



# First Christian News

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*



## UPCOMING events

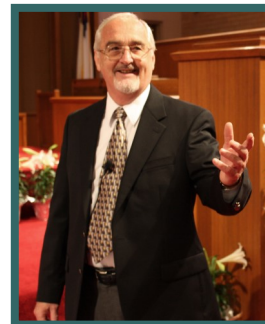
- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
  - During service
- October 6 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- October 6 - Reconciliation Ministry  
Special Offering Collected
- **October 13 - Children's outing to  
Urban Air Adventure Park in  
McKinney after church**
- October 13 - Kevin Deal,  
guest singer
- **October 27 - 13th Annual Chili  
Cook Off Luncheon**
- November 3 - Day of Remembrance  
Service

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## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The month of October is commonly noted for Halloween, which in recent years has become America's number one fun holiday. It's the only time you can go house to house and collect candy. But it is mostly known for its connection with ancient superstitions about evil spirits, witches and ghosts. Some people call it fright night. Television is dominated by horror movies, and lots of folks visit haunted houses simply because they love to be scared out of their wits.



Halloween is actually a blend of at least three ancient festivals: The Roman festival of Pomona (goddess of harvest); the Celtic feast of Samhain (the end of summer and the beginning of the dark months) when the Druids lit fires to ward off spirits; and the early Christian celebration called All Saint's Day, which follows on November 1. The name Halloween means Holy Evening, the last fling of evil spirits before the saints are honored. So, all this has been blended together into a giant pumpkin pie, mostly fun but with roots in ancient superstition. And a lot of people in our own culture really believe in ghosts, demons, and witchcraft, and therefore see Halloween celebration as a dangerous flirtation with Satan.

However, most Americans, and I would think most Christians, see in Halloween a celebration of enlightenment and freedom from superstition and fear. James Tolle writes "No enemy of mankind has caused more misery and unhappiness than fear. It cripples constructive effort; it prompts cowardly actions and words; it produces confused and frantic minds; it causes restless and sleepless nights; it paralyzes the will, destroys inner unity, upsets physical health, and shortens lives. Fear is first, last and always a curse and blight on mankind." My understanding of the principles of Christian faith includes a confidence in relationship that supersedes all dangers and assuages all fears. We believe that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death, and he has chained all the forces of darkness. There are many dangers in life, and genuine physical safety is tenuous at best. But there is no power that can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8) nor rob us of our spiritual life. Therefore we have no reason to fear. Someone has said that courage is simply fear that has prayed. Psalm 23 is famous, and brings comfort any time we read it. Most of all the words: "Even though I walk through valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Enjoy the season, and be not afraid.

Brother Les

## **CHILI COOK OFF LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 27TH**

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Our 13th Annual Chili Cook Off will be on Sunday, October 27th immediately following our church service. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board for you to sign up to bring your winning chili, cornbread, fixings or dessert. And make sure to have the kids wear their Halloween costumes for the costume parade. It will definitely be a fun event!



## RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING COLLECTED OCTOBER 6

We will be collecting our Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering on October 6. The Special Offering is used to fund the Disciples of Christ Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.



Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

## 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*

## SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR OCTOBER

October 6	Head to Head With Satan	Matthew 4:1-11
October 13	Cost of Discipleship	Mark 8:34-37
October 20	The Essence of Worship	Romans 12:1-2
October 27	Harry Potter	Acts 8:9-13

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the August board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the Financial Report. In August, the church paid insurance which we pay quarterly, so that is a larger expense. We gave \$200 to the Weston Fire Department.
- Kimberly Tisserand received the permit from the city and will get the two signs ordered. Texas Aerographics is the company we will order from.
- Daniel Tisserand went to AT&T and changed over our land line to be a land line including wireless hot spot. The name is FCCWeston and the password is fccweston. Cost was \$260 total for equipment. \$60 plus \$16.50 in taxes have been paid and the rest will be on our monthly bills.
- Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Everyone invite friends and family. If weather permits, we will have it outside under the tabernacle. The children will participate in a costume parade and each child will be given a goody bag. Categories will be Best Traditional (red base chili with no beans), Best Non-Traditional (anything else) and People's Choice.
- We need to form a search committee consisting of 3-5 people from the church. A suggestion was made by Clark Neill to change in the constitution, Article 4, to read 3-5 people instead of 3 people. Les Massey has some people who might be interested.
- Larry Lambert visited with Mr. Hayes who owns the 8 acres of land across the road from the church. Mr. Hayes said that he is interested in selling and he would let us know cost.
- Scooter Cave has two contacts for handyman/remodeling and will contact them for quotes for work at the church. Possible ideas are painting of the fellowship hall, remodeling the kitchen, storage for table and chairs, etc. Andy Dimock will also contact Jason Miller for quotes as well.
- Next meeting will be October 6, 2019 at 9:30 am.

## AUGUST TREASURY REPORT

### Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,485.00  
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00  
 Special Offering: \$0.00  
 Miscellaneous: \$2.77

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$6,487.77**

### Expenses

Salaries: \$6,900.00  
 Utilities: \$0.00  
 Supplies & Food: \$98.14  
 Insurance: \$1,908.36  
 Miscellaneous: \$100.00  
 Taxes: \$0.00  
 Maintenance: \$230.00

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$9,236.50**

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

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

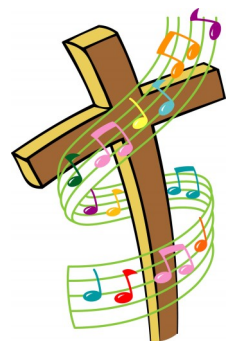
*Celebrate*

## HYMN OF THE MONTH - "HE HIDETH MY SOUL"

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) was Blind from six weeks old because of a surgical mishap. She could not see with her natural eyes, but she could see with her heart. She could not explain what a human face looked like, but she knew the face of God. She supported herself as a teacher at a blind school, she had dear and close friends around the world, and she wrote and published thousands of beautiful hymns, many that are still sung today. Regarding her plight in life she wrote the following words:

*"It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank Him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."*

For those who have natural sight, but are blind to the things of God, Fanny Crosby's songs bring a sense of His Presence.





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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](mailto:tisserand@outlook.com)

# How being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**.



God picks You from the patch and brings You in.  
~~~~~ (John 15: 16) ~~~~~

Then He washes all the dirt off of You.  
~~~~~ (2 Corinthians 5: 17) ~~~~~

He opens You up and scoops out all the Yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed etc.  
~~~~~ (Romans 6: 6) ~~~~~

Then He carves You a new smiling face.  
~~~~~ (Psalm 71: 23) ~~~~~

And He puts His light inside You to shine for all the world to see.  
~~~~~ (Matthew 5: 16) ~~~~~

## 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 and the Montgomery 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.