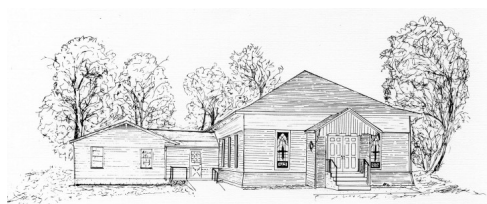




FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

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.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



UPCOMING events

October 2- Board Meeting
at 9:30 am

October 17- Combined
Women's Bible Study and
Luncheon

October 30 - Annual Chili
Cook-Off Luncheon

November 13 -
Community Thanksgiving
Service

December 9 and 10 - Live
Nativity

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Hello First Christian Church,

FALL IS HERE! Even though it may not feel that way at times. I know many have already started to decorate their homes for the season and have placed the pumpkin spice candles out.... I know, because when I return home, I get to experience that smell nightly. I think many people really like that smell, and I am not saying that I don't, but it is everywhere. You walk into the coffee shops, some stores, and grocery places.... BAM it is right there. I think it is the starting gun as a reminder that we are entering the holiday season. Maybe some need that boost to prepare them for what is to come. Family gatherings, large meals, and a deeper focus on a personal relationship with Jesus. There is so much that will be going on during the next few months.

As we begin to prepare for the holiday season, we will be participating in the Weston community festivities this year. We will be performing our annual nativity scene on December 9th and 10th while the community will be conducting hayrides around the town. HOW FUN! I am very hopeful that we will be visited with more visitors this year. With that, we are looking for as many volunteers to partake this year! What a great opportunity for us to reach out to the community and to show presence.

Also, we are hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Service. There are many details still in the works and contacts being made, but more information will be posted. So, keep a lookout for that. I am sure many are ready to cook their famous dishes and like so many, I am looking forward to experiencing those delicious and wonderful foods! Just don't forget the brownies!

Also, I almost forgot to mention that we will be having our Annual Chili Cook-off this month. So come out and enter your best chili and let's see who will walk away with the 1st place MASTER SPOON this year. I know it will be an enjoyable time of eating and fellowship.

So, as we prepare for the upcoming festivities. Remember to be the light and share the hope this wonderful time of year! We look forward to seeing the entire church family, and hopefully some new faces. So don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors so they too can experience these wonderful activities of food, laughter and fellowship.

In Christ,
Pastor Doc Gardner Sr.

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

God's men should expect our initiative to ignite His power and the gospel to deliver a powerful blow to the heart. God's man has an even greater promise. The power is always going to be there when he jumps into the mission of rescuing people. He will be carried, supported, and improved whether or not the person receives Christ. He will feel the power and energy that only come after obedience.

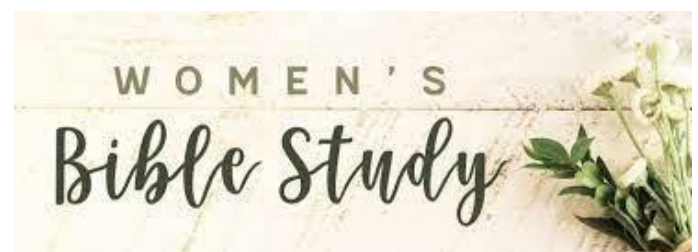
More times than not when sharing my faith, I have experienced something even greater than personal satisfaction — the power of salvation. Each incident of the sharing of the gospel has proven to me that God's power is waiting to be unleashed if we move against fear and reason to share our Lord with someone. That is the real eye-opener.

The goal is to get to this place of responsibility, availability, and all-important expectancy. With such faith in the gospel's power, our small role becomes clear and we learn to confidently trust in its ability over our own. In fact, when we risk sharing our faith frequently, our experience of God's power enables us to say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." This is where every God's man gets to be, in every facet of life. The problem is most men hedge their bets and stop short. We don't experience confidence until we risk sharing the gospel to get the results.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on October 17 for a combined Bible Study and Luncheon. We will meet at the building for our Bible study at 9:30 and then lunch will be at 11:00 at the Olive Garden in Prosper. We will be discussing Mary and Martha of Bethany. (pages 152-175)



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR OCTOBER

October 2 Fly the Kite Zechariah 4:6-10
 October 9 Cut the Rope Mark 4:35-39
 October 16 Wind the Clock Ephesians 5:16, 2 Peter 3:8
 October 23 Seed the Clouds I Kings 18:41-46, Psalm 126:1
 October 30 Being Positive in a Negative World Acts 17:16-34

**FINANCIAL REPORT - August****Income**

Sunday Offerings: \$7,970.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: .00
 Special Offering: .00
 Miscellaneous: .00

Expenses

Salaries: \$4,000.00
 Utilities: 265.87
 Supplies & Food: 451.09
 Insurance: .00
 Taxes: .00
 Maintenance: 130.00
 Miscellaneous: .00

Monthly Total Income:**\$7,970.00****Monthly Total Expenses:****\$4,846.96****15th Annual****Chili Cook-Off****October 30 after Service**

**Great Food
 Fun
 Fellowship
 Prizes**

HYMN OF THE MONTH - Trust and Obey

The hymn was inspired in 1886 when the composer of the music, Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919), was the music leader during one of Dwight L. Moody's famous revivals. Towner provided the following account cited by Moody's musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*:

"Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, 'I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born."

Sammis is said to have composed the lines of the refrain upon receiving the letter:

"Trust and obey—for there's no other way. To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

As is the case with most gospel songs, these lines provide the central theme around which all of the stanzas were written. The text and tune first appeared in the 1887 collection, *Hymns Old and New*, and the hymn has been included in countless hymnals since then.

Sammis was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a successful businessman in Logansport, Ind. Through his work with the YMCA he was called to the ministry, attended McCormick and Lane Seminaries, and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1880. After serving congregations in Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota, he joined the faculty of the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

Dr. Carlton Young (*UM Hymnal* editor) points out that this hymn "is concerned with the rewards of trusting God's word and obeying God's will." The ultimate reward, a heavenly one so common in hymnody, appears in the final stanza when the hymn writer muses that "in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet."

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-trust-and-obey>



Please keep Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Tadlock, Clark and Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary and Jerry Smith, in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sunday, November 6th, we will observe our annual Service of Remembrance for those members or friends and loved ones of our church family who have passed away during the preceding year. This service commemorates the legacy passed on to us in the church by those faithful persons who have lived and contributed so much to our lives, our church and our community. This is the time in our family of faith when we celebrate God's human triumphs. We remember and rejoice in these men and women in whom God's grace has won a victory over sin and death. We will be calling the names and lighting a candle to honor them. If you have a loved one that has passed in the past year, please let Karen Chilton know so we can make sure to include them.

OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries**Birthdays**

10/13 Scooter Cave
 10/13 Beth Worley
 10/14 Ivy Latham
 10/17 Jenna Jacques
 10/25 Grace Lambert
 10/25 Alyssa Tingle
 10/29 Graham Mitlyng

Anniversaries

10/12 Gloria and Dan Kautz
 10/31 Louis & Scooter Cave



Congratulations!

Brandon Tisserand

achieved two new personal records at his recent swim meet - one in the 200 meter backstroke and also in the 100 meter backstroke. Congrats to Brandon!



Cameron Dimock and fiancé, Quynh Pham, have welcomed a precious baby girl named Koda. She arrived September 16, 2022 weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22.5 inches long. We are so happy for Cameron and Quynh, along with new grandparents Andy and Kristie.

thank
you!

Thank you to Alice Burnett for filling in for Gloria these past six weeks. We were blessed by her piano accompaniment during service and appreciate her willingness to play for our congregation.

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