



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.*



CHURCH CLOSURE UPDATE

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. This is a challenging time for everyone and it looks like this will be our new "normal" for a while longer. Governor Greg Abbott announced today that beginning May 1, Texas will begin reopening slowly in phases. Phase 1, which begins May 1, states that churches can reopen, but with only 25% capacity and still practicing social distancing. Phase 2 will begin on May 18, as long as there is not an increased number of new COVID-19 cases.

Our Church services are currently suspended through May 3rd, and we have decided to extend that to at least May 18th. This will give us time to evaluate if it is safe to reopen based on how COVID-19 positive cases are, after the reopening begins. If COVID-19 cases do not increase, the state will enter Phase 2 on May 18th. Phase 2 would allow all churches to operate at 50% capacity. With our active membership at 117 people, that would allow 58 people to be in attendance each Sunday at First Christian Church of Weston. With 58 people allowed in the sanctuary, the church should not have to turn anyone away from being in attendance. Our congregation's safety is our top priority and although we all miss each other terribly, we do not want to do anything that is not safe for our congregation.

On Easter Sunday and last Sunday, April 26th, we had a video sermon from Dr. Les Massey. Those sermons were very well received by members of the congregation and they loved having a message specifically for our church. We are excited to announce that we have more video sermons for the upcoming weeks. Links to the sermons will be emailed to the congregation each week.

May 3rd - video sermon from Dr. Michael Waco

May 10th - video sermon from David Hargrave

The church is actively preparing for the time when we can worship together again. Once we are allowed to gather at church, we will still need to be safe and cautious. We have purchased hand sanitizer to have at various locations in the church, and we have ordered 500 pre-filled communion cups each individually sealed with a wafer cracker and juice. We want to do everything we can to keep our congregation members safe while they worship at First Christian Church of Weston.

This is a time of uneasiness for our church family, community, nation, and world. We have an opportunity to provide a powerful witness to those looking for guidance during this period of uncertainty. What a blessing it will be for people to see us remaining calm in the face of challenge because we know in whom we place our faith. The Apostle Paul wrote these words and I believe they provide us with wisdom for this very moment,

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6-7)

May the Lord provide us with this peace as we move forward together.

UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
 - During service
- POSTPONED - Michael Strange Memorial Food and Clothing Drive benefitting Grace Bridge and Samaritan Inn
- No Board Meeting in May
- Church suspended through May 18
- May 10 - Mother's Day Celebration delayed until open

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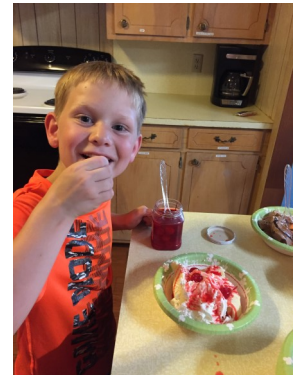
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CHURCH RENOVATIONS

For the past month, our church has had numerous renovations done. These included a complete renovation of the kitchen including the demolition of a wall, painting the fellowship hall, changing out all the outlets in fellowship hall and kitchen, closing up opening behind piano and new handrails for the front steps. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Renovation Fund! We are still working on organizing, cleaning and getting the fellowship hall put back together, so there will be more pictures coming in the near future.



Here are a few BEFORE pictures...
with some sweet faces in them too!



AFTER!



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day! Sadly, we will not be able to worship together and celebrate all the mothers in our congregation on that day. But we WILL have a big celebration once we are able to gather together. We will honor all the beauty that is motherhood - love, patience, work, comfort, strength, time, emotion - and celebrate each of the mothers in our congregation for all they give to their children, their family, and the world.

*Motherhood is a million little moments
that God weaves together with grace,
redemption, laughter, tears, and most of all, love.*
-Lysa TerKeurst

*you are
-all-
kinds of
amazing*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM MEETING

Our Sunday School teacher, Danielle Chamberlin, has organized a Zoom meeting for Children's Sunday School. This will be a quick 30 minute time for the children to see each other, talk, catch up and enjoy some fellowship. It will be wonderful for the children to know that we are all in this together and get the opportunity to talk to each other. Below is the information for the zoom meeting. You won't want to miss it!

Topic: Sunday Social Hour

Time: May 3, 2020 2:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76904811757?pwd=WXh0VHlwS3VwbC9sZHIxWmY4YlB6QT09>

Meeting ID: 769 0481 1757

Password: 2YXSmV



MARCH TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,142.99
Building Fund Offerings:
\$5,900.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
Special Offering: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$0.00

Monthly Total:
\$12,042.99

Expenses

Salaries: \$2,325.00
Utilities: \$395.21
Supplies & Food: \$50.42
Insurance: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$0.00
Taxes: \$0.00
Maintenance: \$4,634.77

Monthly Total:
\$7,405.40

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

05/05 Katrina DelPlato
05/06 Jeff Harlow
05/10 Alyson Cave
05/17 Louis Cave
05/18 Keelan Dimock
05/20 Mike Rippy
05/20 Dayton Poen
05/24 Jim Mitlyng
05/29 Mathew Mitlyng
05/30 Shelly Cave

Anniversaries

05/01 Clark & Nancy Neill
05/02 Lester & Jeannie Greenwald
05/19 Ryan & Jenna Jacques



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Sunday School: 10:15 am

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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



YOU HAVE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF GOD'S LOVE.

PROVERBS 31

Prayer Requests

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, Hudson Biggio 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.