

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, November 9, 2020

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

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

FINDING QUIET

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!"

- Habakkuk 2:20

November 3rd, election day, had been circled on my calendar for many weeks, but perhaps not for the reason you might think. I certainly recognized the importance of our national elections, but I also looked for the day when all of the political advertisements would finally come to an end on television. The "noise" was almost, at times, unbearable.

Of course, the political "noise" was only one of many sources of noise that fill our days - noise that is around us all the time, whether we want it or not. We experience commuting noise, human noise, media noise, advertising noise, disaster noise, advice noise, shopping noise - so much clatter that it even forces the noise level to rise in order to hear or be heard.

Yet, an essential ingredient of connecting with God and growing spiritually is pursuing quiet. It's that simple however, in a world that is inherently noisy, it's that complex too. Fortunately, pursuing quiet doesn't mean we have to become a monk and stay mute for a year. We don't have to enclose our homes in insulating bubble wrap. We don't even have to destroy our music collections or our televisions.

Instead, we have to learn how to allow ourselves to be quiet. We have to learn how to consciously choose to "tune out" the noise that is constantly around us. We have to learn how to clear out the noise of worry. We have to learn how to turn off the clamor of consumption. We have to learn how to silence the noise of procrastination. We have to learn how to quiet our lives in small, yet intentional ways. And learning these things is doable, practical, and attainable. Even undersized times of quiet will add up and bring big rewards.

What happens when we're quiet? We are more apt to hear the voice of God, for God often speaks through silence. Perhaps in a time of silence, a name comes to mind and we know we need to go to that person and reconcile a hurt. Or perhaps in the quiet, a specific situation - one that requires confession - suggests itself. When there is silence, we may even hear the voice of God saying, "I love you" through His creation.

God is not distant. God wants to connect with us. We just need to find quiet in order to hear Him in the whispers of life. We can do it. Just take five minutes and stop the noise. Don't go on to another task. Just turn off the noise and consciously be quiet. Deliberately focus your thoughts away from the distractions of the day and move them toward God.

When the noise is gone, be prepared to connect with God!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	11/01/20
General Fund	2,995.00
Building Fund	765.00
Gregory/Sholders/Wichterich Memorials	140.00
Gas Royalties	142.37
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 3,902.37 = Short (\$69.63)	

OFFERING	11/08/20
General Fund	4,200.00
Building Fund	950.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 5,150.00 = Over \$1,178.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 1, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
28 Participated in Drive Up Communion

November 8, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
24 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 11, 2020

VETERANS DAY

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

2:30 PM Disciples Women Meeting
(Front Garden-Lolly Ellis' Home)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

6:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Dear First Christian Church of Burleson,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$546.96 on September 11, 2020. We want to encourage you that you through your giving, YOU are changing lives. During the summer, June through August, your gifts have helped feed over 1,600 families with grocery assistance and an additional 1,100 children's meals, through our Summer Food program. The Summer Food program helps provide healthy food for school age children while they are out of school for the summer.

Thank you for meeting relevant, specific needs in our community.

With a grateful heart,

Jennifer Woods

Executive Director, Harvest House



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 Ralph Biggs who passed away
Shasta Freeman-Joan Kearns' friend
Ryan Gilley and family-the Gilley's son
Mike McCormick-Angela Tolliver's cousin
Darrell & Angela Tolliver
Pat Yarborough
Valerie Stuart's sister and father

We Rejoice With:

For the ability to worship together online
during the Covid-19 crisis.

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

NOTE NEW TIME

*Come to the
Gregory Street*

*First
Christian
Church*

(Disciples of Christ)



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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.



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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2020 Thanksgiving Offering

REJOICE
A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund

November 15 & 22, 2020

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On November 12 at 2:30 in the afternoon, we will have a meeting of the Disciples Women in Lolly's front garden (2020 Trailwood Drive, Burleson). Don't forget your Harvest House and DWF contributions! Bring your lawn chair if you have one. (Lolly will have several available if you don't have one.) We will social distance, have a short meeting, enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with friends.

Harvest House is planning on putting together Thanksgiving bags. So in addition to monetary contributions, Harvest House is in need of the following food items for Thanksgiving: Stove Top Stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, french cut green beans, french fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, macaroni and cheese, gravy mix and bouillon cubes.

Hope to see everyone there!

