



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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This past Sunday, I gave the church a “pop quiz” on some verses from the Bible. Well, actually, they were well-known phrases many people believe are from the scriptures but are not... Spare the rod, spoil the child... God moves in mysterious ways... Pride goes before the fall... God helps those who help themselves... This too shall pass. As I



mentioned on Sunday, a couple of these phrases are close to actual scriptures, but they don't quite capture the original meaning. However, while these sayings may not be part of the Bible, the phrase “This too shall pass” can often remind us that, when everything in our lives seems to be spinning out of control and falling apart, these issues will not go on forever because, as Paul says in Romans 8, “in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” That verse and that phrase remind us that, no matter what struggle we are going through, God will make something good come out of it. Hanging on to that hope is what helps us, as Christians, see beyond the pain and anxiety of our current situation.

It reminds me of the story I've shared before about old man Jesse. He told his Sunday school class that his favorite verse of the Bible was “and it came to pass.” Of course, they were confused so he explained. He said that, at 30, he lost his job with six hungry kids and a wife to feed. At 40, his oldest son was killed in the war. At 50, his house burned to the ground and he lost everything he owned. At 60, his wife of 40 years got cancer. At 65 she died. Jesse said the agony he went through in each of these situations was unbelievable and that he often wondered where God was when those things happened. Sometimes, he even wondered out loud, “Oh God, how long will I have to endure this pain.” But, then he would look in his Bible and see one of those verses that said, ‘and it came to pass’ and he felt like God was talking to him, that God was telling him that his pain and his circumstances were also going to pass and that God would get him through it. And, as Jesse said, “God always did.”

Many of us are going through some rough times right now and we may think that this is our new normal... that this pain and anxiety will last forever. But, while “this too shall pass” may not be in the Bible, the spirit of those words certainly is. Because, in *all* things, God is working for good. I pray we will hang on to that hope and remember that God will help us get through our current situation... and he always will.

Peace and Presence,

Rusty

Ministry Reports

Ministry Council

The Ministry Council will meet Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Membership Ministry

The Membership Ministry will meet Wednesday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Terry Klinger



Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

First Christian Church continues our search for a Team Leader of the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Team. We have been faithfully praying for someone to step into this critical role which is the very soul and foundation of our Church! Over the past 3 years, God has worked through this amazing Team in a dynamic and powerful way to touch the hearts and spirits of those less fortunate in our community. Not only has our community been blessed, but our hearts have been touched also as we were given the opportunity to serve as the Hands and Feet of Christ!

Has God touched YOUR heart to consider taking the lead role for this Ministry? Ideally, it would be very helpful if two individuals would take on this leadership role together. The possibilities of infusing this already powerful ministry with new ideas and a fresh perspective are very exciting!

Please contact Rusty or Christi Cowan if you feel called to serve in this position or if you have any questions at all! We appreciate your prayers and loving support for God's Plan to unfold for this VITAL Ministry!

Blessings,
Christi Cowan



**Ronald
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Christi Cowan is taking the names of people that interested in provided some meals for the Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to participate by providing the food, preparing the food, and / or serving the meals, please see Christi in the Fishbowl this Sunday, October 6. She can also give you more information regarding this outreach project. Monetary donations for the purchasing of the food will also be collected.

It Fall Y'all !!!

New Year Beginning for DWM

Disciples Women's Ministry is beginning their new year. The first luncheon will be Tuesday, October 15, at 11:45 a.m. in the parlor is open to everyone.



Molly Bates, the chair of DWM, will preceding over the meeting. The program for this luncheon will be our own Rev. Rusty Wright. Billie Sumpter will be giving the devotion for that day. As always, our fabulous cooks will be providing a baked potato bar for your pleasure with wonderful desserts.

Mark your calendar now as it is only 2 weeks away. Come join the fun and entertainment. Please call the church office to RSVP.

The Library Is Closing

The Church Library is closing. All of the books that are left will be packed up and donated. If you would like to have any of the books in the library, please come and get them., Maybe you are sure what books are in the library, then come on in and check them out. We would like the books to go to good homes.





It's That Time Again!!

Trunk or Treat... We Need Cars!!

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner, on **October 27 from 5-6:30**, and we are hoping lots and lots of members of the church will turnout for the fun. We had a few more cars last year than we had the year before, but I know we can do better. Because, this event is a great way to reach out to our community and show them that FCC is a church that truly loves to get together for fellowship and fun (especially when candy is involved).

Being a part of this event is really easy. You simply need to pick up a couple of bags of candy, decorate your trunk (scary or silly), maybe have a game for kids to play with some prizes (Party City is a good place to find those items cheap), then enjoy all the smiling faces that come by to trick or treat. If you can't participate this year, you can still help by provided a bag or two of candy. We don't want to run out.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer a few weeks before the big day and, if you just want to provide some candy, we will set up a collection bin for candy in the foyer (watch/listen for the announcement). We hope to have between **25-30 cars** sign-up to have some fun and show our community that we are a church that loves to share our joy. See you then.

It's Garden Party Time!!!

Our next Garden Party is this coming **Saturday, October 19, from 9-12**. All of our past events have been huge successes and we got a lot accomplished, but we still have a lot to do to spruce up God's house. The Property Ministry will put out a list of projects, along with the tools needed to complete each task, and members of FCC can plan which project you would like to undertake. You might even want to team up with other members for a particular task.

God has given us a beautiful facility, but it's looking kind of tired so it's up to us to show our community that FCC cares. We may not get everything done but, with enough people and supplies, we can put a big dent in this list. We will begin our day a little before 9 with a continental breakfast in the parlor then, at noon, we will call it a day. Turnout has been a little light over the last couple of Garden Parties, so we're hoping more caring members will join us this time. So, grab some gloves, roll up your sleeves and join us in getting dirty for Jesus!



Thoughts on Stewardship

During Rev. Rusty's sermon on September 29th, he preached on scripture from I Timothy 6. The elder read verses 6-19 and as the words were spoken I kept thinking about stewardship. These words were written specifically for Timothy by the Apostle Paul, however they can speak loud and clear to us today.



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“Of course, there is great gain in Godliness combined with contentment;” It’s a simple statement that continued to roll in my memory for a few hours. Godliness vs. Contentment. After a while I was confused about whether it was a question of contrast or if the two could even be compared. If I am acting in a godly way, how can I be content with all that is going on to combat God in the communities of this world? If I am content, does that mean I accept and/or tolerate those things that are not Godly? Finally, I came to understand that this one portion of the letter could not be reviewed out of context in my way of thinking and that I had to include all the verses to understand it is not a question, but a statement.

The Rev. Dr. Richard H. Foege, states that *“Godliness with contentment’ is life’s worthiest goal... There is presented an ‘either-or’ alternative in life’s goals with a resultant destruction of eternal life. Where you aim your life determines your final state.”* So, in relationship to stewardship, we must strive to be content with those blessings we have received from God, but not content when we see someone with less – for whatever reason – we should want everyone to have more even if it means we have less. Less of what? Less of what God intended for us all? No. God will give us what we need. If we have more than we need then we will share that abundance with others, therefore we will have less AND we will also have more by blessing others.

Blessings come to us in many ways. We receive them and we give them as well. We are instructed to practice the Fruit of The Spirit and to share with others. God does not want animal sacrifices from us; He wants us to give sacrificially to others, which in turn are offerings to Him. What do we give? We give our time to teach, encourage, and pray for others. We give our attention and listen for those times we will be able to show the Love of Jesus to someone who may need to grow closer to Him or meet Him for the first time. We give those things that sustain others; food to the hungry, clothes for those who have need, or possibly we offer shelter to those who are displaced. We give money.

I Timothy 6:18 “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share.” We are coming upon the time of the year when First Christian Church begins planning for the next year. We will have an opportunity to pledge a part of our resources for God’s use through the church. I hope you are not content with the small portions we have to share with our community and will consider some sacrificial giving on Consecration Sunday, November 24th. It is my hope that we will all dig a little deeper and trust in God to provide what we need and then enough for us to provide for others in need.

Rev. Kellē Clark
FCC Youth & Stewardship Minister

October Celebrations

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- 11 Linda Force & Juan Santa Cruz
- 24 Jerry & Nilza Livingston
- 30 Beth & Rick Ott



Birthday Wishes For . . .

- 4 Agnes Fankhauser
- 4 Gladys Green
- 5 Avery Morgenroth
- 6 Art Serrano
- 7 Steve Holland
- 8 David Holloway
- 8 Lilly Stephens
- 12 Isaac Meurer
- 19 Amy Meurer
- 20 Jerry Livingston
- 20 John Polzin
- 21 Jane Cromwell
- 24 Shirley Lowe
- 25 Kay Scott
- 29 Dick Hummell
- 31 Lana Aleksich



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 . . .

Harriet Null, David Green, David & Gerry Holloway, Cathy Harrison, June Pearce, (all at home)

Lois Chesney (Holmgren)

Doris Williams (Homewood)

Verlyn Nolen (The Villa, South)

Irene Moore (Round Rock, TX)

Calendar

October 1 — 17

Tues, Oct 1	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 10:00 a.m. DWM Board 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Oct 10	9:00 a.m. Music Club 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA
Wed, Oct 2	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Fri, Oct 11	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Thurs, Oct 3	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	Sat, Oct 12	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Fri, Oct 4	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi	Sun, Oct 13	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elders' Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth Group 8:00 p.m. AA
Sat, Oct 5	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Mon, Oct 14	9:00 a.m. Las Donas 5:00 p.m. AIR Group
Sun, Oct 6	8:00 a.m. Music Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes World Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Group 8:00 p.m. AA	Tues, Oct 15	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA
Mon, Oct 7	5:30 p.m. AIR Group	Wed, Oct 16	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 11:00 a.m. Cluster Mtg 5:30 p.m. Membership Ministry 6:30 p.m. Ministry Council 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Tues, Oct 8	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Oct 17	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA
Wed, Oct 9	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi		

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October 19 — November 2

Fri, Oct 18	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 1:00 p.m. DAR	Fri, Oct 25	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
Sat, Oct 19	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. Garden Party	Sat, Oct 26	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Sun, Oct 20	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Group 8:00 p.m. AA	Sun, Oct 27	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat 8:00 p.m. AA
Mon, Oct 21	11:45 a.m. Christian Foundation 5:00 p.m. AIR Group 6:30 p.m. Property Ministry	Mon, Oct 28	5:30 p.m. AIR Group 5:30 p.m. Day School Committee
Tues, Oct 22	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	Tues, Oct 29	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA
Wed, Oct 23	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Wed, Oct 30	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Thurs, Oct 24	9:00 a.m. Thursday Music Club 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Oct 31	Halloween 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA
		Fri, Nov 1	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
		Sat, Nov 2	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi

October

Serving Schedule

Elders Serving at the Table

- Oct 6** Linda Hicks, Teri Sutphin
- Oct 13** Bud Sutphin, Terry Klinger
- Oct 20** Judie Terry, Drew Terry
- Oct 27** Kelle Clark, Debbie Brooker

Communion Servers

- Oct 6** Rick Dupriest, Terri Dupriest
- Oct 13** Elena Blackburn, Richard Katz
- Oct 20** Youth
- Oct 27** TJ Bird, Patsy Bird

Greeter:

Alice Sutherland

Flower Delivery

- Oct 8** Molly Bates
- Oct 15** TBA

FROM OUR MAIL BAG....



Dear Church Family, I would like to thank everyone for the calls and prayers the last few weeks. I would also like to thank Julie Terry for the meals that she provided for me. —Agnes Fankhauser