



FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

October 2023

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.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



UPCOMING events

October 8
Board Meeting

October 9
Women's Bible Study 9:30
and Lunch at Gloria's
(Prosper)

October 29
Chili Cookoff

November 5
Day of Remembrance

November 19
Community Thanksgiving
Service

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Happy FALL FCC family,

FALL IS HERE! Even though it may not feel that way at times. I know many have already started to decorate their homes for the season and have placed the pumpkin spice candles out.... I know, because when I return home, I get to experience that smell nightly. I think many people really like that smell, and I am not saying that I don't, but it is everywhere. You walk into the coffee shops, some stores, and grocery places.... BAM it is right there. I think it is the starting gun as a reminder that we are entering the holiday season. Maybe some need that boost to prepare them for what is to come. Family gatherings, large meals, and a deeper focus on a personal relationship with Jesus. There is so much that will be going on during the next few months.

As we begin to prepare for the holiday season, we will be participating in the Weston community festivities again this year. As we will be performing our annual nativity scene in December. We had a lot of visitors last year and I think we will have more this year. With that, we are looking for as many volunteers to volunteer this year! What a great opportunity for us to reach out to the community and to show a presence.

Also, it is Calvary Chapel Honey Creek's turn to host the Weston Thanksgiving Church Meal and Service which will be held at the First Baptist Church due to the need for the space. There are many details still in the works and contacts being made, but more information will be posted. So, keep a lookout for that. I am sure many are ready to cook their famous dishes and like so many, I am looking forward to experiencing those delicious and wonderful foods! Just don't forget the brownies!

Also, I cannot forget to mention that we will be having our Annual Chili Cook-off this month on October 29th. So come out and enter your best chili and let's see who will walk away with the 1st place MASTER SPOON this year. I know it will be an enjoyable time of eating and fellowship. But I have a new recipe that I am going to try/

So, as we prepare for the upcoming festivities. Remember to be the light and share the hope this wonderful time of year! We look forward to seeing the entire church family, and hopefully some new faces. So don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors so they too can experience these wonderful activities of food, laughter and fellowship.

In Christ,

Pastor Doc Gardner and family

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

Resurrection or Nothing

“The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual”. I Cor. 15:46



Everything we have in our experience of our existence with Christ hinges on the fact that God stepped down to earth revealing himself through the person of Christ and then showing us that there is an eternity ahead by ascending back into heaven. This very fact is what we Christians base our assurance on. Not our experiences, our changes, our emotions. It's the objective historical fact that the resurrection took place and the enormous evidence that proves it.

This was the turning point in world history.

For the bewildered disciples, the floodgates opened, the Holy Spirit entered and flooded every cavity of the disciples' souls with His assurance and anointing for ministry.

That same Holy Spirit was not just for the disciples, but yours and mine ministry as well. Basing this fact on how we feel at any particular moment defeats the historical evidence that it is true. Our Father has given us the choice to live by feeling or fact.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are nearing the end of our current study of *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak*. This month we will look at the last chapter beginning on page 235. This has been a great study and we plan to continue with the books written by Shannon Bream. The next book will be *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*. We will begin that study in January. We will do a class in November and then have a holiday luncheon in December. We hope you can join us!



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR OCTOBER

	Text and Reader	Additional Texts for Study
10/1 How God Prepares the World	Isaiah 40:1-11 Scott Franklin	Isaiah 42:2-3
10/8 God Prepares Parents	Luke 1:19-25 Jim Mitlyng	Eph. 3:20, 2 Chronicles 16:9
10/15 Words Have Power	Luke 1:76-80 Clark Neill	Mark 1:4-5, Luke 1:76-77
10/22 The One Who Is Greater Than John	Luke 2:1-20 Larry Lambert	Luke 2:4
10/29 How To Introduce Jesus To People	John 1:29-34 Shirley Larsen	Luke 3:3

FINANCIAL REPORT - August**Income**

Sunday Offerings:	\$6,842.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	580.00
Special Offering:	.00
Building Fund Offering:	2,150.00
Miscellaneous:	637.62

Expenses

Salaries:	\$2,825.00
Utilities:	215.90
Supplies & Food:	198.81
Insurance:	2,168.49
Taxes:	.00
Maintenance:	65.00
Miscellaneous:	125.75

Monthly Total Income:**\$10,209.62****Monthly Total Expenses:****\$5,598.95****OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING AND STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

We appreciate Juliet Dimock and Maya Jacques for doing the scripture reading this month.



Our Children's Sunday School is looking for teachers for the upcoming months. Consider volunteering to teach a month and spending time with our wonderful children. Thanks to those who have served. We appreciate you.



10/13 Scooter Cave
10/13 Beth Worley
10/14 Ivy Latham
10/17 Jenna Jacques



10/12 Gloria and Dan Kautz
10/31 Louis & Scooter Cave

CHILI COOK OFF

Join us on October 29 for our annual Chili Cook Off. Judging will begin right after services. Children are welcome to wear their costumes. Get those chili recipes out and plan to be a part of the fun.

Mark your Calendars



October 29

**Great Food
Prizes
Fellowship
Children's Costume Parade**

16th Annual Chili Cook Off

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Sunday, November 5th, we will observe our annual Service of Remembrance for those members or friends and loved ones of our church family who have passed away during the preceding year. This service commemorates the legacy passed on to us in the church by those faithful persons who have lived and contributed so much to our lives, our church and our community. This is the time in our family of faith when we celebrate God's human triumphs. We remember and rejoice in these men and women in whom God's grace has won a victory over sin and death. We will be calling the names and lighting a candle to honor them. If you have a loved one that has passed in the past year, please let Karen Chilton know so we can make sure to include them.

COMMUNITY LIFELINE CENTER MOBILE DISTRIBUTION

First Christian Church - Weston hosted the distribution on September 9. The next distribution will be held at First Baptist Church of Weston on October 14. Bethel Baptist Church of Celina will host November 11 but the distribution will be held at Calvary Chapel Honey Creek Weston. For more information go to: www.communitylifeline.org or email: admin@womenofwestontexas.org. Thank you to those that helped set up and also to deliver food on September 9.



PANTRY ITEMS COLLECTED



35 Boxes of macaroni and cheese were collected this month. These will be taken to Grace Bridge. Thanks to all who contributed.

MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM

Each month we will announce a pantry item to bring to the church building. These items will then be donated at the end of month to local food banks. Items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Pantry items for October are dry beans (pinto, black, navy)



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Newsletter 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
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**Coming Up**

NOVEMBER
5th Day of Remembrance
19th Community Thanksgiving
Service
23rd Thanksgiving
25th Hanging of the Greens

DECEMBER
8th/9th Live Nativity
24th Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort: Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary and Jerry Smith, Laura Latham, Janet Rippey, Sharon Olson, Clark and John Neill and family.