

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, November 8, 2021

VETERAN'S
DAY

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
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 Mystery of the Wind

"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." - John 3:8

It was late one night when a Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus. Like many others, he had seen Jesus teaching. He had seen the miracles. He knew something was different about this man, and he had to know. Who was he? Who was he *really*?

In the course of the conversation that night Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be "born again." To understand the force of this statement, we need to put ourselves in the place of Nicodemus. For us, the term "born again" has all kinds of images and theological meaning attached to it. For Nicodemus, he had never heard of such a thing before. What could this all mean? What on earth is Jesus talking about?

What we often forget about this exchange is that Jesus is not finished after telling Nicodemus that he needs to be "born again." Jesus offers a glimpse of the mystery of what he is talking about. "The wind blows wherever it pleases . . ."

What Jesus has to say is brilliant - and mysterious. The Greek term for "wind" and the term for "spirit" are one and the same word - "*pneuma*." What Jesus is saying to Nicodemus is this: The ways of God are mysterious, as mysterious as the wind. You can't fully explain it: you can't fully grasp it. Trying to fully comprehend the spirit is like trying to fully comprehend the wind.

Somewhere along the way, we've often fallen in love with certainty. We feel that in order to "know" something we need to have an ironclad understanding of the thing. Questions that are left unanswered are seen as quests to be conquered. What results is a reduction of mystery to formula.

What is fascinating is that Nicodemus walks away from Jesus without a clear understanding of what Jesus is talking about, and that's okay with Jesus. He doesn't walk away with a three-step formula for being "born again." The story, much like the point Jesus is getting at, is unresolved - a mystery that forces Nicodemus, as well as the reader, to walk away . . . thinking, pondering, wondering, searching.

Faith is a lifelong journey of discovery. Just when we awaken to a new understanding of the depth of who God is, we discover there is something still beyond. It's okay not to have it all figured out. It's okay not to have all the answers worked out in a nice and easy package.

Apparently, seeing faith as an open-ended quest is okay. It was for Jesus and Nicodemus. If we had all the answers, it wouldn't be called *faith*, now would it?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/31/21
General Fund	1,690.00
Building Fund	150.00
Gas Royalties	228.97
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-2,068.97 = Short (\$1,994.03)	

OFFERING	11/07/21
General Fund	4,870.41
Building Fund	955.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,063.00-5,825.41 = Over \$1,762.41	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 31, 2021	38
November 7, 2021	42



Visitors and Guests

Gwen Staiger; Hayden & Emily Moore;
Truett Oldham; and our other
regular visitors.

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

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.

facebook
LIVE Streaming



The Ladies Wednesday Morning
Bible Study Class will **NOT** meet
Wednesday, November 17 &
24. We **WILL** meet on
November 3 & 10.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the
Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and
Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ).

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

9:30 AM Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study
(MR)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

5:30 PM Disciples Women Dinner & Meeting
(FLC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

10:00 AM Set up FLC for Thanksgiving Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

VETERANS RECOGNITION

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

NO Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

11:00 AM Worship (S)

12:00 PM Decorate for Advent & Christmas-
Soup/Stew Luncheon for Volunteers

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



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Leadership Ministries
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Colleges &
Universities

Seminaries &
Divinity Houses



2021 Thanksgiving
Offering

Disciplesmissionfund.org

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:

Mary Bryan
The family of James Dennis who passed away-James is
Bernice Williams' good friend
Bonnie DePratter
Harper Roland-the Bryan's grandson

We Rejoice With:

We welcome Charles Davis who
transferred his membership to
our church family on Sunday,
Nov. 7.
We welcome Dan & Lois Hockman
Who transferred their
membership to our church family
on Sunday, Nov. 7.

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



VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION November 14

We will recognize our Veterans again this year
with a special slide presentation during our
worship service on November 14.

VETERANS
DAY



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.



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON November 14

Please join us on Sunday, November 14th, immediately following worship for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. If you missed getting to sign-up to bring something, you can call Dee Fields at 817-793-8844 to see what is still needed.

We will be setting up the Family Life Center for the luncheon on Saturday, November 13th 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.*

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Thursday, November 11
5:30 PM

First Christian Church
Family Life Center
601 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson

Hostesses:
Peggy Johnson, Kathy Welch,
Donna Huggins & Dorothy Nash

Study & Worship:
Kaye Gregory

*Richard Bryan & Carol Findley will give rides
to those who do not want to drive at night.
Need a ride?
Call Linda Cronenberg at 817-201-8074*



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help decorate for Advent and Christmas after worship on November 21st.

There will be a soup/stew luncheon for all of those who volunteer! If you would like to contribute something, soup, stews, crackers, cheese, desserts are always welcome.



Wednesday,
November 17
6:00 PM
Family Life
Center

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.

