

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 28, 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

The Shalom of God

"He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.'" – Mark 5:34

Could you even imagine it? Twelve years. For twelve years, this woman had been in a constant state of suffering. For twelve years, she had been suffering not only physically from her issue of blood, but also financially and socially. Her relationship with others, even her relationship with God, was defined by her physical ailment. She could not come into contact with those around her for fear of their ritual purity. She was unable to go to the Temple in order to connect with her God. Alone. Afraid. Broken. Twelve years.

Then one day she hears about Jesus. "Could he be the one? Could he really be who people whisper him to be? If only I could get close enough to touch the fringe of his garment and I'll be healed," as the tradition says.

Pushing her way through the crowd, she saw him. As she drew near to the man she had heard people speak of, she saw the fringe of his robe. Reaching out, fear mixed with faith, she felt the knots of his fringe between her fingers. "God, you've been faithful. I need you now."

Immediately...she was healed. Physically, healed. Emotionally, healed. Socially, healed. Everything made new again through the touch.

Now the fascinating thing about this story is Jesus' response. Apparently, Jesus was not intentionally involved in this miraculous scene, as He was as unaware of the event as those around him. "Who touched my clothes?" Knowing that something extraordinary occurred, He questions to find the person who initiated the event. "Someone here has faith. Someone here believes who I am."

The woman, realizing what had happened and that Jesus was looking for her, comes and falls at His feet in fear. Trembling, she pours out the tragic story of her past twelve years.

"Go in peace. You are free."

Now, often when we think about peace, we think about a lack of conflict don't we? We even talk about praying for "peace" in the Middle East. But when Jesus is talking about "peace," He is talking about something much larger.

The peace, or the *shalom*, of God is so much larger than merely a lack of conflict. *Shalom* is about wholeness. *Shalom* is about freedom. *Shalom* is living in holistic restoration, every part of you made whole and new again in God. To have the *shalom* of God rest on you was to experience the life God intended all humanity to live in - one that was whole, and free, redeemed and restored.

So this woman walked away from Jesus with much more than just her bleeding cured. She walked away with her entire life given back to her, every aspect made whole and free, just as it should be.

Where do you need the *shalom* of God to invade your life? Where do you need your life restored to you? What broken places do you need make whole again?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/20/22
General Fund	935.00
Building Fund	70.00
Thanksgiving Offering	110.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,359.00-2005.00 = Short (\$1,354.00)	

OFFERING	11/27/22
General Fund	3,454.00
Building Fund	70.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,359.00-3,524.00 = Over \$165.00	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 20, 2022	45
November 27, 2022	48



Visitors and Guests

Kay Daly; Carol Webb; Monna Resinger; Keith Vogar; Wynnell Brunson; Harvey Ellis; Gwen Staiger; Brew Harrell; Nelda Givings; and our other regular visitors.

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

FCCLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 16, 2022
6:30 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.



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!

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

6:00 PM Burleson Christmas Parade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—PEACE
HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

6:00 PM Disciples Women Christmas Party
(Angela Tolliver's Home)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - JOY
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (MR)
5:00 PM Choir Practice (S)
6:00 PM Cabinet Meeting (MR)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

6:30 PM Disciples Men Caroling (FLC Parking Lot to carpool for caroling)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

6:30 PM FCCLC Christmas Program (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - LOVE

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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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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:

Wynell Brunson-Dorothy Nash's sister
Pat Crow
Janet Evans
Ben Gottlieb-the Kearns' nephew
Marilyn Murray
Wally Pippin-Angela Tolliver's cousin
Dave, Kim & Shea Pulliam-the Welch's daughter & her family
Flora Roe
Jane Rudolph
Barbara Smith
Lyda Speirs
Valerie Stuart
Iris Wilson
Angela-friend of the Sanders' daughter
Michelle-Brent Davis' sister
Shirley-Laurie Carroll's friend

We Rejoice With:

Carol Gunn & Laurie Carroll were
in worship 11/27!

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 & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

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)





DISCIPLES MEN CAROLING & DINNER MEETING

Thursday, December 15
6:30 pm

Meet in the Family Life Center parking lot at 6:30 pm and carpool to our caroling. We will then meet at Braums for some food and a short devotional by Pastor Mike.



COME JOIN US!

@ Mariposa's Annual Holiday
Craft Fair & Bake Sale!

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Special Guest: SANTA (9-12)

Craft items include ornaments,
doll clothes, art work, woodwork
items, floral arrangements,
candles, home décor, dog treats,
jewelry and so much more!
Plus bake sale items!

Purchase sausage kolaches and get
a FREE cup of Hot Apple Cider!



December 11 & 18, 2022

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

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY December 4, 2022

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.





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: Richard Bryan
Greeters: Tommy & Angela Kaker



CHRISTMAS PICTURES

Need a place to take a family Christmas picture?
 Our Family Life Center is ready for you.
 The FCC Learning Center added a backdrop to our stage. That along with our Santa, tree and other decorations make a great setting for a picture or two.

Advent Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

- ◆ 6:00 pm Burleson Christmas Parade

Sunday, Dec. 4th - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

- ◆ 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (S)

Thursday, Dec. 8th

- ◆ 6:00 pm Disciples Women Christmas Party
Angela Tolliver's Home

Sunday, Dec. 11th - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY
 Christmas Special Offering

Thursday, Dec. 15th

- ◆ 6:30 pm Disciples Men Christmas Caroling

Friday, Dec. 16th

- ◆ 6:30 pm FCC Learning Center Christmas Program (S)

Sunday, Dec. 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE
 Christmas Special Offering

Saturday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6:00 pm Candlelight Service (S)

Sunday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day

- ◆ 11:00 am Worship (S)

FCC SINGLE LADIES MEETING

**TUESDAY,
 DECEMBER 20, 2022
 10:00 am**

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



Watch for more information
 to come by email.

*First Christian Church
Burleson
Disciples Women*



CHRISTMAS PARTY

All women of the church and their guests are invited.

**Thursday
December 8, 2022
6:00 pm**

(You are welcome to come anytime after 5)

ANGELA TOLLIVER'S HOME

8116 CR 1016A

Burleson, TX 76028

817-475-9142

Carpool/caravan from the Family Life Center at 5:30 pm.

ITEMS TO BRING

Covered Dish to Share, Offering,
Wrapped Present for Gift Exchange Game
(\$10 max, does not need to be a Christmas item)

Service Projects:

Velveeta for Harvest House
Toys for Animals for Burleson Animal Services

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

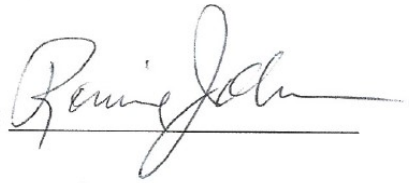
President — Mary Bryan
Vice President — Janie Rudolph
Secretary — Lyda Speirs
Treasurer — Lolly Ellis
Study & Worship — Lynn Dover
Hospitality — Vicki Rubis



Don't want to drive in the dark? Call Mary Bryan at 817-295-3390.

First Christian Church Burleson
2023 Proposed Budget
Proposed

Board Approved:



Congregation Approved: _____

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			Projected 2023 Income	Projected 2023 Expense
INCOME				
Offerings			\$ 183,000	
" (Unrestricted)			\$ -	
Building Fund			\$ 17,000	
Gas Royalties			\$ 1,600	
Family Life Center Usage				
Learning Center Utilities			\$ 10,000	
Other Income				
EXPENSES				
Building & Equip Repairs				\$ 4,200
Computer Updates & Maint.				\$ 1,222
Copier Lease & Maint.				\$ 1,971
Evangelism Supplies				
Fellowship				\$ 1,000
Honorarium				\$ 234
Insurance				\$ 13,200
Janitorial Expense				\$ 5,834
Office Supplies				\$ 1,400
Outreach * (10%)				\$ 18,300
Postage				\$ 700
Publicity				\$ 234
Pastor's Salary				\$ 80,000
Secretary Salary				\$ 35,000
Payroll Taxes				\$ 2,778
Gas Well Tax (22 Pay in 23)				\$ 249
Electricity				\$ 17,500
Gas				\$ 5,000
Water				\$ 3,500
Phone				\$ 3,500
Garbage				\$ 700
Worship Ministry				\$ 1,675
Outside Maintenance				\$ 350
Contingency				\$ 13,053
TOTAL 2023 FCC BURLESON			\$ 211,600	\$ 211,600
PROPOSED BUDGET				
* Outreach May Be adjusted As Actuals Require				



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 9:30 AM - Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR) 5:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)				1	2	3 6:00 PM - Burleson Christmas Parade
4 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting (S) Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY	5	6	7	8 6:00 PM - Disciples Women Christmas Party (Angela Tolliver's Home)	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY Christmas Special Offering	12	13	14 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	15 6:30 PM - Disciples Men Caroling (Meet in FLC parking lot at 6:30 pm for caroling, then to Braums for meeting)	16 6:30 PM - FCC Learning Center Christmas Program (S)	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Special Offering	19 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	20 10:00 AM - FCC Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	21 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	22	23	24 6:00 PM - Candlelight Service (S) 
25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 