



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
- May 5 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- May 12 - Mother's Day Celebration
- May 19 - Long Range Planning Meeting after our church service
- June 16 - Father's Day Celebration

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I received a message today from the staff of Week of Compassion, the Disciples of Christ agency that does development and relief work around the world. The writer said: *On this Easter Sunday, we woke again to the news that the tomb was empty; and the reminder that the empty tomb means new life. At the same time, we awakened to the news of horrific bombings in Sri Lanka, resulting in hundreds of lives lost. There's a painful tension between these two narratives. How can the truth of resurrection stand alongside the reality of so much violence and hate? And it didn't end with Sunday. Tuesday brought news of an earthquake in the Philippines. Communities all over the world are still reeling from recent disasters. And every day, we are mindful of the refugee crisis in many places, with the numbers of displaced people reaching an all-time high.*



That opening statement is compelling. It made me immediately wonder just how many domestic violence calls the Dallas police answered during the early dark hours of Easter Sunday? How many ODs were brought to Parkland hospital? How many suicide intervention calls were made? And looking further afield, what was going on down on the border on Easter Sunday? Indeed, how do we hold the good news of resurrection amidst the staggering reality of human suffering?

There is no easy answer. But we cannot deny that the evil and heartache in our world does not take a break to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas, the dynamic pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, or the news of renewed life on Easter. Evil, pain, suffering, heartbreak, and death never take a holiday.

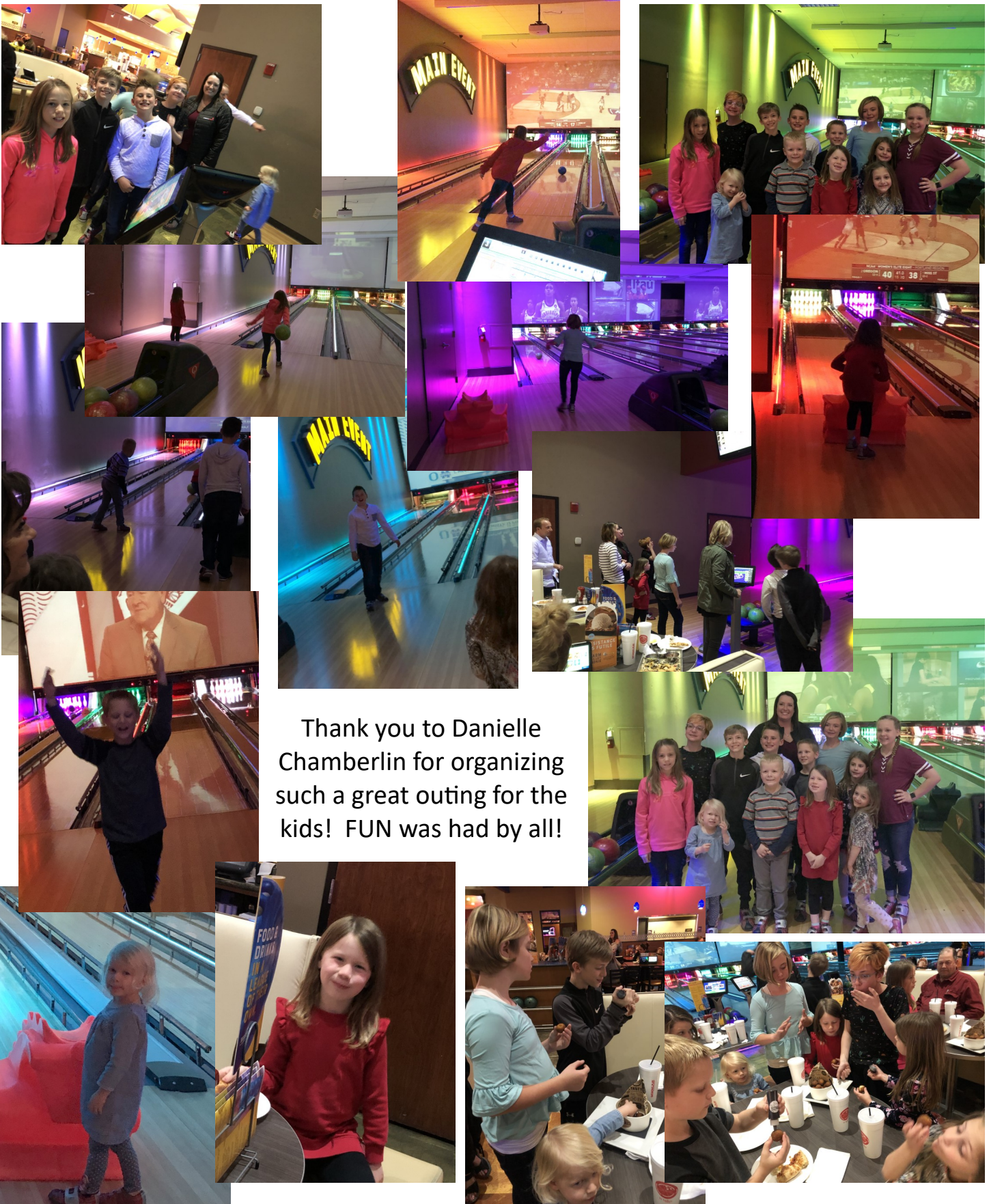
But at such times as Easter we are reminded that new life and the power of good are at work in the darkness, and we hear again the invitation to respond as people who believe that good news is always a possibility when we agree to be its agents. In the words of poet Wendell Berry, we have the reminder to live as people who not only believe, but who "practice resurrection."

So may I quote the writer for WOC to remind all who are within the embrace of First Christian Church in Weston, that: *On Easter Sunday—and every day— we are Disciples who embody a resurrected Christ. We believe in the power of a love that transforms all things, even death. Every time we respond to suffering in that spirit, whether with prayer, presence, or financial gifts, we practice resurrection. And we trust that when faith and willing effort are combined, good news always comes in the morning.*

May the peace, love and power of the resurrected Christ be with you.

Brother Les

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING—BOWLING AT MAIN EVENT



PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION



We had a wonderful luncheon!



"Jesus" leading the children's palm processional



Thank you to everyone who helped with the children's choir performance. The kids did amazing!



We moved the Easter Egg Hunt inside due to weather, but that didn't stop the kids from finding 500 eggs in a matter of minutes!



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR MAY

May 5	"It Is Finished"	John 19: 28-30
May 12	"Son, Behold Thy Mother"	John 19:23-27
May 19	"Into thy Hands"	Luke 23:44-47
May 26	"Honoring the Fallen"	Psalm 27:3-6

MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 12TH

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, we will honor all the mothers in our congregation and present each with a special gift.

We hope you attend so we can *thank you* for all you do!

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CHURCH LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING - MAY 19TH

On Sunday, May 19th, we will have a Church Leadership Workshop at FCC Weston after our 11:00 am service. Bring your lunch and help us plan out ideas for the future. This would be an opportunity to discuss visions for church growth, facilities, leadership training, planning and more!



ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MARCH TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$7,122.00	Salaries: \$5,500.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$426.50
Special Offering: \$0.00	Supplies & Food: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$2.47	Insurance: \$0.00
	Taxes: \$0.00
	Maintenance: \$100.00
	Miscellaneous: \$182.22
Monthly Total:	Monthly Total:
\$7,124.47	\$6,208.72

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
05/27	Julie Kulpa
05/29	Mathew Mitlyng
05/30	Shelly Cave

Anniversaries

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



APRIL BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the March board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the Financial Report. \$7,124.47 in income for March and \$6,208.72 in expenses. 47 people attended church the last weekend in March and that is a large increase. It is probably due to the children's Sunday school outing that was scheduled after the church service.
- We have 4 CDs in the bank and are looking to make more interest on them. We only make 0.3% in interest each month. Mike Rippy is going to contact Buddy Hayes in Anna, who is a contact of Larry Lambert's. He is willing to give us 2.5% in interest. Larry Lambert made a motion that we roll over the CD that is coming due for one year. Clark Neill seconded. Motion passed.
- Church insurance policy – Marilyn Chamberlin compared two insurance policies for the church. Our State Farm insurance policy is up for renewal May 1, 2019. An insurance policy from Liberty Mutual would save us approximately \$2,600 a year in insurance fees. Our current policy fees increased by \$1,100. According to property taxes, our acreage is valued at \$40,000 and the building is valued at \$157,000. Mike Rippy will contact both State Farm and Liberty Mutual and have them compare policies. Scooter Cave motioned that if State Farm can match the quote from Liberty Mutual within reason, then the church will stay with State Farm. If not, then the church will change to Liberty Mutual. Daniel Tisserand seconded. Motion passed.
- Church signage – Locations for church signage will be on Imogene Poston's property and on Larry Lambert's property. Yvonne Heistand motioned to approve the church signage mock up. Larry Lambert seconded. Motion passed. Marilyn Chamberlin will go to the City to see if they can waive the \$50 per sign fee. If fee is not waived, Marilyn Chamberlin will get a check from Mike Rippy for the cost of the permits. Then we will move forward on ordering and installing signs.
- Portable building information – Marilyn Chamberlin requested a quote from Mobile Modular for a portable building. There are numerous options available: one large classroom, two classrooms, one classroom with storage, one classroom with bathroom, etc. We will discuss this further at next meeting.
- Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019. Larry Lambert will bring Daisy. Danielle Chamberlin will coordinate for one of the children will play the part of "Jesus". Palm branches have been ordered. Children's choir will perform one song. There will be a luncheon afterward followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. 500 filled Easter eggs are ready and invitations are available to give to visitors. Scooter Cave will decorate the tables for the luncheon.
- Easter Sunday - April 21, 2019. Service at 11:00 am.
- Next meeting will be May 5, 2019 at 9:30 am.

HYMN OF THE MONTH - "HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME"

"How Majestic Is Your Name" was written by Michael Whitaker Smith. This celebrated hymn has a classical feel. This marvelous anthem for use throughout the year opens with a regal fanfare that is followed by rich and full vocals that are easily performed by choirs of all sizes.

Michael W. Smith was born October 7, 1957 in Kenova, West Virginia. Michael was a typical boy – active in baseball, his family's church activities, and playing piano. But in not-so-typical fashion, he wrote his first song at age five. At the age of ten, he made a decision to give his life to Christ.

Between 1979-1981, Michael was a keyboard player for the group Higher Ground. In 1982, Michael was asked to play keyboards in a band that was backing up young artist Amy Grant. He also continued to write songs for himself.

Michael made his very first record in 1983 and it was called "Michael W. Smith Project." Michael wrote all the music and wife Debbie wrote the lyrics. The now famous song "Friends" debuted on this album. Michael continued to tour with Amy, now as her opening act. Michael has gone on to release more than 30 albums and is a beloved musician.

But for all of Michael's accolades, the business of being an artist, an author and a record label executive, Michael sums up his life as this, "to be remembered as a God-fearing man who loved his wife and kids well."



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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



Happy
Mother's
Day

*She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.
-Proverbs 31:25*

Prayer Requests

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.