

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 14, 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

Uncommon Grace

"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 7,000 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 crises, how much more should we, as Christians, demonstrate these characteristic 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	08/30/20
General Fund	1,587.00
Building Fund	25.00
Gas Royalties	58.85
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 1,670.85 = Short (\$2,301.15)	
OFFERING	09/06/20
General Fund	3,300.00
Building Fund	875.00
Harvest House	50.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 4,175.00 = Over \$203.00	
OFFERING	09/13/20
General Fund	3,951.00
Building Fund	625.00
Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 4,576.00 = Over \$604.00	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 30, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
19 Participated in Drive Up Communion

September 6, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
23 Participated in Drive Up Communion

September 13, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus
22 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.

Dear Family of First Christian Church,

We want to thank each of you for your support and prayers in memory of our dear Genna. Each visit, meal, phone call and prayer was greatly appreciated, especially as we cannot meet or worship all together. You have made our burdens lighter and surrounded us with your love.

Richard Edmonds
John & Sharon Hamilton



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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

No other Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

9:00 am-11:00 am Drive Up Communion

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

No Wednesday Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

9:00 am-11:00 am Drive Up Communion

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

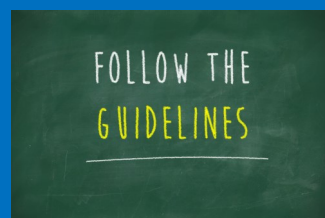
(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center
(MR) Meeting Room



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.



CCSW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

October 9 & 10, 2020
Crossing the Threshold: Now
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

An Online Event
Broadcasted from
FCC Tyler, Texas

Look for more information
to come



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 Stella Andrews who passed away-Stella is
Pat Sartori's aunt
The family of Donald Burton who passed away-Donald is
Barbara Warren's nephew
Bonnie DePratter
Cyndy Garrett
The family of Jack Gregory, Sr. who passed away
Bill Sholders

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, Brad King, Kim Lassitor, Darrell Tolliver, Ivan Walker, Needra Womack,
Pat Yarborough & Joy Young

Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

MSgt Ky B. Gregory, Lt Col Steve Storch

We continue to experience a significant spike in confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in many parts of the United States and particularly 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. 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 9:00 A.M. THROUGH 11:00 am UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Our secretary, Terri Lester is working in the church office, and can be reached at the church at 817-295-4123 or on her cell at 817-296-2388 or by email at terri@fccburleson.org. As always, Pastor Mike can be reached at 214-364-6453.

Collin Gregory, Isaac 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. 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.



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
6:00 pm ~ Family Life Center



The Church Board will meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16th, in the Family Life Center with the primary agenda being to discuss and consider taking action about how and when to safely “open” the church for church school classes and/or Sunday worship and what appropriate safety procedures will be in place in light of the continuing concerns arising from the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The Board will also receive various reports and consider other business items that may need the Board’s attention at this time.

Each church member is encouraged to communicate their thoughts regarding the “Opening the Church” issue directly with board members if they so desire. Find below, a list of the current board members.

As always, Church Board Meetings are “open” meetings and church members are welcome to attend, subject to the safety measures that will be in place. Safety measures include wearing face masks, appropriate social distancing and temperature checks.

Current board members are Mike Toole, Chair; Steve Rubis, Vice-Chair; Peggy Johnson, Treasurer; Lyda Speirs, Secretary; Jim Sanders; Jerry Hay; Jack Gregory; Vernon Fields; Linda Cronenberg; Donna Huggins; Dee Fields; Darb Dewar and Jean Crawford.



Drive Up Communion

Every Sunday
9:00 am-11:00am

NOTE NEW TIME

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Gregory Street
Parking Lot*

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