

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.



UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
 - During service
- July 4 Weston 4th of July Parade
- July 11 Board Meeting 4:30 pm
- Church reopening July 19
- August 2 Mother's and Father's Day Celebration
- August 9 Honoring all Educators NO Luncheon following service

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CHURCH TENTATIVELY REOPENING JULY 19

Many people will choose to gather together for July 4th weekend. Choosing July 19th allows for a two week period to pass where people can make sure they are not feeling ill if they visited friends and family. When we reopen, church will be different. The board has had multiple discussions reviewing the CDC guidelines and recommendations and consulting with Healthcare professionals. We will be making the following modifications to our in person service to implement all precautions to protect our community that are reasonably possible:

- Masks will be required by all individuals more than 2 years old inside the building.
 We will have masks available (individually packaged) for those that do not have them.
- Only one family may sit per pew and the congregation will be staggered right to left in alternating pews. Every other pew will be taped off and not used in order to maintain proper social distancing.
- We will be using pre-filled and sealed communion cups. Cups will be placed at the pews prior to the service. No communion will be passed during the church service. Communion cups will be disposed of after the church service is over.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the front entrance and in fellowship hall.
- Bowls or baskets will be put on pedestals at the back of the sanctuary for offering collection. There will be no passing of the plate for offering.
- As long as masks are worn, we will allow the fans to be turned on low setting during the service.
- No more than 3 songs during the service, while seated (no standing). Singing is
 optional for congregation.
- There will be no children's or adult Sunday school throughout the summer. We will revisit this in September.

We ask you all to continue practice social distancing when you join us on July 19th. Please be especially aware of the concerns that others might also have. Keep a distance of 6 feet between yourselves and others that are not part of your household. If you do not feel safe coming to church yet, please know that God – and we – understand. In fact, if you have underlying medical conditions which make you extra vulnerable to the virus, you are encouraged to stay isolated a bit longer.

If you are sick at all, in any way, please stay home. If you have been with anyone within the last two weeks who is sick in any way, please stay home. If you have traveled and only recently arrived back to the area and have not self-quarantined for 14 days, please stay home.

Every bit of this is designed to minimize, even eliminate, the chances that someone could get infected with the coronavirus at church. This plan is based on love. We are to love our brethren, and this is how we show our love by doing everything in our power to not spread this virus. No one knows how long we may have to follow this plan. The church board will continue to closely monitor the situation and will modify guidelines and requirements as needed.

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WESTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE: 10:00 AM



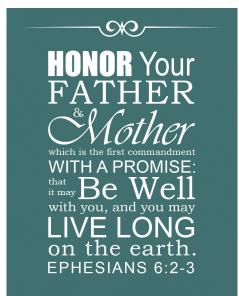
The 35th Annual Weston Fourth of July Parade will begin at 10:00 am on Main Street on Saturday, July 4, 2020. There will be a flag raising, parade, and patriotic music. Judging begins at 9:00 am.

The church will have a float this year, but only three families will be riding on the float in order to maintain proper social distancing. One at the front of the trailer, one in the middle and one at the end and we will NOT be throwing candy to the spectators. A HUGE thank you to Marilyn and Danielle Chamberlin who have offered to decorate our float. You two are AMAZING! If you would like to ride on the float, please contact Danielle at dani_chamberlin@yahoo.com. We hope that you participate in the parade in whatever manner you feel comfortable with. Happy 4th of July!

MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION - AUGUST 2ND

Sunday, August 2nd, we will be honoring all mothers and fathers in our congregation. Due to the church closure, we had to postpone our annual celebrations. Make sure you are in attendance at church so we can celebrate each one of you.

The bond between parents and children is a circle of strength and love. It is bounded on faith, joined in love and kept by God.



JUNE BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

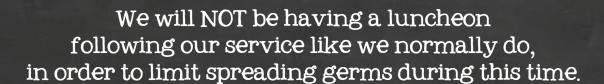
- The board approved the minutes from the May board meeting.
- Clark Neill spoke with Steve Sprinkle at TCU regarding a possible student preacher. We posted a job listing at
 <u>www.churchjobs.net</u> for a cost of \$149.00 and it will run for one month. Dr. Michael Waco is available as an
 interim preacher as long as we need him. David Hargrave is also still a candidate.
- The board discussed the process for reopening the church. We will email and mail communication informing the congregation of the changes and will place signs at the church as well. This will also be posted on our website and facebook.
- We had 21 responses to our church survey. Based on the responses, it seems that a good amount of the congregation would like to return to some sort of church service in the near future. The board voted to reopen church on July 19th. This will allow us to wait two weeks past July 4th, since many people will gather together on that date and that would allow a two week quarantine period.
- Mike Rippy presented the financial report. Sunday offerings for the month of May were \$4,445.38 and expenses were \$4,845.05. Quarterly insurance was paid to State Farm along with paying for the outside of the church to be power washed and caulked.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, July 5th, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

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Thank You Educators!

Sunday, August 9, 2020

We will be honoring all the Educators in our congregation during our service. Make sure you are in attendance so we can thank you for all you do!



CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLLY FERGUSON

Congratulations to Holly Ferguson on receiving her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. The church is so proud of you and all your hard work to accomplish this. Holly is currently the Associate Superintendent for Prosper Independent School District.



MAY TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$4,440.00 Building Fund Offerings: \$0.00 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00 Special Offering: \$0.00 Miscellaneous: \$5.38

Monthly Total:

\$4,445.38

Expenses

Salaries: \$2,275.00 Utilities: \$167.02 Supplies & Food: \$0.00 Insurance: \$1,878.06 Miscellaneous: \$200.00

Taxes: \$0.00

Maintenance: \$325.00

Monthly Total: \$4.845.08

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

07/01 Ava Shirley 07/01 Sam Shirley 07/03 Jeannie Greenwald 07/05 Mike Poen 07/07 Clark Neill 07/18 **Brady Tingle** 07/18 Cameron Dimock 07/21 Kristie Dimock

07/22 Blayne Lambert 07/27 Ty Ferguson

07/27 **Christian Dimock**

07/28 Ryan Jacques

Anniversaries

07/06 Scott & Holly Franklin 07/10 Steve & Beth Harlow 07/30 Joel & Beth Worley 07/17 Brice & Amy Lambert



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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 Kimberly Tisserand at tisserand@outlook.com



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17



Please keep Heather Carter, Lester and Jeannie Greenwald, Michael and Linda Waco, Christian Dimock, Kyle Schindler, Brian Larson, Kim Rogers, Nancy Neill, Amy Davey, Austin Daughtery, Jerry & Mary Smith, Louis Cave, Margaret Marlar, and Arlis Parish in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

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