

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 11, 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

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

Uncommon Grace

Yesterday, September 11, 2023 many of us paused, at least for a few moments, to remember 22 years ago, September 11, 2001 when our lives were forever transformed as pure evil raised its ugly head in our great nation. Almost 3,000 lives were lost in New York City, Washington, DC and in Pennsylvania. As we now mark another anniversary of that unspeakable day, we must never, never forget. Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Today, I choose to share a "Pastor Mike's Moment" first shared a few years ago. I hope the message will continue to remind us that as followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ we are called to be vessels of uncommon grace. With God's help, may it be so!

"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."-- I Peter 4:9-10

Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, United States airspace was completely shut down. Planes that were flying anywhere over the U.S. or approaching U.S. airspace were all redirected and forced to land at the closest available airport. That morning, like any other day, many international flights from Europe were approaching the Eastern seaboard of the United States. Many of these flights were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, Canada.

Gander was only a small town of 10,400 people but maintained the largest international airport in the province of Newfoundland - with a runway that could accommodate the large jets that fly international routes. Thirty-eight redirected planes landed at Gander, carrying nearly 7000 people.

No one would have been surprised had the residents of Gander been overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of stranded travelers. Who would have blamed them if they had boarded up the town behind closed doors? But this wasn't how Gander responded. Instead, responding to radio announcements, the residents of Gander and surrounding towns rallied up and dove deep into self-sacrifice.

The residents supplied virtually every need of the stranded travelers from offering toothpaste, to opening their homes, to providing spare underwear, to offering harbor-excursion day trips. When U.S. airspace was finally reopened and flights began leaving Gander for their destinations, one passenger reported that the atmosphere of the crowds was simply "cruise-like."

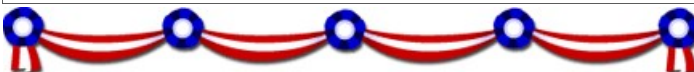
What a great story! The people of Gander provided a powerful example of what the people of God are to be like. Regardless of whether or not people are followers of Christ, whenever love, kindness, generosity, and hospitality are demonstrated they are without a doubt the fingerprints of our Creator upon humankind.

If the people of the world can demonstrate such uncommon graces in times of crisis, how much more should we, as Christians, demonstrate these characteristics every day? As children of God, we are called to love one another, love our neighbors, demonstrate kindness, be generous, and practice hospitality - all in the name of Jesus. The hymn still rings true today, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love".

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/03/23
General Fund	7,660.00
Building Fund	820.00
Gas Royalties	69.13
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-8,549.13 = Over \$4,479.13	

OFFERING	09/10/23
General Fund	2,645.00
Building Fund	425.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-3,070.00 = Short (\$1,000.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 3, 2023	45
September 10, 2023	47



Visitors and Guests

Kay Daly; Jerry McDearmon;
Ken & Diana Morrow; Charlie O'Coyné;
Angela Sanders; Karen Sturdivan; and our
other regular visitors.

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



BOARD MEETING
Wednesday,
September 20
6:00 pm
Family Life Center

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, September 14
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (MR)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM "Surprise" Luncheon (FLC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

10:00 AM Single Ladies Meeting
(Dorothy Nash's Home)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



We are in the process of
hiring a new church
secretary. If you are
interested in learning
more about this
position, please go to
our website

fccburleson.org and click on the link under
"NOW HIRING-CHURCH SECRETARY".

FCC SINGLE LADIES

Tuesday ♦ September 19 ♦ 10:00 AM

Dorothy Nash's Home
216 Lester, Burleson

Bring a sack lunch for yourself.

If you have any
questions,
please call Dorothy
(817-296-3244).



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:

Bryson Bonds
Brent Davis
Brent Davis' girlfriend
Lynn Dover
Wayne English
Len Gerstner-friend of the Gregory's
Collin Gregory
Marilyn Murray
Flora Roe
Pat Sartori
The family of Don Tolliver who passed away
Gwenda Woodley-Iris Wilson's cousin

We Rejoice With:

Rain!!!
No one injured in bad winds last week. Several members had damage to their yards.
Need a kitten? Contact Brent Davis

Continued Prayers for:

Sue Bannister, Suzanne Barton, Bonnie DePratter, Betty Grisham, Carol Gunn, Jerry Hay, Eric McGee, Flora Roe, Pat Sartori, Darrell Tolliver, Barbara Warren, Shelby Weldon, Karen Willette, & Iris Wilson

Our country's leaders and world leaders

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2023
11:30 a.m.

Kaye Gregory's Home
525 Berkshire Court, Burleson
817-228-7529

Hostesses:
Lynn Dover, Angela Tolliver, &
Kaye Gregory
Study & Worship: Mary Bryan

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

*Harvest House Service Project:
Macaroni and Cheese*

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**



SEPTEMBER HARVEST HOUSE UPDATE

24 Pounds of Food

\$472.00 in Cash Donations



Sunday, September 17
After worship, in the Family Life Center. No need to bring anything.
Brought to you by the First Christian Church Fellowship Committee,
Dee Fields, Chair.

Sound the Trumpets:
Unmuted Ministry:
Uncommon Love;
United Service
 Numbers 10:4-7

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING
SEPTEMBER 24th - OCTOBER 1st



www.reconciliationministry.org



*Sound the Trumpets: Unmuted Witness;
 Uncommon Love; United Service*

Number 10:4-7

Reconciliation Ministry is an invaluable part of our church as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we encounter the perils of systemic racism, we sound the trumpet. In every expression of the Church, we sound the alarms so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the face of racial inequity and injustice. Just like the camps of the east and south in Israel, called together at the sound of the trumpets in the book of Numbers, Disciples are called together as an anti-racist and pro-reconciling faith movement.

For example, some of our congregations host "Be the Neighbor" programs that invite youth and young adults to witness to Christ's love through anti-oppression education and community service in support of neighbors in need.

Your generous giving to our shared ministry of Reconciliation, allows us to join the cacophony of trumpets sounding the alarm to unmute our witness on behalf of the voiceless, to shine the light of Christ' uncommon love, and to advocate for justice through our united service and ministry of reconciliation. Will you join Reconciliation Ministry as we seek to extend the reach of Christ's invitation to abundant life for all of God's children.

Thank you for your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry!

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