

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 26, 2020



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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
- 1 Peter 4:10

As you know, our Annual Stewardship Campaign is well underway. This year's theme "Faithful, Hopeful, Loving" encourages each of us to prayerfully consider how we will respond in offering a portion of our time, talents, and financial resources back to God through the ministries of First Christian Church in 2021. Hopefully, you have recently received a letter from our Stewardship Committee with an Estimate of Giving Card and a Time and Talent Form for you to share your intentions for the coming year. Please return these forms to the church using the envelope included in the mailing as soon as possible. By returning the "estimate of giving" form in a sealed envelope, be assured that the information is held in strict confidence by our church treasurer, Peggy Johnson. Our campaign will conclude on Consecration Sunday, November 8th when, during our worship service, we will ask for God's blessing on these commitments in support of our ministry together.

So, I ask, how can we make a difference? Are we going to use our God-given talents, abilities, and resources to benefit ourselves or others? I believe God wired each of us to make a difference. He calls us to be Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving.

A good example in the Bible of someone who had margin in his life so that he could make a difference in the life of another is the Good Samaritan. Remember the story? There was a Jewish man who got mugged on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was beaten, robbed, and left for dead at the side of the road. The first one who came walking by was a religious leader, and he had no margin in his life. He was in a hurry and said, "I don't have time to help", and walked on.

Another religious leader walked by and said, "I've got my own agenda. I've got my own goals and ambitions. I'm too busy. I don't want to be associated with this person anyway". And he walked past the injured man.

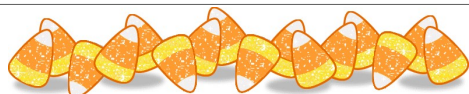
Then a third man came along, and he had every reason to pass. He was a Samaritan, and the Samaritans and Jews hated each other. But he stopped anyway. He put this total stranger on his donkey, took him to the nearest inn, and told the manager, "You feed him, you clothe him, you restore him to health, and I'll pay for it". And using this man's response of showing mercy, Jesus commanded the hearers of this parable, and just as importantly us, to "Go and Do the Same".

God created each of us to make a difference. He calls us to use the unique abilities and resources He has entrusted to us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to be a blessing to others. Even in these difficult days when we remain physically distanced from one another due to the Covid-19 pandemic, that's what our ministry is all about! Together, we can make a difference! Together, we can accomplish miraculous things! Together, we can move mountains!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	10/18/20
General Fund	1,025.00
Building Fund	325.00
Bill Sholders Memorial	100.00
Jack Gregory, Sr. Memorial	50.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,500.00 = Short (\$1,472.00)	

OFFERING	10/25/20
General Fund	650.00
Building Fund	25.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 675.00 = Short (\$3,297.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 18, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
24 Participated in Drive Up Communion

October 25, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
19 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.

FOLLOW THE
GUIDELINES

NEW PROCEDURE



Since the daycare has started and we now have children in the building, we have requirements that need to be followed according to CDC and Licensing guidelines for anyone entering the building.

As of today, 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.

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am tomorrow morning. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed tonight!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Ends

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Drive Up Communion

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Drive Up Communion

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



faithful
hopeful
loving

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
October 18-November 8

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, Bursleson). 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. Hope to see everyone there!



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:

Barbara Bond
Peggy Johnson
The family of Brad King who passed away last Wednesday

We Rejoice With:

Barbara Bond
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
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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.



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

November 1, 2020

Current needs include canned corn, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, mac-n-cheese, boxed desserts, etc. Since we aren't currently meeting at church, you can mail a check made out to Harvest House to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or to Peggy Johnson, 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028.

If you would rather drop off food at their location, drop off times are Monday-Thursday 10:00-4:00 and Friday 10:00-2:00.



Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed this Saturday night, October 31!

AN UPDATE FROM THE RE-OPEN COMMITTEE

The Re-Open committee sent a survey and, thanks to everyone who participated, we had over two-thirds of the surveys returned. We were encouraged by the level of interest and the thoughtfulness of the responses. After considering the survey results, input from other churches, and our own discussions, we submitted a plan to the Board at the October 21 meeting. The plan is currently under consideration by the Board and awaiting further action.

The committee considered and recommended the common precautions, including the wearing of masks while in the building. Physical distancing between non-family members would also be practiced in the sanctuary. Every other row would be blocked off to ensure physical distancing.

As members enter the Narthex (foyer), they will pass by a table and pick up a Worship Guide and the Communion elements. An usher will also be present to assist and answer any questions. Hand sanitizers will be available at the Narthex and Sanctuary exits. There will also be a collection tray for the Offering on the table. Ushers/Deacons will also be stationed at the entrance doors to open the doors as members come and go.

The Order of Worship is mostly unchanged. What is different? Here are the major changes. First, only two people will be on the stage - Pastor Mike and the Worship Leader. Second, we will have congregational singing, but it will be shorter in duration than usual. Third, in this Phase 1 re-opening, there will be no Elders nor Deacons coming forward for the Lord's Supper nor Offertory. Fourth, the Worship Leader will also read the scripture. This is designed to minimize the close contact of people coming and going. And, finally, we will not have the Choir nor Sunday School during this first phase of re-opening.

As conditions improve across the nation, state, and Johnson county, Phase 2 changes will be implemented. This may include the addition of Sunday School and Choir. It might also include the return to a more traditional Lord's Supper liturgy.

At this time, the Board has not set a time-line for re-opening. We continue to monitor local conditions, fine-tune the re-opening procedures, and plan for that day.

Mike Toole
Board Chair



BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Mary Penney
11/3	Emily White
11/4	Keira Gregory
11/15	Vernon Fields
11/16	Bryson Bonds
11/16	Larry Janzen
11/20	Rylee Houghton
11/21	Elizabeth (White) Danelski
11/22	Charlie Kuehlem
11/22	Tricia White
11/26	Iris Wilson
11/30	Kolton Gregory



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Richard Bryan

Greeters: Vernon Fields; Carol Gunn

Communion Preparation: Angela Tolliver

Attendance Registers: Diana McGee;

Marilyn Murray

Computer during Worship: Lyda Speirs

Children's Moment:

01 Karen Willette

08 Mary Bryan

15 Richard Bryan

22 Wayne English

29 Jack Gregory

Scripture Reading:

01 Steve McGee

08 Tommy Kaker

15 Ronnie Johnson

22 Marilyn Murray

29 Ann Miller

Deacon Team: Donna Huggins; Lolly Ellis

Serving at the Table: Steve Rubis;



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2:00 AM - Daylight Saving Time Ends	Please Note: this calendar may change due to the changing restrictions regarding the COVID-19 Virus.					7
8 CONSECRATION SUNDAY 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14
15 THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26  Church Office Closed	27	28
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street)	30	Regular Wednesday Activities: No Wednesday Activities				
		Regular Sunday Activities: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM - Drive Up Communion (Gregory Street Parking Lot)				