



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
- November 3 - Board Meeting
9:30am
- November 3 - Day of Remembrance Service
- November 17 - Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. - service
6:30 p.m. - meal
- December 1 - Advent Hanging of the Greens Service
- December 13 & 14 - LIVE NATIVITY
6:00pm to 8:30pm

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This week I am caring for our two oldest grandsons, Aiden (9) and Ethan (6), while Marge is in South Africa. And just today, Ethan lost his first baby tooth. The entire episode was epic. I was in the garage when he came out and announced he had a loose tooth, wiggling it with his tongue. By the time I got inside, big brother Aiden had taken it on himself to pull that tooth. He had Ethan backed against the wall, and like a MASH surgeon he had his grubby unwashed fingers locked around Ethan's tooth trying to lever it out. I thanked him for the effort and reassigned the task to Ethan himself. To assist we gathered at the computer to watch a few YouTube videos of kids pulling their own teeth. That changed his attitude from dread to gleeful optimism. He chose the string option. I doubled a piece of sewing thread from Ouma's sewing room and secured it around the tooth, which was now bent forward and ready to surrender. He grabbed the string in a tight fist, and with one hearty yank the tooth popped out. Ethan went bounding through the house in jubilation. We had to face-time mommy, daddy, and Ouma, all of whom promised that the Tooth Fairy would stop by tonight.



Isn't that the way it's supposed to be. Every day is full of blessings and adventure. November is always a time of sharing memories and giving thanks. I write these personal reflections with a spirit overflowing with gratitude for the four joyful years at FCC Weston— a journey that is rapidly coming to an end. But as I think back, my mind is a cup running over with good memories of all we have done together—the patriotic moments like the July 4th parade; nostalgic traditions, like the live nativity, caroling on the church steps, and the Christmas Eve candlelight service; fun moments like Mother's Day and Father's Day, and the children's parade on Palm Sunday; traditional fellowship events like the annual Chili Cook-off and the community Thanksgiving Service; outreach victories like gathering canned goods and clothing for Samaritan Inn; and unique spiritual moments like baptisms in the Dimocks' pool. I am grateful for the enthusiastic response of our leaders to several workshops, and their vision for new ways to minister to our burgeoning community. I am grateful for our newest members who have all blended so well and are putting their talents to use.

For me and Marge, these four years will also trigger a mix of pleasant and sad memories. We will recall that Marge's sister Pam and her husband Brian, visiting from South Africa, were with us at church on our first Sunday. We will remember the birth of our third grandson Dylan during that time, and two trips to South Africa to visit relatives, plus Marge's third sad reunion with family at the death her Brother Des. And I will remember your eager support of my trip to Zambia last year with a medical team called Mission Regan.

So, anticipating another wonderful Thanksgiving season, I say God bless you all. And as the song goes, "Thanks for the memories."

Brother Les

KEVIN DEAL MUSICAL GUEST ON OCTOBER 13

A big thank you to Kevin Deal for sharing his gift of music with our congregation. What a joyous sound!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING TO URBAN AIR

All the kids had a blast at the Sunday School outing on October 13th to Urban Air Adventure Park! Thank you to Danielle Chamberlin for organizing and the Tisserand family for hosting the event.



13TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

Our 13th Annual Chili Cook Off was a huge success. 11 chili entries this year and it was a tough decision for our judges. Thank you to everyone for participating.



**THANK YOU to our
wonderful Chili Judges!**



The WINNERS!

Karen Chilton
People's Choice

Tara Tisserand
Best Traditional

Keelan Dimock
Best Non-Traditional



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - NOVEMBER 17

It has become a tradition that around Thanksgiving the churches in Weston hold a service where good words, music and food remind us of a unity far more compelling than the doctrines and traditions that separate us. Someone said it's like the Pilgrims and Natives laying down hatchets and muskets to give thanks for the bountiful land they shared. Maybe that's not the best of comparisons, but suffice it to say every year we have a great time together.



This year on November 17, hosted by Calvary Chapel but held at the First Baptist Church, we're all invited to bring food to share. Service will commence at 5:30 pm followed by the meal around 6:30 pm. And as has become part of the tradition, our own Dr. Jim Mitlyng will make an appearance as Governor William Bradford, with his proclamation of peace and thanksgiving. Please join us!

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Sunday, November 3rd, 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. The saints are men and woman whose lives have reflected a wholeness and a glory. They are human beings who express clearly in our own persons the spiritual values of their times.



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 Kimberly Tisserand know so we can make sure to include them.

Sue Wilkins

Michael Strange

Paul Zimmerebner

Des Dye

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER

November 3	Living on the Ragged Edge	II Timothy 3:1-5
November 10	Troublesome Times	Matthew 24:1-8
November 17	Enduring to the End	Matthew 24:9-14
November 24	Suddenly the End	Matthew 24:36-42

LIVE NATIVITY

*A Celebration
of the birth of
Jesus Christ*

December 13 & 14, 2019

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm *Come & Go*

Live animals and actors

Christmas Carols and Refreshments Served

FREE to the Public

100 Chicken Street, Weston
Near FM 455 & FM 543 Intersection

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

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Please mark your calendar for our Live Nativity event on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14. This is a wonderful gift that we give to our community, but it takes lots of volunteers to make this event happen.

We will need volunteers to set up the manger scene, along with 7 actors to play parts. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall listing 30 minute shifts. You can work as many shifts as you would like on one or both dates.

Please sign up to work a shift as an actor.

Children can work shifts as well and earn volunteer hours.

Thank you for giving your time for this special gift to the community.

**BE JOYFUL ALWAYS.
PRAY CONTINUALLY.
GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST JESUS. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

HYMN OF THE MONTH - "GIVE THANKS"

This became one of worship leader Don Moen's most famous songs, however, it was not written by him. Following the introduction of the song during a worship service at the Williamsburg New Testament Church in Virginia in 1978, a military couple reintroduced it to a congregation in Germany. The song eventually caught the attention of executives at Integrity Music. When Integrity's Hosanna! Music copyrighted the song in 1986, the author was unknown. After the *Give Thanks* album was released, the song was brought to the attention of original writer Henry Smith, who contacted Integrity with authorship information. Integrity later included songwriting credits on all subsequent releases, along with a writer-publisher agreement. As of 2010, the song has been recorded by over 50 companies and published in songbooks around the world.



OCTOBER BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the September board meeting.
- Marilyn Chamberlin presented the financial report. One bill was paid two times in the same month just because of how the bills hit our account. Income was \$7,971.65 and expenses were \$5,947.41.
- Les Massey presented the updated constitution and by-laws. Board members need to read over the revised constitution and by-laws and submit final changes to Les Massey.
- Kimberly Tisserand has contacted Texas Aerographics and received a layout design of the sign. The signs will be ordered this week. The bottom of the sign needs to be at least 5 feet tall and possibly adding hooks at the bottom to put changeable informational signs up on the signs.
- Scooter Cave presented quotes for remodeling and fixing items at the church. Artisan Construction Group and Scott's Home Remodeling submitted quotes for painting the inside of the church, replacing doors, kitchen remodel and servicing the front steps and leveling of the church. The church needs to be leveled before any work can be done. We will get a second bid from Cunningham for leveling the church. Kimberly Tisserand will contact both companies regarding their quotes.
- Live Nativity will be on December 13-14, 2019.
- Members of the New Minister Committee will be Andy Dimock, Marilyn Chamberlin, Karen Chilton, and Danielle Chamberlin.
- Next meeting will be November 3, 2019 at 9:30 am.

SEPTEMBER TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$7,969.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
 Special Offering: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$2.65

Monthly Total:
\$7,971.65

Expenses

Salaries: \$5,175.00
 Utilities: \$361.30
 Supplies & Food: \$82.21
 Insurance: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$228.90
 Taxes: \$0.00
 Maintenance: \$100.00

Monthly Total:
\$5,947.41

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

11/04 Vernon Fleet
 11/09 Dakota Poen
 11/11 Heather Carter
 11/12 TexieAnna Forkner
 11/15 Brice Lambert
 11/15 Delaney Waco
 11/18 Ann Winnette
 11/22 Les Massey
 11/22 Shelby Carter
 11/26 Janet Rippy
 11/26 John Neill

Anniversaries

11/12 Mike & Angie Poen
 11/23 Jim & Susan Mitlyng
 11/27 Larry & Brenda Lambert

Let's Celebrate



Don't forget to  **FALL BACK** 
 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time.

**Change your clocks
 before you go to bed
 on November 2nd**

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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

LET OUR
hearts
BE FULL OF BOTH
THANKS *AND*
giving



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, Les Massey, Austin Daughtery, Jerry & Mary Smith, Beverly Witt, Colton Watkins, Louis Cave, Joyce Arthur and Marge 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.