



# FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

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*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

- June 2  
Board Meeting 9:30
- June 2  
Weston Homecoming Luncheon after services
- June 8  
Community Lifeline Distribution 9:30 - 12:00
- June 10  
Women's Bible Study and Lunch 9:30/11:00  
54th Street - McKinney
- June 16  
Father's Day
- July 4  
Weston 4th of July Parade

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Dear Church,

As we welcome the month of June, we find ourselves at the halfway point of the year. This is a moment for reflection on our progress and a renewed commitment to our goals. June, with its vibrant energy and longer days, offers us an opportunity to redouble our efforts and make substantial strides in our collective journey.

Last month we celebrated the mothers of our congregational family, and we are reminded of the profound influence and immeasurable love that mothers bring into our lives. Every day should be a special day, a time for us to reflect on the vital role they play within our families, our communities, and particularly within our church. Mothers are often the silent pillars of strength and faith, guiding their families with wisdom and grace. Their nurturing spirit and unwavering dedication are reflections of the love that God bestows upon us. Just as Mary, the mother of Jesus, exemplified faith, devotion, and sacrifice, so too do our mothers embody these virtues in their daily lives. Within the church, mothers hold a unique and cherished place. They are often the first to teach us about God's love, the importance of prayer, and the values of compassion and kindness. Through their example, they instill in us the principles of our faith and the significance of living a life devoted to service and love for others.

This month, we will celebrate our Father's. It is a day dedicated to honoring and appreciating fathers and father figures for their vital role in families and society. This day provides an opportunity to express gratitude for the love, guidance, and sacrifices that fathers make. Fathers hold a special place in the church, reflecting the biblical portrayal of God as a loving and protective father. The church recognizes the significant influence fathers have on their children's spiritual development and moral upbringing. Fathers are often seen as spiritual leaders within the family, tasked with nurturing the faith and values of their children. In many Christian traditions, Father's Day is a time to celebrate and encourage fathers in their roles. Church services on Father's Day may include special prayers, blessings, and sermons that emphasize the importance of fatherhood. These services often highlight biblical figures who exemplify the qualities of a good father, such as Abraham, Joseph (the earthly father of Jesus), and St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. Moreover, the church acknowledges that fatherhood goes beyond biological ties, recognizing the contributions of stepfathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and other male mentors who provide support and guidance. The inclusive nature of this celebration reflects the broader understanding of fatherhood as a relationship built on love, care, and responsibility. Father's Day in the church is not only about celebrating but also about reflecting on the responsibilities and challenges of fatherhood. It is a time to encourage fathers to seek strength and wisdom through their faith, to be patient, kind, and steadfast in their roles. Churches often provide resources and support for fathers, helping them to grow in their faith and fulfill their responsibilities with grace and integrity. In essence, Father's Day is a special time for the church to honor and uplift fathers, recognizing their profound impact on the family and community. It is a celebration of their dedication, a reminder of their sacred role, and an encouragement to continue walking in faith and love.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to our community's well-being. Your contributions, whether big or small, are the driving force behind our progress. As we navigate through June, let's continue to work together with hope and determination, building a brighter future for all, in and around Weston.

Thank you, and let's make June a month of positivity, progress, and unity.

In Christ,  
Doc Gardner and Family

## MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

### We Change, He Doesn't

***“God is not human, that he should lie, not a human, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill.”*** –

Numbers 23:19



You have relationships and situations and obstacles and things that require the inside of you to match the outside. For you to walk in truth, you need to transform. What does that look like? Growth.

Growth requires change and change requires shifts in the way you think so that you can then make the needed changes in the way you live. This often includes some pretty difficult or demanding shifts in the way you believe, so that you can get shifts in the ways you behave. In other words, action often follows thought; your behaviors reflect your beliefs.

With the shifts we make in our believing and living, our hope is that the changes produce a positive effect—a deeper spiritual life, closer relationships, more health in our lives. There is a billion-dollar industry that is trying to help us do that: counselors, self-help gurus, books, and tons of digital content that's all trying to help us make these shifts so that we can get more healthy in our lives. Therapy can be awesome—I'm an advocate. But there's also stuff out there that's just not that helpful because it doesn't point us to Christ.

Question: who or what becomes your reference point to making the needed shift we all need to make? What's your key source so that you can become more healthy, more mature, a better husband, a better dad? There's a plethora of reference points that you can turn to that will say, "Hey, let us help you change." Some are good, some aren't.

You want your reference point to be Christ so that you can get God's best wisdom and God's best results. We call those results blessings, and those are the results that we want. Our key reference point is our Creator made known in the person of Christ who reveals to His children the best way to live. This revelation comes from your choice to depend on His word and His Spirit that He has placed in you to guide you into all truth.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our study continues this month with the chapter *Ruth and Boaz*. This chapter looks at their relationship and the concept of second chances. Most of us are familiar with this story but as we have seen in other chapters of this book, Shannon challenges us to look at things in a way we might not have previously. Make plans to attend our next study and lunch on June 10th!



We had a great turn out in May and appreciate all the women who took time to attend. We had a nice lunch at Olive Garden in Prosper. This month, we plan to have lunch at 54th Street in McKinney.

**SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JUNE**

| Date | Title                         | Scripture  |
|------|-------------------------------|--|
| 6/02 | A Living Hope                 | 1 Peter 1:1-3                                    |
| 6/09 | Living With Great Expectation | 1 Peter 1:8-12                                   |
| 6/16 | The Amazing Grace Highway     | 1 Peter 1:13-2:3, Romans 12:2, Deuteronomy 18:19 |
| 6/23 | Swimming Upstream             | 1 Peter 2:11-12, 1 Peter 2:24-25                 |
| 6/30 | Somebody's Watching Us        | 1 Peter 2:12-23                                  |

**FINANCIAL REPORT - April**

| Income                  |            | Expenses         |            |                        |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Sunday Offerings:       | \$5,742.85 | Salaries:        | \$4,600.00 | <b>Total Income:</b>   |
| Memorial Gift Fund:     | 100.00     | Utilities:       | 320.56     | \$ 6,051.26            |
| Special Offering:       | .00        | Supplies & Food: | 90.87      |                        |
| Building Fund Offering: | 200.00     | Insurance:       | 2,503.98   |                        |
| Miscellaneous:          | 8.41       | Taxes:           | .00        | <b>Total Expenses:</b> |
|                         |            | Maintenance:     | 2,700.00   | \$10,219.81            |
|                         |            | Miscellaneous:   | 4.40       |                        |



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort: Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Scooter and Louis Cave, Sandra Zimmerebner, Laura Latham, Janet Rippy, Clark and John Neill, Amy Davey, Mary and Jerry Smith, Melanie Starr, Doc and Ginger Gardner, Blaise Ramer.



**MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM FOR JUNE - Ramen Noodles**

This month we will collect ramen noodles for our Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall. Collected items are being donated to Grace Bridge in Celina.



06/05 Jerry Smith  
 06/06 Tina Ramer  
 06/07 Susan Mitlyng  
 06/08 Andy Dimock  
 06/12 Scott Tingle  
 06/14 Gloria Kautz  
 06/16 Tessa Jacques  
 06/27 Larry Lambert  
 06/27 Tara Tisserand  
 06/30 Jake Ramer

06/02 Daniel & Kimberly Tisserand  
 06/08 Brad & Karen Chilton  
 06/09 Mike & Janet Rippy  
 06/10 Danny & Debbie Terra

**CHURCH BUILDING WORK UPDATE**

Several projects have been completed regarding the church building and grounds. The big cottonwood tree has been removed. The bell on the historical marker and the railing were painted. Broken windows have been replaced and the windows in the library, office and bathrooms were reglazed. New storm windows were installed on those windows along with new storm windows on all the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. New screens were added to the windows in the fellowship hall. The plexiglass in the marquee sign has been replaced.



A big thank you goes out to Scott Franklin and Clark Neill. Last week, the cottonwood tree on the east side of the sanctuary lost a limb which hit the church when it fell. Several shingles were damaged. Scott replaced the damaged shingles. Clark cut up and removed the fallen limbs and debris. We appreciate the dedication of these men to our congregation and to our historic church building.



**Brandon Tisserand** was selected to be a part of the McKinney North Honors Band. He was one of only five to be selected. We are proud of Brandon and his great achievement!!



Congratulations to **Ty Ferguson** on his recent graduation from Prosper High School. Ken Bean presented Ty a devotional book and check from the church in recognition of this milestone.



Congratulations to **Cade Ferguson** on his recent graduation from the University of Arkansas.



### UPCOMING EVENTS



The **Weston Homecoming** will be held Sunday, June 2, after services. A luncheon will be prepared and will take place in the tabernacle. Bring your favorite dish and join the fun.



Make plans to join us on Thursday, July 4th, for the annual **4th of July Parade** in Weston. We will have a float and we will need persons to help build the float on Wednesday and also ride the day of the parade. Mark your calendar for this fun day!

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**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

First Christian Church - Weston will help with the Community Lifeline Center distribution for June. This will be on June 8 from 9:30 - 12:00. Distribution location is at Calvary Chapel Honey Creek in Weston. All distributions are being held at the Calvary Chapel site to keep the location consistent. We will need volunteers that day to help with loading food for clients and possibly delivery of food items.

***And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40***