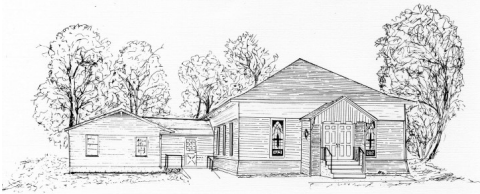




FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

August 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

- August 6
Board Meeting 9:00

- August 13
Back to School Luncheon after services

- August 14
Women's Bible Study 9:30
and Lunch at Haw Creek Tacos
in Weston 11:00

- September 9
Community Lifeline Center
Food Distribution @ FCC
10:00 - 12:00

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Dear First Christian Church,

As the first half of the year comes to a close, we have much to be thankful for. First, I would like to say that this year's Fourth of July parade was great. We had a lot of floats this year and even though we did not retain our title and win the blue ribbon this year, I was amazed to see so many come out to help and support the church. Secondly, our church outer remodeling is finally finished. It looks amazing and a huge thank you to all who donated to the restorations for our building fund and to Scott Franklin and the construction crew for getting completed with very limited impacts to the church activities. They did a wonderful job.

As we begin to move into the second half of the year, I am so excited to say that our church is again working hand in hand with the community of churches and the Women of Weston with regards to the Community Lifeline Center Food Distribution. If you would like to volunteer even further, please reach out to Shirley Larsen and I am sure she would be more than happy to help plug you in. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and is a wonderful way to minister and be the disciples that we are called to be. If you are in the area where the distribution is taking place with our other partners, please stop by and give them some encouragement and support.

As the children begin preparations to start school, this is a great time for us to begin looking for ways we can support our local children and those teachers that may need some additional supplies or resources to assist in their education or teaching activities. If you know of any child or teacher that is in need, please reach out to either me or the Elders of the church, so we can see how we can assist. Our children are our future and though it has been said so many times, it does take a village.

Please remember those of our church family that have been out due to physical issues, so please keep them in your prayers. Also, I would encourage you to reach out to them either by phone or even a card can make a huge difference. Let them know they are missed, and we are always there if they need us.

As I close, I would like to announce that for the month of August, I look forward to seeing everyone for services as we will be exploring a new series over the book of Philippians, as well as I would like to encourage everyone to come to the Adult Bible Study every Sunday morning. The study starts at 10:15 am and we are working our way through the book of Acts. Please come and join us. It is always great to gather and learn and glen from each other as we explore the Word of God.

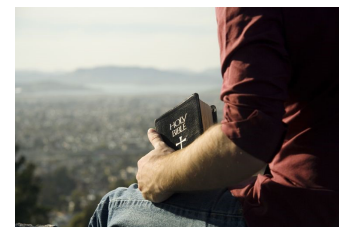
I look forward to seeing each of you and as always, Ginger and I are always praying for each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Doc Gardner and family

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

A Thank You is in Order

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18



The Holy Spirit says to me, pause ... and take your pick of some of your blessings. My sin has been forgiven. I have his Word and the Holy Spirit in my life for guidance. I have access to the peace that passes all human understanding, meaning everything is going to be OK. I have the promise of the Creator of the universe. I have the privilege to do the good works that he has prepared for me, not my works but His. His Spirit is present with me right now. He has given me specific gifts meant only for me to use, even when I am blind to them. That's just the tip of the iceberg, for instance all the physical needs that he meets for me personally and through others.

For every blessing, a thank you is in order. What are the results of saying thank you many times on a daily basis? I begin to appreciate my life as it is. I stop comparing and feeling jealous over the life others lead. I start solving the mysteries related to my restlessness. I gain increasing levels of contentment. I am more willing to work with the difficult circumstances in my life, versus running or withdrawing. I feel more joy, peace, and satisfaction. I am freer in my worship; I'm more welcoming and patient. I'm more loving and kinder. I'm much easier to approach and less judgmental. I am less confrontational. Not surprisingly, my relationships with God and people get a lot better.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We have continued to enjoy our study of *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible*.

We will be discussing the chapter on Esther which begins on page 185. This is a great time of bible study and fellowship with the women of our congregation. We welcome any friends and guests. Come join us August 14 at 9:30 for bible study and 11:00 for lunch.

Monday August 14

WOMEN'S
Bible Study

Last month, we ate at Anamia's in Prosper and took a moment to celebrate the birthday of Jeannie Greenwald. This month, we will be going to Haw Creek Tacos in Weston.



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR AUGUST

August 6	Living As If God Is In Control	Philippians 1:19-26	2 Timothy 3:12
August 13	Learning How To Live As A Servant	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:34
August 20	One Question	Matthew 5:1-12	
August 27	Learning How To Live A Life Of Loss	Philippians 3:12-14	John 15:20, I Peter 4:12

FINANCIAL REPORT - June

Income

Sunday Offerings:	\$6,236.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	.00
Special Offering:	.00
Building Fund Offering:	300.00
Miscellaneous:	729.70

Monthly Total Income:

\$7,265.70

Expenses

Salaries:	\$4,000.00
Utilities:	188.21
Supplies & Food:	111.14
Insurance:	.00
Taxes:	.00
Maintenance:	195.00
Miscellaneous:	.00

Monthly Total Expenses:

\$4,494.35



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort: Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Clark and Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary and Jerry Smith, Laura Latham, Janet Rippy, Sharon Olson.

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON



Our Back to School Luncheon and recognition of our educators will be **Sunday, August 13.**

Bring your best dish to share and enjoy the fun and fellowship.



08/01 Brad Chilton
 08/17 Mary Smith
 08/21 Gayle Strange
 08/22 Laura Latham
 08/29 Daisy Nicodemus
 08/31 Holly Franklin

08/18 Scott & Kim Tingle



COMMUNITY LIFELINE CENTER MOBILE DISTRIBUTION

We are excited to have the Community Lifeline Center back in our Weston community. Food distribution will be the second Saturday every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Area churches will take turns hosting the distribution.



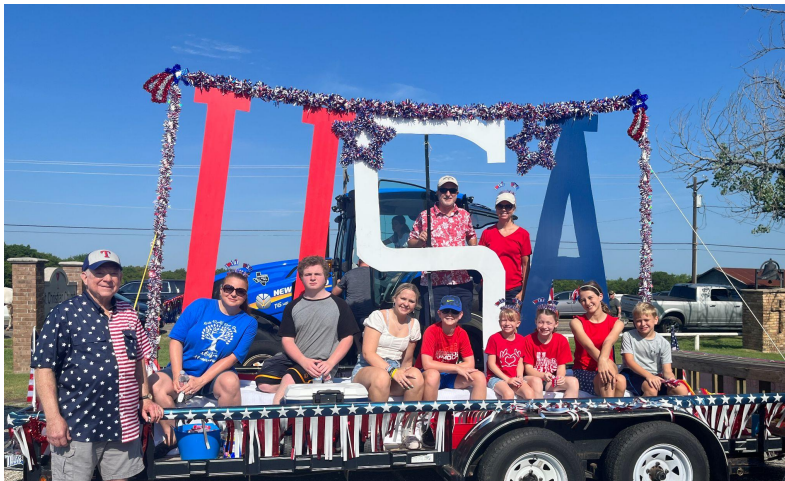
COMMUNITY LIFELINE CENTER
Mobile Food Distribution - Weston Texas
2nd Saturday of the month
10:00am to 12:00pm

2023 Schedule - Host Church and Location:

- August 12** **Calvary Chapel Honey Creek Weston**
115 West St in Weston TX
- September 9** **First Christian Church Weston**
100 Chicken St in Weston TX
- October 14** **First Baptist Church Weston**
300 Main St in Weston, TX
- November 11** **Bethel Baptist Church Celina**
115 West St in Weston TX



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



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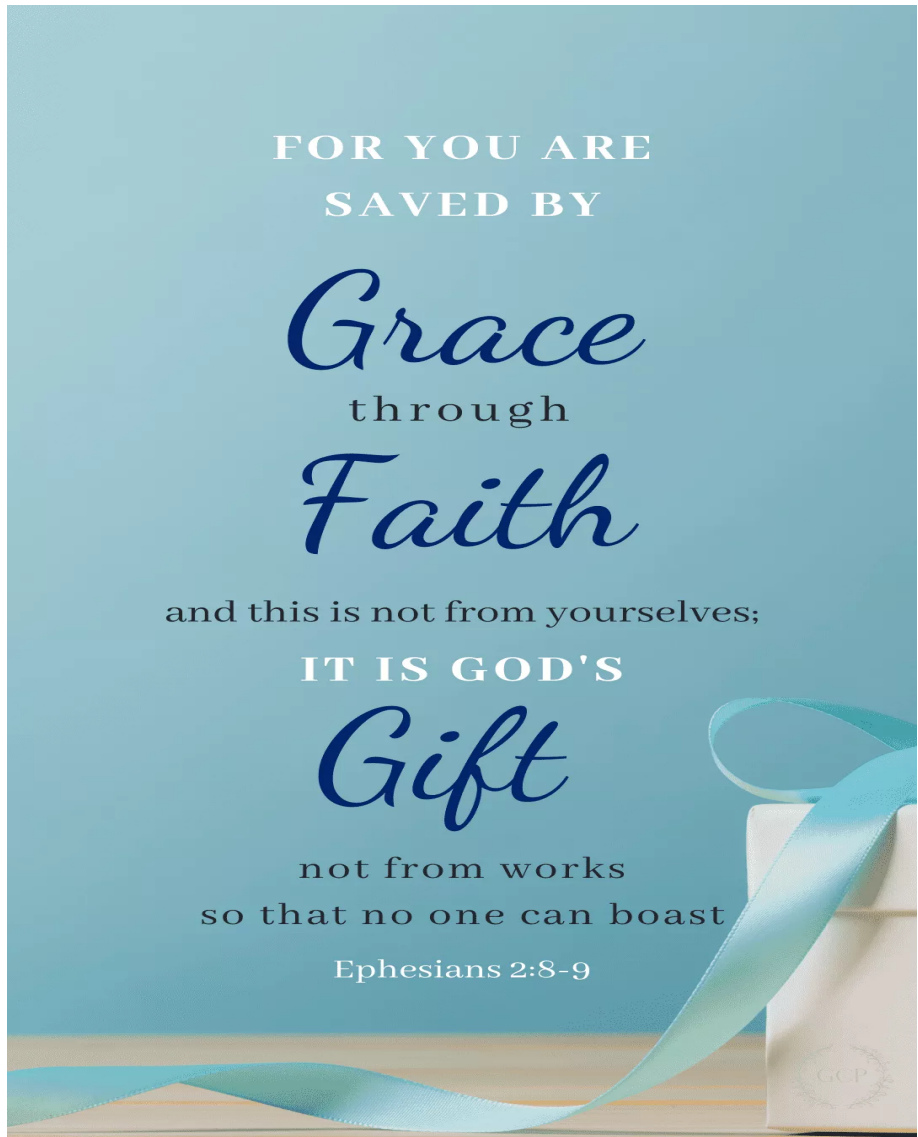
Service: Sundays 11 a.m.
Adult Bible Class: 10:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: during
Service

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**HYMN OF THE MONTH -
HAD IT NOT BEEN THE LORD**

This song was written by Debbie Dorman and is based on **Psalm 124**. On her website she states, "Written in 1991 after a youth retreat where street kids testified how God saved them from spiritual death and gave them Life. I read this Psalm as if for the first time. "The snare is broken and we have escaped!"



- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.