



FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

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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

- July 4
4th of July Parade
- July 10
Women's Bible Study
and Lunch at Anamia's in
Prosper

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Dear FCC Family,

It is with great joy that I am writing to you. It is July and yes this and the month of August is always the hottest, but the great thing is we will be celebrating the 4th of July! I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the Annual Weston 4th of July parade. Just as a reminder, everyone will be meeting at the church on the 3rd around 6:00 pm to begin decorating our float. Marilyn stated she was bringing ice cream.... Yum! The parade will begin at 10:00 am, but we are asking everyone who wants to participate and ride on the float to be at the church at 8:30 am for the judging. If you intend to ride on the float, please wear your USA (Red, White, and Blue) attire. Also, as many of you know that we have won 1st place for the last 4 years running and we want to make sure that we bring home that blue ribbon again this year. We heard the Baptist Church was gunning for it, so we are putting forth a hard effort again this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that help and came out for the Weston Homecoming event that was held at the church. We had an amazing turn out that Sunday for service, as well as for the evening gathering. I learned a lot about the connections to the families that have a deep history to the community, and it is so humbling to know many are members of our church family.

As we push forward in our outreach programs, there are some great opportunities for everyone to become involved in. The Church will begin giving financially to the North Texas Food Bank every month and we are asking the members to pray about giving financially as well. Furthermore, the Women of Weston are working with many churches and other organizations in setting up distribution centers around Weston, Celina and other areas. This is a great chance to go out and visit with new people and make some new friends. We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, and what better way to do that, but to go out and show the love He shows us by paying back to others.

I am very excited about the month of July, but also to see how God is going to use this wonderful congregation in the remaining days of 2023.

May the Lord keep you safe and bless each one of you.

In Christ,

Doc Gardner and Family

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

Give What You Have Been Given

“The thief comes only to kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

Jesus comes and outlines the battle, the spiritual battle that every person is engaged in. There's a dark one and his agenda is to steal hope and kill motivation and destroy life. That's his purpose and that's his agenda and he can do that in our lives very easily. There are a lot of ups and downs and in those downs the enemy wants to drive us even further down. But Jesus counters that by this teaching.

We will listen to one voice or the other. When we ourselves are unwittingly participating with the dark one by our distance, rejection and lack of compassion, love, and acceptance of other people that we find unacceptable, we steal their hope. In the Spirit of Christ, we embrace those in front of us, know that we were sinners needing grace and were able to receive the grace of Jesus, then we can give grace. I NEED GRACE, I RECEIVE GRACE, I GIVE GRACE. That's the beauty of the New Testament, the beauty of knowing Jesus Christ that is for all the places that you fail, for all of your mistakes and where you need grace so that you can come back. You received it but now Jesus tasks us with giving it, giving grace.

Undeserving favor is the definition of grace. Many of the people who have harmed us are undeserving of our favor. Christ knows this, and He demonstrated it for us. Jesus would not teach us something that would harm us. On the other hand, it is clear that the enemy's suggestions would harm us.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY and LUNCH BUNCH



Join us Monday, July 10, for our next Women's Bible Study and Lunch. We will be discussing *Dinah, The Daughter of Israel* which begins on page 165 in the book. We will be eating at the new Anamia's in Prosper. Make plans now to attend!



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JULY

July 2	Freedom in Christ	Galatians 5:1-6	Galatians 5:7-15, Ephesians 6:10-17, Colossians 2:13-14
July 9	A New Perspective	John 6:1-12	Exodus 20:5, Ezekiel 31:30, Mark 7:33
July 16	Check Who?	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 7:1-5, I Corinthians 5:12-13, Matthew 23:27-28
July 23	Extreme Home Makeover: Kids Edition	Ephesians 6:1	Psalms 127:1, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Exodus 20:1, 12, Colossians 3:20
July 30	A Friend for Life	John 15:9-17	John 5:7, 1 John 4:8,16



FINANCIAL REPORT - May

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,375.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: .00
 Special Offering: .00
 Building Fund Offering: 1,600.00
 Miscellaneous: 3,000.00

Expenses

Salaries: \$7,000.00
 Utilities: 378.28
 Supplies & Food: 78.18
 Insurance: .00
 Taxes: .00
 Maintenance: 130.00
 Miscellaneous: 107.94

Monthly Total Income:

\$10,975.00

Monthly Total Expenses:

\$ 7,694.40



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 Rippy, Gayle Strange, Laura Latham, Scott Franklin.


*Birthdays
of the Month*

HAPPY
Anniversary!

07/03 Jeannie Greenwald
07/07 Clark Neill
07/08 Riley Gardner
07/21 Kristie Dimock
07/27 Ty Ferguson
07/28 Ryan Jacques

07/06 Scott & Holly Franklin
07/30 Joel & Beth Worley

**FATHER'S DAY -
Honoring Fathers**



FATHER'S DAY SERVICE PROJECT

Gift bags filled with goodies and snacks were taken to men residing at Avalon Memory Care. Our dear brother, Jerry Smith, is a resident there.



WESTON COMMUNITY HOMECOMING - JUNE 4

The Weston Reunion, organized by Steve and Epi Goldstein, was held under our church tabernacle on June 4th. It was a huge success with about 150 people present. We enjoyed a fried chicken dinner with lots of laughs and hugs and many stories told of growing up in Weston. About twenty family trees were displayed, representing some of the early settlers in Weston with the hope that more will be added next year. The plan is for the Weston Reunion to become an annual event with collected pictures, family trees, and historical items to eventually be housed in a museum in the Old Post Office which will be enlarged.



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TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Monday, July 3
 6:00 Decorating of Float

Tuesday, July 4
 8:30 Meet at building for those riding
 on the float and for judging

10:00 Parade Begins



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION NEEDED

To make the newsletter more personal, please send pictures or information on achievements, births, awards, or anything else of interest to Karen Chilton at kdchilton85@gmail.com