

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, October 9, 2023



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](http://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

### A Twinkie, a Root Beer, and a Smile

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."-- John 13:34-35*

The story is told of a little boy who wanted to meet God. Not knowing where God lived, the boy packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started out on his journey. When he had gone a few blocks, he met an old woman who was sitting in the park, staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! Together, they sat all afternoon eating and smiling.

As it grew dark, the boy realized it was time to go home, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I had Twinkies and root beer in the park with God, and you know, he's much younger than I expected."

This story is an excellent reminder that the love of God, lived out in the lives of His people is powerful! While you and I will likely never be mistaken for being God, we know that through the Holy Spirit, God lives within us and wants us to show His love to others. Many people are desperate for someone, anyone, to love them. Christ commands us to love others. You never know, something as simple as a Twinkie, a root beer, or even a smile offered in Jesus' name might just make all the difference in the world to someone else.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                     | <b>10/01/23</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                        | 7,874.00        |
| Building Fund                                       | 1,255.00        |
| Reconciliation Special Offering                     | 182.00          |
| Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-9,129.00 = Over \$5,059.00 |                 |



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| October 1, 2023 | 43 |
| October 8, 2023 | 36 |



### **Visitors and Guests**

Kay Daly; Ken & Diana Morrow; Charlie O'Coyne; Angela Sanders; and our other regular visitors.

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

### **DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING**

Thursday, October 12, 2022  
11:30 p.m.

Dorothy Nash's Home  
216 Lester, Burleson  
817-296-3244

Hostesses:  
Janie Rudolph, Angela Sanders,  
Dorothy Nash  
Study & Worship:  
Kathy Welch

*Carpool/Vanpool from FLC parking lot at 11:15 a.m.  
Need a ride?  
Call Mary Bryan  
817-517-9748*

**Harvest House Service Project:**  
*Disposable cake pans, cake mix, icing and candles*

### **CALENDAR**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

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

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

8:30 AM Disciples Men Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch)  
11:30 AM Disciples Women Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

##### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)  
11:00 AM Worship (S)  
12:00 PM Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck (FLC)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

10:00 AM Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)  
6:00 PM Salsa & Pepper Jelly Making Class (FLC)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

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

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



### **OCTOBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE**

**32 Pounds of Food/Items**

**\$320.00 in Cash Donations**

### **DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING**

Thursday, October 12  
8:30 am

THE PORCH  
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



**CHURCH BOARD meeting**  
Wednesday - October 18  
6:00 PM - FLC



# 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:

Kim Bonds  
Sterling Grisham-18 month old great-nephew  
Steve & Vicki Rubis  
Joan Kearns  
Scott Lester-Terri Lester's husband  
Eric McGee-Steve & Diana McGee's great-nephew  
Pat Sartori  
Susan Shaha-former Hughes Middle School Principal  
Karen Willette  
Rowan-Angela Tolliver's niece

## We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Dan & Lois Hockman on the birth of their great-grandson, Hank Michael Hockman!

## Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Lenny Findley (friend of Pastor Mike), Betty Grisham, Sterling Grisham (Steve & Vicki Rubis' great-nephew), Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee (Steve & Diana McGee's great-nephew), Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Susan Shaha (former Hughes Middle School Principal), Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Shelby Weldon, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders



## PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 15  
12:00 pm  
Family Life Center

Halloween is just around the corner, and  
**WE NEED YOU!**

It's time for our pumpkin carving/decorating contest! Start thinking about what your pumpkin is going to look like!! We would love to have a lot of entries!!

First, Second & Third prizes will be awarded!

Sign-up sheets for the potluck  
are in the foyer.

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

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**

## FCC SINGLE LADIES MEETING

Tuesday ♦ October 17 ♦  
10:00 AM

Dorothy Nash's Home  
216 Lester, Burleson, TX 76028

Bring a sack lunch for yourself.  
If you have any questions, please call Dorothy  
(817-296-3244).

**A FRIENDLY  
Reminder**  
**CABINET MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 11 ♦ 6:00 PM  
Meeting Room



## Salsa & Pepper Jelly Making Class

Tuesday, October 10 or 17, 2023

6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

(Family Life Center)

**\$20 per Person**

**Includes All Supplies & A Jar of Each to Take Home**

Sign Up Sheet in the Church Foyer (limit 12 per class)

Shannon Mehaffey, Instructor

For questions or to sign up, call or text

Jack Gregory at 817-229-4300.



## Disciples Women October Service Project for Harvest House



If you would like to help Disciples Women provide birthday kits for Harvest House, buy a disposable cake pan, a boxed cake mix, a can of frosting and birthday candles. Cover with plastic wrap and bring to the church before October 8. Please give to Janie Rudolph, Mary Bryan or Kaye Gregory. Thanks for helping!



**Mark Your Calendars!**

## DISCIPLES WOMEN DAY RETREAT

Saturday  
November 4, 2023  
9 am - 5 pm

Vicki Rubis' Home  
435 W Bethesda Road  
Burleson

2023 Retreat  
Committee:  
Mary Bryan  
Dee Fields  
Kaye Gregory  
Peggy Johnson  
Vicki Rubis

**\$25 per person. Cost includes breakfast and lunch. Deadline to register & pay is Sunday, October 29, 2023. Guests are welcome. Let a member of the committee know how many are coming. Watch for more details.**