

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)
Monday, September 25, 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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Learning Center:
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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

Looking and Seeing

"My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; If you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures - then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."-- Proverbs 2:1-5

Two friends expressed their views on traveling through West Texas. After coming home from their trips, they each described their journeys quite differently. The first friend thought the drive was pretty boring - nothing to see or to do on the road in that part of the state. He found the sole purpose of the drive to be getting through as quickly as he could, arriving where he really wanted to be.

The second friend saw his drive quite differently, noting the jackrabbits, armadillos, mesas, cactus and canyons, dry riverbeds and underground caverns, to name a few treasures along the way. This friend saw West Texas as a place where one can think, hear God's voice and there's enough room to stretch out and not worry so much about what he was wearing or driving.

These reports on West Texas can serve as a reminder that God has created hidden treasures for His people to find and experience. Just like these hidden splendors of West Texas, there are precious jewels of wisdom waiting to be sought out, discovered and enjoyed. King Solomon was given a chance any one of us would have wanted - a wish. God would grant him anything he requested. He did not ask for money, power or fame - he asked for wisdom. Solomon knew that wisdom contained far more treasures than anything else. Although there is God-given wisdom, we are still called to seek, look and ask for it from God. As the Scripture from Proverbs notes, it is then that we will have an understanding and fear of the Lord. It is then that He can open our eyes.

As we consider the differences of these two diverse reports about traveling through West Texas we are reminded that often we are guilty of looking, but not really seeing. Right in front of us, God's wisdom sits like jewels of heaven, ready and waiting to be captured and used. Too often, we "drive" through life not looking left or right but speeding ahead to our next destination. If we aren't looking carefully, we'll miss all God has to give to each of us. Wisdom is often found amongst things not easily seen, yet right there all along, to be discovered when we seek it. Today, let us again hear Jesus' words, "Seek and you shall find".

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

OFFERING	09/17/23
General Fund	810.00
Building Fund	370.00
Learning Center Utilities	1,000.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,180.00 = Short (\$1,890.00)	

OFFERING	09/24/23
General Fund	2,095.00
Building Fund	55.00
Reconciliation Special Offering	75.00
Weekly Needs: \$4,070.00-2,150.00 = Short (\$1,920.00)	



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 17, 2023	53
September 24, 2023	44



Visitors and Guests

Pat Crow; Kay Daly; Jerry McDearmon; Ken & Diana Morrow; Charlie O'Coynce; Angela Sanders; Gwen Staiger; and our other regular visitors.

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

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.



HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY

Current Needs include fresh fruit and vegetables, breakfast bars, cereal, canned chicken and tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans, crackers, mac & cheese, pasta, ramen noodles, canned soups and hot & cold drinks.

If you prefer, you can give a monetary donation by placing it in the basket marked Harvest House on the white table in the back of the Sanctuary.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HARVEST HOUSE.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING
10:00 AM Adult Sunday School (FLC)
11:00 AM Worship (S)
12:00 PM Elders' Meeting (MR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

COLUMBUS DAY - Learning Center Closed
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".

DISCIPLES MEN BREAKFAST AND MEETING

Thursday, October 12
8:30 am

THE PORCH
140 S. Wilson, Burleson



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:

Micheal Garza-a student at Tommy Bonds' school
Pat Sartori
Pat Sartori's daughter

We Rejoice With:

Darb Dewar's great-granddaughter
was born on his birthday last
Monday!!

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, 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:

*Cake pans & cake mix, icing
and candles*



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.*



BIRTHDAYS

10/2	Pene Enochs
10/5	Bill Taylor
10/14	Suzanne Barton
10/19	Rhonda Janusch
10/20	Lacy (McGee) Oldham
10/27	Peggy Johnson
10/28	Chance Kaker



HONORED TO SERVE

Worship Leader: Jack Gregory
Greeters: Tommy & Angela Kaker
Scripture Reading:

01 Mike Toole
08 Diana McGee
15 Steve McGee
22 Karen Willette
29 Mary Bryan

Deacon Team: Lolly Ellis; Steve & Vicki Rubis;
Jane Rudolph

Serving at the Table: Mary Bryan;
Jack Gregory

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!

www.reconciliationministry.org

Salsa & Pepper Jelly Making Class

Tuesday, October 10, 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

\$15 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.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING 12:00 PM - Elders' Mtg (MR)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published Columbus Day Learning Center Closed	10 6:00 PM - Salsa & Pepper Jelly Making Class (FLC)	11 6:00 PM - Cabinet Meeting (MR)	12 8:30 AM - DMF Breakfast & Meeting (The Porch) 11:30 AM - DWF Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home)	13	14
15 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNS BEGINS 12:00 PM - Pumpkin Carving Contest Potluck (FLC)	16	17 10:00 AM - Single Ladies Meeting (Dorothy Nash's Home) 6:00 PM - Salsa & Pepper Jelly Making Class (FLC)	18 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FLC)	19	20	21
22	23 9:00 AM - Newsletter Published	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	Regular Sunday Activities: 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (S) Regular Wednesday Activities: 5:00 PM - Choir Practice (S) 9:30 AM - Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study (MR)			