory's great-niece
Valerie Stuart
Those traveling during the holiday seasons

We Rejoice With:

Jordyn Ethetton - Ralph Biggs' granddaughter
Bud & Lacy (McGee) Oldham
Riley - Angela Tolliver's nephew
Consecration Sunday, Veterans Recognition & Thanksgiving Meal all on Sunday, November 11, 2018!

Continued Prayers for:

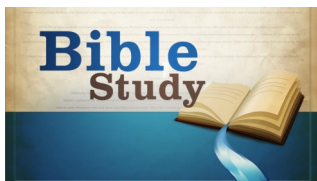
Bobbie & Suzanne Barton, John Bowman, Bill Carlton, Imogene Cottman, Will Davies, Alyssa Fleming, Samantha Findley, Cyndy Garrett, Betty Grisham, John Houston, Brad King, Carol Morris, OK & Jane Neal, The Vardeman Family, Iris Wilson, Faye Wirsdorfer, Needra Womack, Carole Wright & Pat Yarborough

Our country's leaders and world leaders

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Beginning this Sunday, December 2nd, the Sunday morning Bible class will be studying the letter from James for the months of December and January.



Mike Toole will be leading the class which meets at 10:00 am in the Meeting Room. Please join us.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
12:00 PM

Bring your favorite Christmas dish and join us in the Family Life Center for the Christmas Potluck Luncheon immediately following the worship service. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

****If you are able, please come help set up the FLC on Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 am. The more hands we have, the faster it will go!**

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



FCCLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 14, 2018
5:00 pm
Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come hear the precious voices of our little ones as they sing songs about Baby Jesus and Christmas.

Thank You

As we send our proposed budget to the Congregation next week for approval, I want to acknowledge all members of the Stewardship Committee: Steve Rubis, Peggy Johnson, Vernon Fields, Jean Crawford, and our mentor and advisor, Pastor Mike. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this important mission in the life of our Church. And many thanks to Stewardship Moment presenters - Suzanne Barton, Darb Dewar, and Ann Miller. By each of us committing a portion of our time and talents, I feel God allowed us to determine exactly "What Shall We Bring?" to continue our service as FCC Burleson.

Don Welch
Stewardship Committee Chair



2019 PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Cronenberg (3 year term)
Vernon Fields (3 year term)
Steve Rubis (3 year term)
Lyda Speirs (3 year term)
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer (1 year term)

2019 PROPOSED DEACONS

Kim Bonds (2 year term)
Lolly Ellis (2 year term)
Dee Fields (2 year term)
Vernon Fields (2 year term)
Donna Huggins (2 year term)
Dottie Mehaffey (2 year term)
John Mehaffey (2 year term)
Angela Tolliver (2 year term)

2019 PROPOSED YOUTH DEACON

Bryson Bonds (1 year term)
Jessica Kaker (1 year term)



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
12/27	Heinz Wichterich
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: Jack Gregory, Jr.

Greeters: Carol Morris; Carol Findley

Communion Preparation: Kathy Welch

Attendance Registers: Carol Morris;
Don Welch

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

02 Wayne English

09 Angela Tolliver

16 Richard Bryan

23 Ann Miller

30 Dorothy Nash

Scripture Reading:

02 Mike Toole

09 Don Welch

16 Kathy Welch

23 Juanice Wichterich

30 Barbara Bond

Deacon Team: Kim & Bryson Bonds;

Mary Bryan; Carol Gunn; Marilyn Murray

Serving at the Table: Bill Gunn;
Karen Willette

2018 Christmas Special Offering

COME

they told me

December 16 and 23, 2018

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 Day Offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.



Advent Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 2nd - First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

- ♦ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Saturday, Dec. 8th

- ♦ 10:00 am Set Up for Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Sunday, Dec. 9th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

- ♦ 12:00 pm Christmas Potluck Luncheon (FLC)

Thursday, Dec. 13th

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

Friday, Dec. 14th

- ♦ 5:00 pm FCCLC Christmas Program (S)

Saturday, Dec. 15th

- ♦ 10:00 am All Church Workday

Sunday, Dec. 16th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

Sunday, Dec. 23th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

- ♦ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)



Yes
we
have
a
float.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come
and
Help

Old Town Burleson, December 1, 6 pm

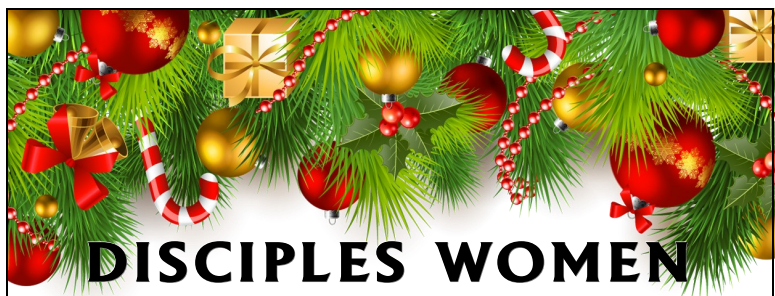
Please come this Saturday afternoon and help with our lighted Christmas float. Jim Sanders will have his truck & trailer at our Gregory Street parking lot at 4 p.m. We'll need to work on some last minute decorations, signage and rigging up the electrical. After that, the float will be moved to Kerr Middle School.

Everyone (*members and friends*) are encouraged to ride the float and sing Christmas carols with the help of some taped music. 20-30 can safely ride.

Wear something warm — and hopefully a Christmas sweater.

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

Everyone else, come out and cheer!



DISCIPLES WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Tiffanie Gregory's Home
412 Bretts Way, Burleson
817-908-3081

Things to Bring:

Potluck Dish to Share

*Christmas Decoration for Our Exchange Game
(\$5.00 - \$10.00 max)*

Your Offering

Carpool from FLC parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

Need a ride?

Call Dorothy Nash at 817-295-4773.



DISCIPLES MEN

Christmas Caroling & Meeting
Thursday, December 13

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 go to
Bruam's for dinner/snack and
have our meeting.*



LOVE
OFFERING

Every year at Christmas-time we present a **Love Offering** to Pastor Mike Kearns and our church secretary, Terri Lester.

Please designate this special offering on your check or offering envelope. Give to our church treasurer, Peggy Johnson, or put in the offering plate. This year's deadline is December 16.

First Christian Church Burleson 2019 Proposed Budget

	Est	Est.
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2019 Inc	2019 Exp.
INCOME		
Offerings		
" (Unrestricted)	\$ 161,800	
" (Local Use Only)	\$ -	
Building Fund	\$ 41,800	
Gas Royalties	\$ 1,500	
Family Life Center Usage	\$ 500	
Learning Center Utilities	\$ 10,000	
EXPENSES		
Building Payments		\$ 42,000
Building & Equip Repairs		\$ 6,000
Christian Education		
SS Curriculum & Supplies		\$ -
Computer Updates & Maint.		\$ 500
Copier Lease & Maint.		\$ 1,000
Evangelism Supplies		\$ -
Fellowship		\$ 200
Honorarium		\$ 200
Insurance		\$ 16,400
Janitorial Expense		\$ 4,000
Office Supplies		\$ 1,200
Outreach *		\$ 16,200
Postage		\$ 350
Publicity		\$ 800
Pastor's Salary		\$ 69,000
Secretary Salary		\$ 28,400
Payroll Taxes		\$ 2,100
Gas Well 2017 Property Tax		\$ 150
Electricity		\$ 15,000
Gas		\$ 3,000
Water		\$ 2,500
Phone		\$ 3,000
Garbage		\$ 700
Worship Ministry		\$ 1,100
Ministerial Discretion Fund		\$ 300
Contingency Allowance		\$ 1,500
TOTAL 2019 FCC BURLESON	\$ 215,600	\$ 215,600
PROPOSED BUDGET		
* Outreach May Be Adjusted As		
Actuals Require		

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 2018

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