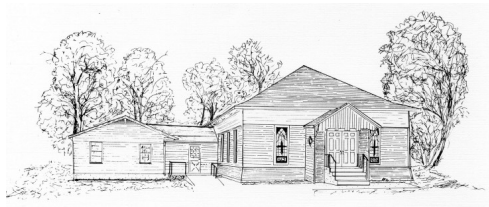




FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

June 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

June 4
Board Meeting 9:30

June 4
Weston Community
Homecoming 1:00 - 4:00

June 12
Women's Bible Study 9:30
& Lunch 11:00 @ Chili's in
Anna

June 18
Father's Day

July 4
4th of July Parade

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Dear Church,

Here comes Summer! It is hard to believe that the official start of summer is on June 21st and it will soon be upon us, and that half of the year is almost over.

I would like to say that this past Mother's Day service was such a blessing and now we are approaching the day that we will soon celebrate Father's Day. Many may not know the nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Father's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Let's take a moment to celebrate fathers everywhere. He's the guy that built the deck in the backyard, spending many weekends toiling away so that his family has a nice place to hang out. He's the one who checked outside when there was a strange noise in the middle of the night, always looking out for the safety of his family. He's proudly in charge of the grill at all family parties and get-togethers. And yes, sometimes, he makes lame dad jokes ("What do you call a deer with no eyes? No idear") and perhaps he burps too loud, but we're all okay with that because that's just who he is. He has always been there for his family when they needed him. As we celebrate Father's Day for that special man in our lives who we call father, remember you may find out new things about him even after all these years. He might have been the guy of tough love and wasn't too expressive of his affection, but he was always there when you needed him. Even if your dad, father, pop, or "old man" might be grumpy and opinionated, remember that you're important to him even though he might not always say it. So for Father's Day, embrace dad with some attention, and praise and tell him, thank you.

Also, I want to mention that July 4th will be upon us soon and that we are still looking for volunteers to assist with this year's float. It has been a tradition that this church has been involved with for many years and we would like to continue with that practice for many more. Our deepest thanks and gratitude to everyone who made FCC a well-known and predictable participation in this wonderful celebration. We have to continue the stride and take 1st place again. I know we can! Ginger and I are so excited about the upcoming activities and potential opportunities for the FCC to come together this summer. Please know that we are praying for each of you and your families and hope and pray to see each of you at church. Be blessed!

In Christ,
Doc Gardner and Family

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

Wounded Warriors

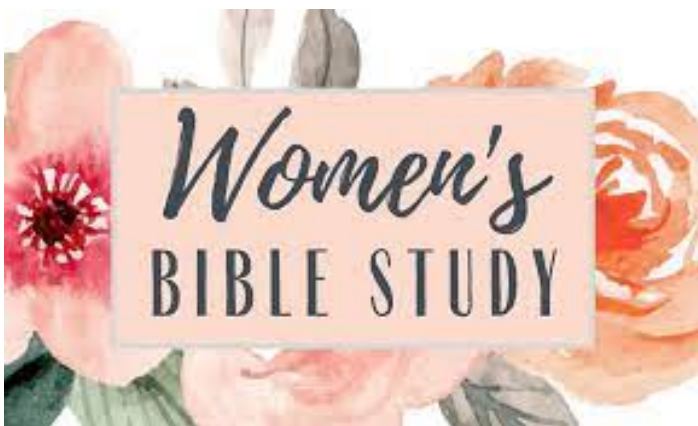
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**



Let me be specific, the hidden masculine manly wounds that we walk around with are the emotional wounds or maybe a specific wound we have experienced preceding the life we live today. Now a bunch of us, myself included, are “wounded warriors”. Life is a battle which starts the day we are born, each of us reading this are in our own individual life battles.

In Colossians 3:1 God says to set your heart and your mind, “Since then, you have been raised with Christ set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Why does God say you have to set your heart on things above? Say this with me, **MY VISION SETS MY VALUES**. Your heart is where you exist, it's where your emotions and affections are. Whatever takes over will then guide your vision and that sets your values, beliefs and behaviors. It's important to know that this is the controlling agent of your life, because whatever controls your heart, your mind and your character on the inside will then control your conduct. That's why the Bible always says, set your heart, set your mind. It's the same words of Jesus where he says, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and your entire mind, those are inner things. What do you worship, that's the question. What sets the affections of your heart?

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY and LUNCH BUNCH

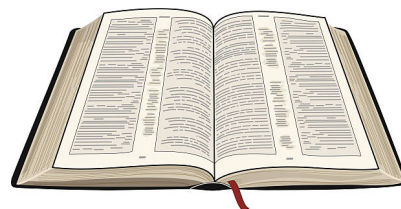


For our next meeting, we will be looking at Mary, the mother of Jesus (page 135). Those in attendance are always blessed by the discussion and comments as we study women found in the Word of God. After the bible study, we will be enjoying good food and fellowship at the Chili's in Anna. We hope all can attend!

Join Us Monday, June 12 at 9:30a.m.

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JUNE

June 4th	The Trinity	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11th	The Christian Flag	Isaiah 63:7-9
June 18th	Being A Man of God	Numbers 13:1-2, 18-19, 26-33
June 25th	The Power of The Presence	Acts 4:5-12

**FINANCIAL REPORT - April****Income**

Sunday Offerings: \$5,186.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: .00
 Special Offering: .00
 Building Fund Offering: \$1,550.00
 Miscellaneous: \$40,020.74

Expenses

Salaries: \$5,000.00
 Utilities: \$149.60
 Supplies & Food: \$50.08
 Insurance: .00
 Maintenance: \$60,320.75
 Miscellaneous: .00

Monthly Total Income:**\$46,756.74****Monthly Total Expenses:****\$65,520.43**

Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort:

Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Hendrix, Daisy Nicodemus, Clark and Nancy Neill, Sandra Zimmerebner, Jerry and Mary Smith, Ralph Gardner, Janet Rippey, Gayle Strange, Laura Latham, Scott Franklin..

Coming up Next Month!

Join us for the annual Weston 4th of July Parade. We will need volunteers to help decorate and also ride on the float. This event is always a time of fun and fellowship.





Birthdays of the Month

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

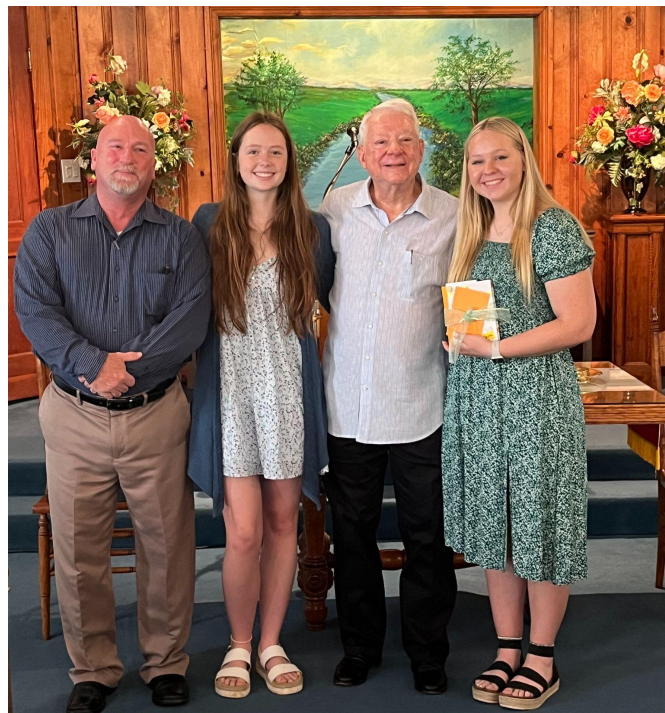
HAPPY Anniversary!

06/02 Daniel & Kimberly Tisserand
 06/08 Brad & Karen Chilton
 06/09 Mike & Janet Rippy
 06/10 Danny & Debbie Terra




2023 class of CONGRATS!

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors - Tara Tisserand and Emma Dimock. We honored our two seniors on May 21st with a book of encouragement and a check for \$250.00. We are very proud of these two young ladies.



MOTHER'S DAY - Honoring Mothers**MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE PROJECT**

Gift bags filled with goodies and snacks were taken to the women residents of Avalon Memory Care. They were given to the women by the staff during a Mother's Day lunch.

Special thanks to Brenda Lambert for collecting items. Also, thanks to Brenda and Mary Smith for delivering them to Avalon.



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Happy Father's Day

The LORD
bless you and keep you;
The LORD
make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD
turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
~ Numbers 6:24-26



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