

# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, September 28, 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](http://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

### How We Choose to Respond

*"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." - James 1:2-4*

The Pareto Principle, or the 80/20 rule, states that 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes. Although this rule was first applied in Italy when Pareto was looking at the dispersal of wealth, it has since become a rule of thumb for many businesses. It has been said that 20% of the workforce does 80% of the work, or 80% of sales come from 20% of clients. I think this law comes into play in our lives as well. Life is 20% what happens to us and 80% of what we make of it.

There are many stories about people who come out of difficult situations - gang life, in and out of jail, drug addiction, broken families, abuse - yet still seem to rise to the top. And, of course, there are many stories of those who have been given everything they would need to succeed, only to wind up in the depths of a broken life. How we choose to respond to what life hands us says a lot about us and has a huge impact on our lives. We can choose to either spend our lives blaming our circumstances for misfortune or heartache, or we can learn from those things and move on.

When James wrote his letter, he told people to, "consider it joy when they face trials". This is so contrary to our natural response. Joy? How can we consider it joy when we are robbed, lied to, fired, are having marriage difficulties or friendship problems? James is not saying to pretend to be happy about a painful situation, but simply to have a positive outlook and know we can learn from it and not let it drag us down. The only thing we have control over in this life is how we choose to respond. And how we choose to respond, especially under pressure, shows the depth of our character. Instead of complaining about our struggles or blaming our trials for the bad choices we make, look at them as opportunities to grow, not opportunities to assign blame for our misfortune.

If life is truly 20% what happens to us and 80% what we make of it, we must be thoughtful each time we react to something that has happened or each time we make a decision. It's how we choose to respond that can bring joy out of every challenge we face.

"I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!"

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                          | <b>09/20/20</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                             | 925.00          |
| Building Fund                                            | 25.00           |
| Learning Center Utilities                                | 1,000.00        |
| Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 1,950.00 = Short (\$2,022.00) |                 |

| <b>OFFERING</b>                                          | <b>09/27/20</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                                             | 2,415.00        |
| Building Fund                                            | 325.00          |
| Bill Sholders Memorial                                   | 100.00          |
| Weekly Needs: \$3,972.00 - 2,840.00 = Short (\$1,132.00) |                 |



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

September 20, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus  
26 Participated in Drive Up Communion

September 27, 2020-No Service due to Corona Virus  
12 Participated in Drive Up Communion



### **Visitors and Guests**

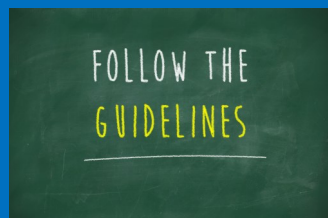
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*We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.*

### **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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

No Wednesday Activities

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

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

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020**

No Wednesday Activities

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020**

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

(Gregory Street Parking Lot)

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

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



CCSW Regional Assembly  
**Crossing the Threshold**  
DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

OCTOBER 9 & 10  
ONLINE EVENT

REGISTER NOW:  
RA2020.EVENTBRITE.COM

CCSW Regional Assembly  
**Cruzando el Umbral**  
DEUTERONOMIO 6: 4-9

9 Y 10 DE OCTUBRE  
EVENTO EN LINEA

REGISTRESE AHORA  
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October 9 & 10, 2020  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

### **An Online Event**

Broadcasted from FCC Tyler, Texas

There will be a total of 12 workshops, a business meeting and a closing worship service.

To register or for more information visit:  
[ccsw.org/ra2020](https://ccsw.org/ra2020)



# 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:

Sara Juarez  
Collin McRay-Iris Wilson's grandson  
Marilyn Murray  
The family of Bill Sholders who passed away  
Adam Speirs-Lyda Speirs' son

## We Rejoice With:

Congratulations to Tommy & Angela Kaker who are going to be grandparents again and Chance & Sara who are going to be parents again!  
Marilyn Murray  
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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Well, we are now going on 6 months of this terrible pandemic. I hope you are staying in as much as possible, wearing your mask and staying healthy. I would have never thought we would still be worshipping from home for so long. It just isn't the same when we can't see everyone's smiling faces on Sunday morning. I keep praying that we can get back to normal soon. In the meantime, a big thank you to all of our talented members and friends that continue to put together our broadcasts.

Next Sunday will be Harvest House Sunday. We have continued to support this ministry even during these trying times. If you would like to make a donation, please make your checks payable to Harvest House and not the church, it works much better. Terri and I will make sure everything gets to them. I know if you would like to drop food off at their location, they would appreciate that as well.

Because of your love, charity and compassion, we have been able to continue financially during this period. I appreciate each and every one of you so much. We may be a small group, but we are a mighty one. At the end of this month, we will be mailing out your giving statements through the first 9 months of the year. If you have any questions about these, please give me a call.

You are all such a blessing and I know God is watching over you. Please continue mailing your tithes and offerings to the church at P.O. Box 57, Burleson, TX 76097 or mailing direct to me at 117 NE Timber Ridge Dr., Burleson, TX 76028 for a little longer.

Love to you all,  
Peggy Johnson, Treasurer

## HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2020

Current needs include jelly, cans of fruit and coffee. 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.



## ***Drive Up Communion***

**Every Sunday  
9:00 am-11:00am**

**NOTE NEW TIME**

*Come to the  
Gregory Street  
Parking Lot*

*First  
Christian  
Church*

*(Disciples of Christ)*



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## BIRTHDAYS

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 10/1  | Becky Hoover        |
| 10/2  | Pene Enochs         |
| 10/5  | Bill Taylor         |
| 10/14 | Suzanne Barton      |
| 10/16 | Sandra Hay          |
| 10/19 | Rhonda Janusch      |
| 10/20 | Jamie Yowell        |
| 10/20 | Lacy (McGee) Oldham |
| 10/27 | Peggy Johnson       |
| 10/28 | Chance Kaker        |

Dear First Christian Church of Burlleson,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$436.28 on July 31, 2020.

Your support helps us continually provide help not only for families impacted by Covid-19, but those who struggle each and every day. As an example; we have assisted senior citizens stretch their social security check so they don't have to choose between food or medicine; shelter or electricity.

One day a precious grandmother appeared at the door of Harvest House in tears. She had recently accepted the challenge of raising her three young grandchildren. She was working and doing just fine to survive. But in March, Covid hit. She was furloughed from her job until August. After returning back to work in August, her first paycheck will not arrive until late September. With your generous donation, Harvest House was able to help her with rent, utilities, food and prayers to keep her moving forward. A few weeks later, she returned to tell us how grateful she was for the help she received.

Thank you again for generosity in caring for our community. Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Partners together,  
Jennifer Woods  
Executive Director, Harvest House



## HONORED TO SERVE

**Worship Leader:** Steve McGee

**Greeters:** Lynn Dover; Pat & Carol Findley

**Communion Preparation:** Diana McGee

**Attendance Registers:** Diana McGee;  
Marilyn Murray

**Computer during Worship:** Lyda Speirs

**Children's Moment:**

04 Kaye Gregory

11 Diana McGee

18 Ann Miller

25 Wayne English

**Scripture Reading:**

04 Diana McGee

11 Carol Gunn

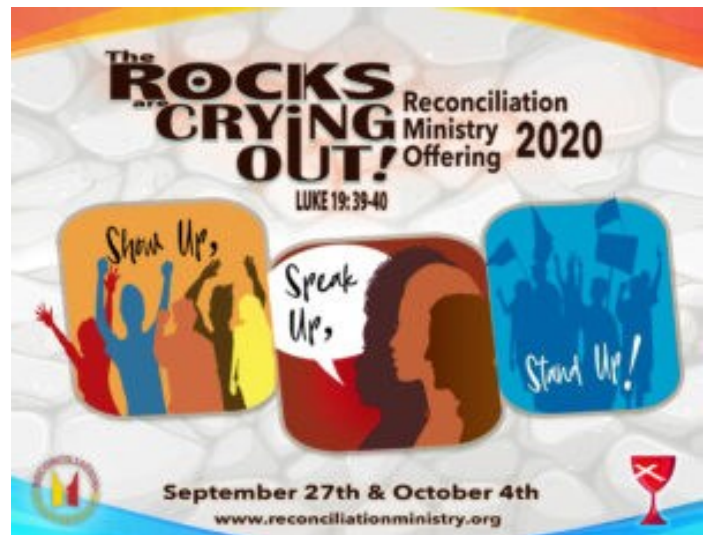
18 Peggy Johnson

25 Angela Kaker

**Deacon Team:** Vernon & Dee Fields;

Roy Cronenberg; Angela Tolliver

**Serving at the Table:** Lolly Ellis; Mike Toole







# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



## October 2020



| Sun                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                     | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Regular Wednesday Activities:<br>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study (MR)<br>7:00 PM - Choir Practice (S)            |                                                                                                 | <b>Please Note: this calendar may<br/>change due to the changing<br/>restrictions regarding the<br/>COVID-19 Virus.</b> |     |     |     |                                                                                             |
| Regular Sunday Activities:<br>9:00 AM-11:00 AM - Drive Up<br>Communion (Gregory Street<br>Parking Lot)        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                         |     |     |     |                                                                                             |
| 4<br>HARVEST<br>HOUSE<br>SUNDAY<br><br>WORLD<br>COMMUNION<br>SUNDAY<br><br>RECONCILIATION SPECIAL<br>OFFERING | 5                                                                                               | 6                                                                                                                       | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                                                                                          |
| 11<br><br>9:00 AM-<br>11:00 AM -<br>Drive Up<br>Communion<br>(Gregory Street<br>Parking Lot)                  | 12<br><br>9:00 AM -<br>Newsletter<br>Published<br><br>Columbus Day<br>Learning<br>Center Closed | 13                                                                                                                      | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                                                                                          |
| 18<br><br>9:00 AM-<br>11:00 AM -<br>Drive Up<br>Communion<br>(Gregory Street<br>Parking Lot)                  | 19                                                                                              | 20                                                                                                                      | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                                                                                          |
| 25<br><br>9:00 AM-<br>11:00 AM -<br>Drive Up<br>Communion<br>(Gregory Street<br>Parking Lot)                  | 26<br><br>9:00 AM -<br>Newsletter<br>Published                                                  | 27                                                                                                                      | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31<br> |