



# 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
- April 7 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- April 7 - Children's Choir Rehearsals after service for Palm Sunday
- April 14, 21 - Easter Special Offering
- April 14 - Palm Sunday (Processional, Children's Choir, Luncheon, Easter Egg Hunt)
- April 21 - Easter Sunday
- May 19 - Long Range Planning Meeting after our church service

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## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

All three Synoptic writers tell of Simon Peter's three-fold denial of Jesus, just as the Lord had predicted. But Luke has a unique detail that tends to give readers goose-bumps. He says that when Peter had denied the third time and heard the rooster crow, "the Lord turned and looked at him, and Peter remembered . . . and he went out and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:61-2).



We often hear it said that the eyes are the windows of the soul, and by looking deeply into one's eyes you can see hidden emotions, character, and truth. In the same way, a person can convey a message by means of a single look that perhaps words cannot express. A look can say "I love you," or "I'm sorry you are hurting," or "I forgive you," or "I am very proud of you." But a look can also convey a different message— one of disappointment, anger, or pain. It can say "You hurt me deeply," or "Better be quite, don't go there," or "Gotcha back, how do you like me now?!" A single look can say a lot. As the song goes—"Just one look, that's all it took."

That look from Jesus must have been filled with disappointment. He had warned Peter of his weaknesses, that he was impetuous and flighty, and often spoke or acted before he thought a matter through. And just hours before this event, Peter had made a rash promise that he would gladly go with Jesus, either to prison or to death. But Jesus knew Simon, the son of Jonas, the "big fisherman," better than he knew himself. It's not that Jesus wanted Peter to fail. He just knew that he would. And he wanted him to learn from the experience, because in the very near future Peter would have a job to do that would require greater courage than required to sail out into the rough waters of Gennesaret or to draw a sword and lop off a guard's ear.

So here we are. A body of Christians trying to be all God has called us to be. As we boldly go into an unknown future, where truly no one has gone before, we go with courage and optimism. But we also must go with humility. The Lord knows us "warts and all," and his look reminds us to always be on guard, not just for dangers outside but also for the enemy within.

Like Simon Peter, we are often our own worst enemy. Like Simon Peter, we all have flaws. And like him we need reminders from time to time that we are not invincible, we are not always right, we do not have all the answers, and not every thought that pops into our heads should come out our mouths. We have to think before we speak and act, we have to be certain our motives are always pure. And like Simon Peter, we all have the potential for a bright future in God's service.

Brother Les

## ANNUAL CLOTHING & FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Michael Strange Memorial Clothing & Food Drive. We delivered FOUR loads of clothing to the Samaritan Inn of McKinney and lots of food to the Grace Bridge Food Bank. Thank you to Marilyn Chamberlin and Kimberly Tisserand who volunteered to deliver the donations to our charities!



Non perishable food items | kids clothing | adult clothing | shoes



## SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR APRIL

April 7	"Father Forgive Them"	Luke 23:33-38
April 14	"Today In Paradise"	Luke 23:39-43
April 21	"Why Have You Forsaken Me?"	Mark 15:33-36
April 28	"I Thirst"	John 19:28-29

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

April 7th is the **LAST** Children's choir rehearsal before the children sing during our Palm Sunday service on April 14th! All children are encouraged to attend choir practice immediately after our worship service. It should only take about 15 minutes.

Gloria Kautz has arranged a wonderful choir presentation for Palm Sunday, April 14th.



*Thank you Gloria!*



*You are invited  
to celebrate God's greatest gift this Easter Season!*

*April 14, 2019*

*Palm Sunday Service at 11:00 am*

*Children's Musical Message during service*

*Easter Potluck Luncheon - noon*

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt following luncheon*

*April 21, 2019*

*Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 am*



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## **HYMN OF THE MONTH - "HE LIVES"**

Alfred H. Ackley was born on January 21, 1887. His father, a Methodist preacher and musically gifted man, gave Alfred his foundation in music at an early age. Alfred went on to study harmony and composition in New York and London. His specialty was cello. Over time, he felt a call to preach and pastored for many years, but never stopped writing music and hymns. One particular morning, Easter Sunday in 1932, Rev. Ackley was preparing for his services of the day. As he was shaving, he tuned in to the radio in time to hear a special Easter broadcast.

"Good morning!" The well-known liberal preacher began. "It's Easter! You know folks, it really doesn't make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I am concerned His body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb. The main thing is, His truth goes marching on!"

Rev. Ackley was furious. "**It's a lie!**" he shouted at the radio set, forgetting that the speaker could not hear him.

Mrs. Ackley did hear him, however, and questioned, "Why are you shouting so early in the morning?"

"Didn't you hear what that good-for-nothing preacher said?" he replied. "He said it didn't matter whether Christ be risen or not!"

Rev. Ackley knew that the truth of the resurrection DID matter, **He isn't dead; He's alive!** That very night, Rev. Alfred Ackley wrote out the words, and then composed the melody just as it appears in our hymnals today.



## MARCH BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved with changes from the February board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the Financial Report. Expenses for the month of February were \$5,738.77 and income was \$6,734.78. We received a \$1,000 donation from a local business. Marilyn Chamberlin will review new insurance policies and make a recommendation to the board for the April board meeting. Mike Rippy will research other options for our CD's that would give us more interest than we are currently receiving through our bank.
- The Michael Strange Memorial Clothing & Food Drive will be March 17-31, 2019. Regular sized cans will go to the Grace Bridge Food Bank and clothing will go to the Samaritan Inn. Samaritan Inn does not need the large industrial cans of food. Marilyn Chamberlin will deliver items to Grace Bridge Food Bank and Kimberly Tisserand will deliver items to Samaritan Inn.
- Dr. Les Massey thanked the board for the increase in salary. He greatly appreciates it and would like to talk, at a later date, about future pastor leadership.
- Designated Children's Sunday School Area. Marilyn Chamberlin discussed with the board regarding expanding the church. Adding on to the church for a designated Sunday School area will be difficult and expensive with relocating septic and air conditioning and dealing with the current foundation issues. A better choice might be to purchase a portable building that could be used for the Children's Sunday School. This could be purchased quickly and moved or used for other purposes if needed in the future. The board will also look into removing the wall that the refrigerator is on in the kitchen to expand the kitchen into the storage area. That would increase the kitchen area and extra cabinets could be put in. Larry Lambert will check into who owns the property surrounding the existing church.
- There is a large subdivision near Weston of about 6,000 homes being built in the next few years. The board wants to think about future growth and expansion for the church. A workshop would be helpful to plan out a 5-year plan for the church. The first Long Range Planning Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2019 after our church service.
- Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019. Gloria Kautz will have children's choir practice from March 17-April 7 for the Palm Sunday choir program. There will be a luncheon afterward followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Kimberly Tisserand will coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt and will order palm branches for the processional. Invitations will be printed for members to invite people to our services. Kimberly Tisserand will order 100 invitations.
- Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019. Service at 11:00 am.
- Scooter Cave asked about the church signage that the board approved last year. Larry Lambert stated that we have locations designated already and we need to check with Ken Bean on the company that we would order that through.
- Next meeting will be April 7, 2019 at 9:30 am.

## FEBRUARY TREASURY REPORT

### Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,547.00  
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00  
 Special Offering: \$185.00  
 Miscellaneous: \$2.78

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$6,734.78**

### Expenses

Salaries: \$4,977.19  
 Utilities: \$524.93  
 Supplies & Food: \$136.65  
 Insurance: \$0.00  
 Taxes: \$0.00  
 Maintenance: \$100.00  
 Miscellaneous: \$0.00

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$5,738.77**

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

04/04 Laura Welch  
 04/14 Linda Hornbaker  
 04/14 Betty Fowler  
 04/18 Marilyn Chamberlin  
 04/23 Kim Tingle

### Anniversaries

04/22 Andy & Kristie Dimock



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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



May this joyous day bring hope and  
blessings to your family.  
And may the love of Christ that surpasses all  
understanding warm your home.

*Have a Blessed Easter!*



Please keep Heather Carter, Lester and Jeannie Greenwald, Michael and Linda Waco, Christian Dimock, Kyle Schindler, Brian Larson, Kim Rogers, Sandra Zimmerebner, Nancy Neill, Scott Franklin, Butch Barnes, Brad and Karen Chilton, Gayle Strange, Amy Davey and Les Massey 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.