



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
- June 2 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- June 2 & June 9 - Pentecost Offering Collected
- June 16 - Father's Day Celebration
- July 4 - Weston 4th of July Parade

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The United States Declaration of Independence contains the words: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." All Americans embrace and hold dear this statement, but we might not understand what it means.

A self-evident truth is one that is known and accepted by ordinary human reason, without proof, and based on the simple nature of its meaning. In the field of epistemology (how we obtain knowledge) many deny that any proposition can be self-evident. Christians tend to look to the Bible as the divine source of all truth relevant to our lives and faith. Yet, we're embarrassed historically that we have been slow in realizing certain great truths that are essential elements of the Gospel message.

This June, I want to explore some of these truths with you in a series of sermons that, in my view, spring from the well of Jesus' self-declaration in the Nazareth synagogue: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). Following is a short outline of what I will cover. I hope you want to hear them all.

June 2. The Gospel of Jesus Christ opposes the **abuse of power**, whether by a national president, a state governor, a school principal, or a church minister, or a parent. Looking back over history, such abuse is evident in many forms, even in the invasion of countries and colonization in order to enhance power or to derive profit.

June 9. **Racial discrimination** is an ongoing "hot topic" in America, as well as other nations. We have discovered a huge gap between the formal declaration of ideals and their realization out on the streets and down in the hood. But there can be no doubt that where the spirit of the Gospel finds a home, the walls of social and racial discrimination start tumbling down.

June 16. The Law of Moses included some basic rules of **business** that were often bent or ignored, and through the history of Christianity we have struggled to determine how to conduct ourselves with truth, honesty and fairness, so that all can benefit.

June 23. Most Americans today will acknowledge that **slavery** is a great moral evil, and we are ashamed that such was a part of our history. But during the eighteen hundreds, during the anti-slave movement and debates, many Christians used scripture to defend slavery, as well as the exploitation of children for labor.

June 30. In their 1974 classic *All We're Meant to Be*, Letha Scanzoni and Nancy Hardesty quoted a NY Times article that leveled a strong indictment: "Churches are one of the few important institutions that still elevate the **discrimination against women** to the level of principle." In light of Jesus' great message of liberation from oppression, we must examine that assertion.

See You Soon, Brother Les



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



you are
-all-
kinds of
amazing



HONORING ALL FATHERS - JUNE 16TH

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th, we will honor all the fathers in our congregation and present each with a small gift.

Make sure to attend so that we can
thank you for all you do!



MAY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the April board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the Financial Report. \$7,806.71 in income for April and \$6,999.45 in expenses. Mike Rippy contacted Texas Star Bank about increasing our rate on our CDs. We will roll over the CD coming up for renewal at a 2.5% interest rate. We have 4 CDs that renew at different times throughout the year. We did keep the church insurance through State Farm. We mailed the \$200 check to the North Texas Area Christian Church Fund. Mike Rippy bought two thumb drives to save treasurer information on for Disaster Recovery in order to have a copy.
- Portable building information – Marilyn Chamberlin received quotes from Mobile Modular for a portable building. One is for a new building and one is for a refurbished. Quotes range from \$41,000 to \$52,000. The cost includes installation, delivery and all other fees. The size of the building would be roughly 12 X 44. We will measure and see if that size would be feasible. We will discuss this at the long-range planning meeting.
- Future Pastor Leadership – Les Massey would like to stay until the end of this year. December 31, 2019 would be his last day. Larry Ross is retiring at the end of this year and is interested in maybe coming to our church. Gary Speer is also someone to keep in mind. There is also an option from the First Christian Church in Garland. Les Massey is still planning on going to Africa in July and that would be a good time to have some guest preachers.
- Hot spot for church – Danielle Chamberlin uses her own phone as a hot spot at the church when she needs internet access for children's Sunday school. Daniel Tisserand will research hot spots for the church.
- Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Small gifts have been purchased for every mom that attends. The four larger gifts will be chosen at random for the winners.
- Our Long-Range Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 and will be after our regular service. It should last about an hour. Church will provide some small snacks.
- Weston Water Supply – There will be a vote at the end of the month and the church should have a proxy vote. We have not received a postcard for a proxy vote. Marilyn Chamberlin will look into why we have not received this.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.
- Next meeting will be June 2, 2019 at 9:30 am.

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JUNE

June 2	Abuse of Power	I Peter 2:13-17
June 9	Tearing Down Walls	Ephesians 2:11-18
June 16	Honest Weights and Measures	Jeremiah 9:4-6
June 23	Set the Captives Free	Luke 4:16-21
June 30	In Memory of Her	Mark 14:1-9

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WESTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE



The 34th Annual Weston Fourth of July Parade will begin at 10:30 am on Main Street on Thursday, July 4, 2018. There will be a flag raising, parade, patriotic music and a bake sale at the Community Center benefitting the Weston Women's Group. Judging begins at 9:00 am. Anyone and everyone is welcome to ride on the float or in the pickup truck bed. We will have candy to throw to everyone watching. Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun and exciting event! You won't want to miss it!

HYMN OF THE MONTH - "WE WILL GLORIFY"

"We Will Glorify" was written by Twila Paris. Fort Worth, Texas, native Twila Paris (b. 1958) is one of the leading Contemporary Christian artists of recent years.

According to her website, 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.

Barry Alfonso notes in his *Billboard Guide to Contemporary Christian Music* that, "Over the years, Paris has updated her Adult Contemporary sound to incorporate rock and New-Age music elements." Unlike Amy Grant, she has not aimed for a secular crossover audience, but has focused on becoming a Praise and Worship artist.



And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16)
And I saw no temple therein: for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. (Revelation 21:22)

APRIL TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$7,639.10
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
 Special Offering: \$165.00
 Miscellaneous: \$2.61

Monthly Total:
\$7,806.71

Expenses

Salaries: \$4,400.00
 Utilities: \$231.19
 Supplies & Food: \$0.00
 Insurance: \$1,908.36
 Taxes: \$0.00
 Maintenance: \$180.00
 Miscellaneous: \$279.90

Monthly Total:
\$6,999.45

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

06/05 Jerry Smith
 06/07 Susan Mitlyng
 06/08 Andy Dimock
 06/12 Scott Tingle
 06/14 Gloria Kautz
 06/16 Tessa Jacques
 06/21 Marge Massey
 06/27 Larry Lambert
 06/27 Tara Tisserand

Anniversaries

06/02 Daniel & Kimberly Tisserand
 06/03 Mike & Janet Rippey
 06/07 John D. & Alyssa Tingle
 06/08 Brad & Karen Chilton
 06/10 Danny & Debbie Terra



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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

Blessed IS THE MAN



Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;

AND WHATEVER HE DOES

shall prosper

PSALM 1:1-3

Prayer Requests

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