



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Schedule

Church School

9:15 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

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A phenomenon has sprung up in American Christianity over the last 40 years or so— the megachurch. And, with their thousands of members, huge facilities and high tech worship, it seems like many churches want to be like Church Unlimited here in Corpus Christi, or Saddleback in California, or Cornerstone in San Antonio, if not in theology, at least in size and prestige. But, in the midst of many churches competing to have the *most* spirited worship experience, the *most* visible service projects, the *biggest* this and the *best* that, sometimes we lose sight of the simple message of our faith and, last week, God reminded me of that message when a friend sent me an e-mail with a story from an anonymous writer that spells it out beautifully.



The writer recalled watching a church service on television during which they celebrated a retired minister's 50+ years of service. The minister, now 92 years old, was invited to speak at this service and here's what he said:

When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50 odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heart break and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort was this verse.....

"Jesus loves me this I know.

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong,

We are weak but He is strong.....

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Yes, Jesus loves me...

The Bible tells me so."

This is a simple song, but it has a powerful message and, hopefully, one day all people will know the undeniable truth that Jesus loves them. Because, when people embrace the love of Jesus, that's when attitudes change. When we truly embrace the love of Jesus, we can't help but become more like him... more giving and forgiving, more willing to show mercy rather than seeking vengeance, more gracious with those who don't share our worldview. And, as the love of Jesus made the "most difference" in the life of that minister, it can also make all the difference in this world as well. And, I think we all know that what this world needs is a little "different."

Shalom and Presence,

Rusty

Ministry Council

There will be no Ministry Council meeting for the month of July. If you have an issue that needs the attention of the Ministry Council before the August meeting, please contact Christi Cowan by email at cccowan@aol.com or Pastor Rusty Wright, either by phone (church 854-3044 or cell 210-269-5301 or by email (pastor@fcc-cc.org)).

FCC All-Church Retreat

September 7-9, 2018

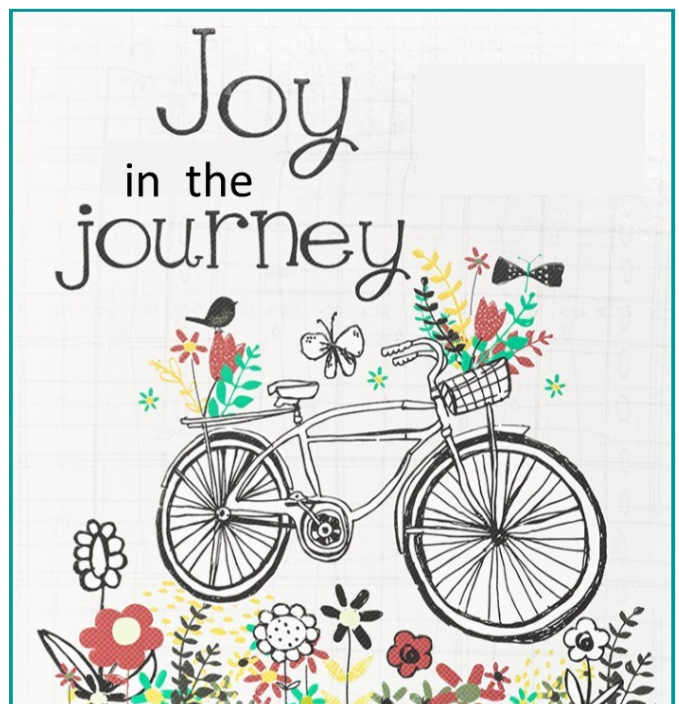
“Joy in the Journey”

Save the Date NOW for our FIRST (in a very, very long time!) annual FCC All-Church Retreat beginning on Friday, September 7 through Sunday, September 9!! We can't wait to spend time with you at our Disciples Camp Gonzo outside of Gonzalez, TX! If you have not been to the Camp lately, you absolutely will not believe the transformation...it is beautiful and the facilities are wonderful!

Registration will begin in July, and we hope each of you will “joyfully” consider sharing this Journey of Worship, Music, and Fellowship together!! If you have any questions prior to registration, please contact Retreat Team Leader, Dorothy Cowan, at dmacowan@aol.com or cell phone 960-5540.

Blessings,

Retreat Ministry Team



CCSW Regional Women's Assembly Report

We just got back from the regional Women's Assembly held in Ft. Worth this year. The events of the weekend are still fresh on our minds and we want to share some of our experiences.

This year's event was AWESOME! The theme was "What the World Needs..." Luke 10:27. About 150 women traveled to Ft. Worth for this annual event and we were blessed by the women there. Tasha York and her Administrative Team did an amazing job preparing for this event.

Our keynoter was the dynamic Rev. Virzola Law who Rusty and Amy first heard at the last General Assembly. Words can't adequately describe her, but she had us in the palm of her hand during her keynotes. She told us that "We are enough!" We also heard from Mary T. Cooley who shared her experiences on the 2017 Woman- to-Woman trip to India. We had great worships and singing, break-out sessions and fellowship. We shared laughter, hugs and tears together. It is amazing the connections that are made when women gather for these events. We came away from this weekend having met new friends and shared experiences that were amazing.

We provided boxes of Blessing Bags which will be sent to the Presbyterian Night Shelter for women and children and our offerings exceeded all hopes and expectations. We welcomed a new Administrative team led by Candace Sheppard and can't wait to see what they will plan for next year's event.

"When women gather, STUFF HAPPENS!" You don't want to miss it!

First Christian; Corpus Christi; Bluebonnet Area Group

Youth News

As the dog-days of summer continue to roll along, the youth want to continue thanking everyone here at First Christian Church for all your amazing support. The month of June was busy as we sent our high school students and eighth graders to camp. Not only were we sending off our kids; we had kids from the Houston area come stay with us for a week while they were helping a church recover from the devastating damage they received from Hurricane Harvey.

It was the youth group from Cypress Creek Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who we here at FCC hosted. While they were with us, they stayed in the Youth room and the kids were excited to be here. It was our goal to help make sure that the CCCC youth group were as comfortable as possible and felt right at home; and the hospitality shown by the members of this congregation did that and it was amazing!!! We had a number of families help to provide home cooked meals to the group while CCCC stayed with us and I would like to send out a GREAT big thank you to them. The Wright, Cowan, Brooker, Dupriest, and Grivich families all helped to provide these wonderful meals, which were greatly appreciated by CCCC.

Not only were members of our church striving to help CCCC feel at home, but our staff as well. Here is just a quick little story CCCC told me about, that just blessed my heart. Near the beginning of their stay here at FCC, a youth leader from CCCC sent me a text message asking for a vacuum cleaner and some trash bags and such because they wanted to spruce up the youth room a bit; however, upon CCCC returning to FCC after a long day out, they returned to a fantastically clean and freshly vacuumed youth room. The amazing part was, our janitorial staff noticed the youth room needed sprucing up and took the initiative. CCCC was so amazed and blessed how we helped them feel at home, which helped them to focus on their mission, which was to help a near by church recover.

As we look ahead to July, we will be sending our middle schoolers to camp, and we will be having a Youth Ministry Council meeting. The meeting will be July 11, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Apart from that, stay safe and I pray your summer continues to be memorable.

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday, July 3rd, the Day School will be celebrating Independence Day with a school parade and family picnics. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue that day for our parade. Classes are also making patriotic crafts and noisemakers to carry in the parade. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by the picnics. Families and friends are invited to join us. Please bring a blanket to sit on and a sack lunch or carry out for your family to share. The school will be providing drinks and watermelon.

Happy 4th of July!!

July Celebrations

Happy Anniversary to . . .

9 Carol & Marty Ward

15 MJ & Carl Crull



Birthday Wishes For . . .

- 1 Gary Cowan
- 3 Pat Getz
- 3 Henry Sepulveda
- 6 Cathy Harrison
- 6 Eva Sepulveda
- 7 Cheryl Jackson
- 8 Linda Hicks
- 10 Butch Watkins
- 15 David Bartlett
- 17 Winkie Peters
- 18 Rick Dupriest
- 19 Charles Cromwell
- 20 Kelle Clark
- 21 Jackson Lovvorn
- 22 Amy DeAtley
- 23 Claudia Grivich
- 25 Jim Davis
- 25 Barbara Mikolasky
- 25 Emily Baggerly



Editor's Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, we may not have it in the church records. Please either call or email the church office with the information — 854-3044 or coordinator@fcc-cc.org

Remember in Prayer . . .

Cathy Harrison, David & Gladys Green, Ann Nabours-Palacino, John Roberts, Harriet Null, David Holloway, Jo Haggard, June Pearce, Dee Stalter, Elizabeth Rogers (all at home)

Lois Chesney & Vergie Croninger (Holmgren)
Doris Williams (Homewood)
Verlyn Nolen (The Villa, South)

Chris Hoover (Edmond, OK)
Irene Moore (Round Rock, TX)
Roland Wollitz (Houston, TX)

Prayer Hotline 361-855-9562

“Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door.”

—Robert Sande



Calendar

July 1 — 22

Sun, Jul 1	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Jul 12	9:00 a.m. Thursday Music Club Planning Mtg 10:30 a.m. Day School Chapel 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 8:00 p.m. AA
Mon, Jul 2	5:30 p.m. AIR Group	Fri, Jul 13	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Tues, Jul 3	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Sat, Jul 14	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Wed, Jul 4	Independence Day Holiday Church & Day School Closed	Sun, Jul 15	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA
Thurs, Jul 5	10:30 a.m. Day School Chapel 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 8:00 p.m. AA	Mon, Jul 16	5:30 p.m. AIR Group 6:30 p.m. Property Ministry
Fri, Jul 6	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi	Tues, Jul 17	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA
Sat, Jul 7	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Wed, Jul 18	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 11:00 a.m. Cluster Meeting 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Sun, Jul 8	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elders Meeting 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Jul 19	10:30 a.m. Day School Chapel 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:30 p.m. Victims Support Group 8:00 p.m. AA
Mon, Jul 9	5:30 p.m. AIR Group 6:30 p.m. Church Retreat Committee	Fri, Jul 20	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Tues, Jul 10	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Sat, Jul 21	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Wed, Jul 11	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Council 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Sun, Jul 22	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA

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July 23 — 31

Mon, Jul 23	9:00 a.m. Special Math Class Tutoring 5:30 p.m. Day School Committee 5:30 p.m. AIR Group	Fri, Jul 27	9:00 a.m. Special Math Class Tutoring 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Tues, Jul 24	9:00 a.m. Special Math Class Tutoring 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Sat, Jul 28	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Wed, Jul 25	9:00 a.m. Special Math Class Tutoring 9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Sun, Jul 29	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA
Thurs, Jul 26	9:00 a.m. Special Math Class Tutoring 10:30 a.m. Day School Chapel 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 8:00 p.m. AA	Mon, Jul 30	
		Tues, Jul 31	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA

The Month of July

Serving Schedule

Elders Serving at the Table

- July 1** Jerry Livingston, Wayne Morris
July 8 David Shell, Brenda Shell
July 15 Molly Bates, Richard Crews
July 22 Drew Terry, Judie Terry
July 29 Kelle Clark, Trey McCampbell

Greeter:

Patsy Bird

Communion Servers

Dan Evans, Shirley Evans

Flower Delivery

- July 3** Lori Rockwell
July 10 Phyllis Taylor
July 17 Pat Getz
July 24 Julie DeBoard
July 31 Dorothy Cowan