



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.*



PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The past few months dealing with COVID-19 have been unprecedented. During this time, our church has had to find creative solutions to continue conducting our search for our next pastor. We have watched and listened to a lot of sermons virtually, which is new for our congregation.

We are at an exciting time in our search process. Our Search Committee has read countless resumes, conducted phone interviews with almost two dozen candidates, researched those candidates and their sermons and narrowed the list down to the final six candidates. Four candidates, you have already seen video sermons from and two others will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

I urge us as a church to pray and ask the Lord to lead us to the individual He has for us.

Our Pastor Candidates are:

- **Mark Anderson** from Gunter, Texas
- **Tyler Araki** from Godley, Texas
- **Paul Jackson** from Vancouver, Washington
- **Gary Woolverton** from McKinney, Texas

The two newest candidates are:

- **Damon Gardner** who is moving from Indiana to the Dallas area
- **David Judd** from Anna, Texas

The Pastor Search Committee will narrow down this list within the next month and hope to present their top candidate to the Board at the September board meeting. These next few weeks are going to be important in the life of our church. I encourage you to watch the video sermons and send your feedback to the Pastor Search Committee as they will be making their final decisions on who they recommend as our next Pastor. You can send your thoughts to Andy Dimock at andy@txspec.com.

*Lord, help us to walk in our purpose knowing that Your hand is upon us.
Give us the confidence to do Your work with Your mighty authority.
Grant us patience during this time as we find what is best for our church.
Fill our hearts with peace as we embark on this new journey
for the future of our church home.*

Amen

UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
 - During service
- Church suspended until further notice

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4TH OF JULY PARADE

Our float won 1st Place AGAIN!

A HUGE thank you to Marilyn and Danielle Chamberlin for all the time they put in to decorating our float and to Kenny Bean for pulling the float with his truck for the parade!



LOTS OF CELEBRATIONS COMING UP!

Sadly, we have had to postpone celebrating MANY in our congregation due to COVID-19. But don't worry, we will have a **BIG celebration** honoring all the mothers, fathers and educators in our congregation once we know we can safely open our doors and worship together.

*Celebrate
good times,
COME ON!*

What a wonderful thing to look forward to in the near future!

JULY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The board approved the minutes from the June board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the May Financial Report. Income for the month of June was \$5,863.69 and expenses were \$4,621.11. We paid \$130 for plumbing repair.
- We are scheduled to reopen on Sunday, July 19, 2020. We will research options to record the sermons and stream them as a YouTube live for those people that are not comfortable coming to church yet. This is something that we could continue in the future as well. The Board agreed to keep the reopening date as July 19, 2020.
- Andy Dimock informed the board that he has interviewed approximately 15 candidates. He has invited 3 people to do video sermons for us: Tyler Araki, Paul Jackson and Gary Woolverton. Only ordained ministers have been interviewed and invited to do video sermons. Other candidates will be asked to do video sermons in upcoming weeks.
- Celebrating mothers, fathers and educators will be postponed until sometime in the fall.
- **July 13, 2020 – Board voted NOT to reopen July 19, 2020 due to rising numbers in COVID cases.**
- There will be no board meeting in August.

JUNE TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$5,858.00
Building Fund Offerings: \$0.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
Special Offering: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$5.69

Monthly Total:
\$5,863.69

Expenses

Salaries: \$4,162.50
Utilities: \$143.61
Supplies & Food: \$55.00
Insurance: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$0.00
Taxes: \$0.00
Maintenance: \$260.00

Monthly Total:
\$4,621.11

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

08/01 Sandra Zimmerebner
08/01 Brad Chilton
08/08 Joe Mangum
08/17 Kathryn Gibbs
08/17 Mary Smith
08/19 Maggie Tingle
08/19 Arlis Parish
08/21 Gayle Strange
08/22 Levi Cave
08/22 Laura Latham
08/28 Michael Waco
08/29 Daisy Nicodemus
08/31 Holly Franklin

Anniversaries

08/18 Scott & Kim Tingle



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Service: Sundays at 11:00 am
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



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, Louis Cave, Margaret Marlar, Arlis Parish, Carolyn and Hudson Biggio 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.