



First Christian News

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*



THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Hello First Christian Church,
Many view Labor Day as the unofficial mark of the end of the summer and the beginning of fall. For some, we welcome the lower temperatures and more rainfall, but as we look back to summer, there have been some very enjoyable times. Meeting new people, seeing old friends, and most of all enjoying more fellowship together.

As we begin to wind up for the coming fall activities and festive holidays, I would invite everyone to come and enter the October Chili Cook-Off and see who will walk away as the champion this year. Last year we enjoyed several different types of chili, and I can't wait to see what is on the judging table this year.

As we have every year, we will be performing our live nativity scene, but this year First Christian Church working to coordinate performing our nativity in conjunction with the hayride holiday activities. I believe this will bring more visitors to see our special and wonderful event that spotlights the birth of our Lord Jesus. So, we look forward to seeing everyone come out and we definitely need volunteers this year. Please spread the news and bring some friends and family. It is always a special time and one that many look forward to attending.

Before I end, I would like to announce that we will be starting a new sermon series entitled *Win The Day*. It will be a seven-week study to jump-start our needs to go after God-sized goals, one day at a time. If you want to change your life, you have to change your story.

Imagine how much better life would be if, instead of obsessing over the past or worrying about the future, we set out to win today...and every day thereafter. The only ceiling on your intimacy with God and impact on the world is daily spiritual disciplines.

The focus of this sermon series is to move towards a healthy spiritual life. I encourage you to invite your friends and or family to this wonderful and exciting teaching series that will start on the second Sunday of September.

Ginger and I look forward to these upcoming months with our First Christian Church family. Happy Labor Day to everyone.

In Christ,
Pastor Doc Gardner Sr.

UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School - ON HOLD
- Children's Sunday School - during service
- September 11 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- September 12 - Women's Bible Study 10am
- September 19 - Ladies Lunch 11am
- September 25 & October 2 - Reconciliation Offering Collected
- October 30 - Annual Chili Cook-Off Luncheon following our service
- December 9 & 10 - Live Nativity

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HONORING EDUCATORS

On August 14, we honored the educators in our congregation! In honor of you, FCC Weston will make a \$200 donation to EACH of the 3 Celina elementary schools.



LADIES LUNCH

We had a great ladies lunch on August 15 and celebrated **ONE YEAR** of monthly ladies lunches!!! What a wonderful new tradition we have.

Mark your calendar for our next ladies lunch on Monday, September 19, 2022.



MEN'S DEVOTIONAL

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

Negative emotions are like the instrument panel on our dashboard. They let God's man know something is wrong. When the light goes on, he can't ignore it, He's got to check it out. He has to initiate the sequence to manage the thoughts and behaviors filtered through those emotions or be in much deeper trouble.

Translation: When emotions are swirling and negatively influenced perceptions are tossing you around, STOP. Observe. Evaluate reality. Reach for the truth, hang on to it, walk in it and let your emotions come after you've been obedient.

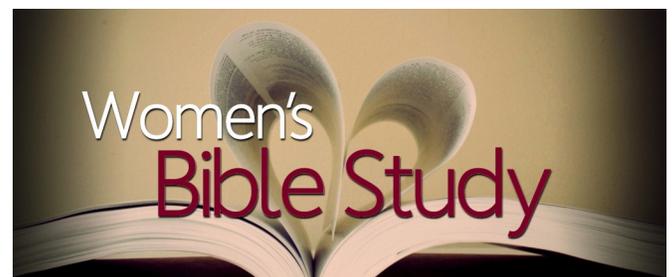
Remembering our identity in Christ and acting on it under pressure can be difficult, especially when emotional comfort is on the line. When we want something badly, we don't want to think. Satan knows this. That's why he wants you to feel your way into wrong actions versus act the right way into new feelings. Satan aggressively waits for me to give in to those emotions because he knows they will be as unreliable and inconsistent as those emotions and as easy to control. When you are low, he wants you to attach to the perceptions created by your emotions that all is lost, all is fatal and final. God, on the other hand, says, "I am with you in the valley of the shadow of death, no need to fear, I will walk you through this. Painful, yes, but also purposeful and productive for you."



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

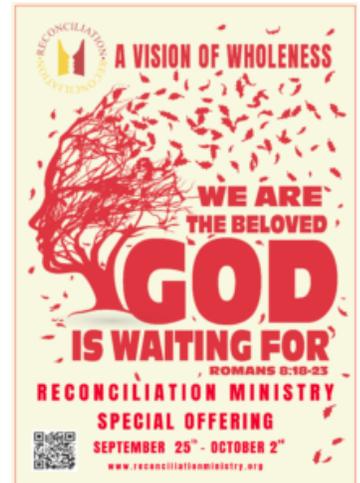
Mark your calendar for our next bible study on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 am. We would love for you to join us to learn more about women in the bible.

For our September bible study we will be discussing Esther and Rahab on pages 131-151.



RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

We will be collecting a special Reconciliation offering for Disciples of Christ on September 25, 2022 and October 2, 2022. Your gifts help support pro-reconciliation / anti-racism programs through education, camp and conference, and relationship-building in each expression of our Church. Thank you in advance for your support.



HYMN OF THE MONTH - "WE WILL GLORIFY"

Fort Worth, Texas, native Twila Paris (b. 1958) is one of the leading Contemporary Christian artists of recent years. Ms. Paris has released 22 albums, amassed 33 number one singles, and was named the Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year an astounding three separate times. She has received five Dove Awards, and three American Songwriter Awards. Several of her early songs including "He Is Exalted," "Lamb of God," "We Bow Down" and "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" are included in recent hymnals.



Ms. Paris comes from a family of ministers and musicians. Her great-grandparents were revival preachers in Arkansas and Oklahoma and her grandmother composed sacred songs. She was encouraged to sing in church from a young age by her father, who was also a minister and songwriter. Following graduation from high school and a year of study in a Bible school, Ms. Paris focused on singing and Christian composition.

She and her husband, Jack Wright, have one child, born in 2001. They live in northwest Arkansas.

By the time a contemporary Christian song finds its way into a denominational hymnal, it is usually considered to be a classic in this genre. In a musical style where some songs run their course fairly quickly, songs that continue in general use for over two decades reflect a staying power that is remarkable. "We Will Glorify" is one of several songs by Ms. Paris that has passed the test of time in a genre that typically appreciates the ephemeral.

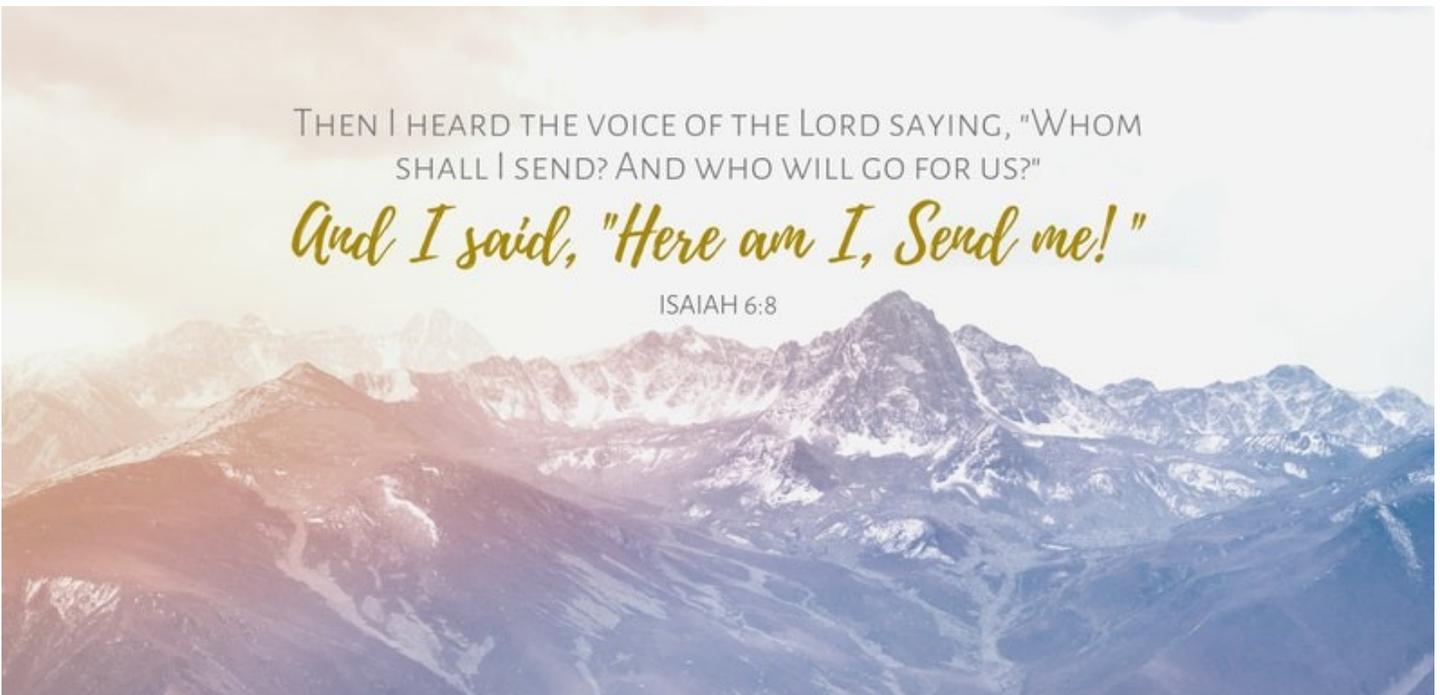
Several key terms such as "King of kings," "Lord of lords," and "Lamb" recall the book of Revelation, especially Revelation 17:14: "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful."

In addition to Revelation, language throughout the song is reminiscent of the psalms, especially psalms of praise. The Authorized King James Version sets the tone, especially with its focus on "Jehovah" and its hierarchical language of God on a throne, worshipped by those who bow before him.

This is a song of exaltation and adoration as those assembled offer praise to the almighty God who is above all. The first-person plural language indicates that it is for a corporate worship gathering and the direction of the praise is from the singers toward God.

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 11	Flip The Script	Genesis 50:20
September 19	Kiss The Wave	Exodus 14
September 25	Eat The Frog	Matthew 7, 12:43-45
October 2	Fly The Kite	Zechariah 4:6-10
October 9	Cut The Rope	Mark 4:35-39
October 16	Wind The Clock	Ephesians 5:16, 2 Peter 3:8
October 23	Seed The Clouds	1 Kings 18:41-46, Psalm 126:1



JULY TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$5,934.00	Salaries: \$5,000.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$277.13
Special Offering: \$0.00	Supplies & Food: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$0.00	Insurance: \$1,997.25
	Taxes: \$0.00
	Maintenance: \$130.00
	Miscellaneous: \$0.00
Monthly Total:	Monthly Total:
\$5,934.00	\$7,404.38

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 09/02 Brandon Tisserand
- 09/03 Christopher (CS) Tingle
- 09/03 Holly Ferguson
- 09/05 Maude Tingle
- 09/12 Kimberly Tisserand
- 09/14 Brian Larsen
- 09/15 Amy Lambert
- 09/16 Brenda Lambert
- 09/17 Shirley Larsen
- 09/17 Ginger Gardner
- 09/27 Austin Worley
- 09/28 David Carter
- 09/30 John D. Tingle

Anniversaries

- 09/03 Doc and Ginger Gardner
- 09/24 Brian and Shirley Larsen

Celebrate

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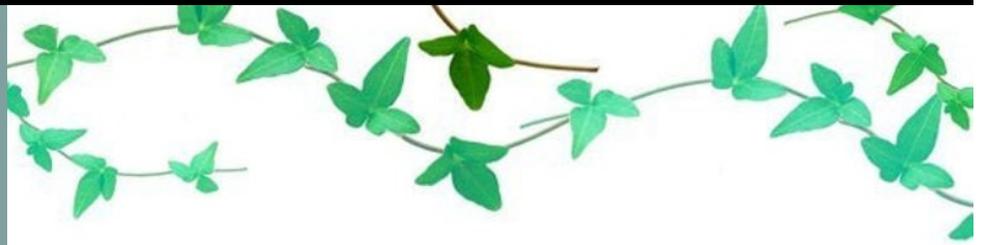
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INFORMATION NEEDED**

To make the newsletter more personal, please send pictures or information on achievements, births, awards, or anything else of interest to Karen Chilton at tisserand@outlook.com



I am the vine
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES
whoever abides in me
AND IN HIM
Will bear much fruit

John 15:5



Prayer Requests

Please keep Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Tadlock, Clark & Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary & Jerry Smith, and Scott & Holly Franklin in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a pew card or let Karen Chilton know.