



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*

- Children's Sunday School - during service
- Adult Sunday School - 10:15 am
- April 4 - Easter Special Offering
- April 4 - Easter Sunday
- April 11 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- May 9 - Mother's Day Celebration
- June 20 - Father's Day Celebration

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Christ is Victorious!

There is a hymn by the title of "Victory in Jesus," and the lyrics of the chorus are: "Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He sought me, and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!"

I doubt any of us would ever say we like to experience defeat in our lives. At least for me, I would rather be a part of a winning team than a losing team. My friend, I pray that we remember it's because of our Savior's Resurrection over 2,000 years ago that the victory WAS, IS, and WILL BE ours!



We live in a world right now that seems to have the upper hand, as we look around and see sin and its consequences in so many areas. While knowledge has increased exponentially over the past 100 years, the capacity for sin has also been on the rise. We are confronted daily with this fact, and for those who know Christ, we often find ourselves crying out for the return of Christ. Remember, the Old Testament promised the first coming of Jesus as prophecies often told about one who was to come. The Father sent Jesus in the "fullness of time" to die on a cross and ultimately rise from the grave in victory!

This was more than a temporary victory but is one that will continue to reverberate throughout the endless ages of eternity! Jesus rose from the grave in victory, and because He lives, we live also!

John 14:19 (NKJV) "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. That scripture reminds me of another powerful song written by Bill Gaither with the title "Because He Lives," and the lyrics are as follows:

"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!"

I would encourage you today to keep your eyes on Jesus as you move through this journey of life. He is victorious still!

Pastor Dr. Gardner

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us this Easter for an outdoor service under our tabernacle as we celebrate the hope, peace & victory of Jesus Christ! Service begins at 11:00 am.

There will be no adult Sunday school prior to the service.



APRIL BOARD MEETING—DATE CHANGE

Our April board meeting will be moved to April 11, 2021 so as to not conflict with our Easter service. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

Can you imagine a relationship with a friend who contacts you only when he needs a favor or to say he's sorry? That person would not be your best friend or even a close friend.

Mitch is Glenn's good buddy. When they connect, something happens. A certain infectious spirit takes over. Their friendship reflects their history, their many experiences, their conversations, their past mountain bike rides, and their pains suffered. They know each other well and it shows when they talk. There's passion in their voices. Both men walk away from their conversations feeling jazzed, comforted, understood, or connected in a good way. They are on the same page. They each tap into the other.

We're afraid that too many men don't realize they can have an even better friend-to-friend relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's not about putting in a lot of prayer time to make that happen; there is no obligation in their meeting — that would be misunderstanding the context and purpose of the meeting of prayer. Instead, when God's man puts prayer into the realm of interacting with God, he talks to God not only when he's seeking relief or comfort but (more important) because God is an indispensable, intimate confidant. Just as Mitch's encounters and experience with Glenn have earned Mitch the "first call," so has the encounter with Jesus. The cross earned Him the right to our "first call."



PALM SUNDAY

We had a wonderful outdoor service for Palm Sunday!
Thank you to everyone who participated, helped set up,
decorate and clean up. It was truly appreciated.



HYMN OF THE MONTH - "THANK YOU, LORD"

"Thank You, Lord" was written by Dennis Jernigan on February 6, 1990. The song is based on *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

Dennis Jernigan said that he wanted to write a song about being honest to Christ about how imperfect we all are. He stated, "The things we think will be the most devastating to us (like sharing what we once were) God wants to use to affect the lives of others who have believed a lie. Those who have believed they must hide their sin, when all the while Jesus is simply calling us to be honest and tell Him how we hurt and how we have hurt others. "Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so!" This song is my thanks to Jesus for taking a trashed out life and making a vessel for His glory out of it. It's also meant to be a boast in the face of Satan and a weapon to break down hardened hearts.



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR APRIL

April 4	From Locked Doors to Joyful Praise	John 20:20 and Luke 24:52-53
April 11	Spiritual Inventory	Philippians 3:12-14
April 18	The Journey Begins	Hebrews 11:6
April 25	Leading the Way	Hebrews 13:17

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday school has begun!

Join us at 10:15 am before our service for a wonderful lesson on the bible.



FEBRUARY TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$4,057.00	Salaries: \$4,300.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$415.85
Special Offering: \$548.00	Supplies & Food: \$88.45
Miscellaneous: \$2.97	Insurance: \$1,878.06
	Miscellaneous: \$0.00
	Taxes: \$0.00
Monthly Total:	Maintenance: \$2,345.00
\$4,607.97	
	Monthly Total:
	\$9,027.36

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Anniversaries
04/04 Laura Welch	04/21 John & Tralyn Tadlock
04/14 Linda Hornbaker	04/22 Andy & Kristie Dimock
04/14 Betty Fowler	
04/18 Marilyn Chamberlin	
04/23 Kim Tingle	



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HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR



Prayer Requests

Please keep Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Michael and Linda Waco, Nancy Neill, Amy Davey, Louis Cave, Betty Fowler, Angie Poen, Tralyn Tadlock, Mary and Jerry Smith, and The Cave family 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.