



# 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.*



## SINGING SERVICE

### A big THANK YOU to

Brad Chilton for leading our singing service in February, Clark Neill for stepping in to do prayers and communion and Gloria Kautz for her fantastic piano playing!!!



## UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
  - During service
- March 1 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- March 22-29 - Michael Strange Memorial Food and Clothing Drive benefitting Grace Bridge and Samaritan Inn
- No Board Meeting in April
- April 5 - Palm Sunday (Processional, Luncheon, Easter Egg Hunt)
- April 12 - Easter Sunday

## HYMN OF THE MONTH - "SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

One of the most notable "Spirit Songs" of the twentieth century is "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place" by African American gospel songwriter Doris Mae Akers (1923-1995). Born in Brookfield, Missouri, Ms. Akers connected with some of the most important gospel songwriters of her era until her death in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Sweet, sweet Spirit" expresses in simple, heartfelt language the work of the Holy Spirit as it works in the life of the church. It is a fitting hymn for Pentecost Sunday or any Sunday where God's people gather to worship.

One of ten children, Dot Akers, as many called her, demonstrated her interest in music at the young age of six, teaching herself to play the piano by ear. By ten, she had composed her first song, "Keep the fire burning in me," and by age twelve had organized a five-piece jazz band, "Dot Akers and Her Swingsters." In 1945, Akers moved to Los Angeles. Soon after arriving, she joined the Sallie Martin Singers as a pianist and singer, formed the Akers Singers, and established her own publishing company, Akers Music House. In 1958, Akers formed the Sky Pilot Choir, the first interracial choir in Los Angeles. This choir was devoted to African American gospel music. She formed a relationship with Manna Music in the mid-1950s, just a few years before she composed "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" in 1962.

Known affectionately as "Miss Gospel Music," she was involved in every aspect of the industry from composing, arranging, publishing, choir directing, recording, as well as performing as a soloist and with ensembles. In 2001, Doris Akers was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

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## A PRECIOUS BABY BOY ARRIVED

Congratulations to Mary and Jerry Smith on becoming Great Grandparents! Their granddaughter, Shelby gave birth to Carter Rex Gee on February 4, 2020. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. What a blessing!



## VALENTINE LUNCHEON

We had a wonderful Valentine luncheon a couple weeks ago. It was full of food, fellowship and fun!



Don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD 1 hour Saturday night.

## JANUARY TREASURY REPORT

### Income

Sunday Offerings: \$7,008.00  
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00  
 Special Offering: \$0.00  
 Miscellaneous: \$1,916.21

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$8,924.21**

### Expenses

Salaries: \$2,825.00  
 Utilities: \$333.09  
 Supplies & Food: \$261.39  
 Insurance: \$0.00  
 Miscellaneous: \$45.00  
 Taxes: \$0.00  
 Maintenance: \$2,795.00

**Monthly Total:**  
**\$6,259.48**

## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

03/07 David Ferguson  
 03/08 Travis Taylor  
 03/10 Yvonne Heistand  
 03/14 Clark Hornbaker  
 03/14 Joel Worley  
 03/18 Theresa Taylor  
 03/20 Noah Shirley  
 03/21 Amanda Jones  
 03/26 Amy Davey  
 03/27 Cade Ferguson

### Anniversaries

03/08 Jess & Barbara Harlow  
 03/13 Brady & Leslie Tingle  
 03/16 Ivy & Laura Latham  
 03/19 Les & Marge Massey  
 03/28 David & Holly Ferguson  
 03/29 Jerry & Mary Smith



## MICHAEL STRANGE MEMORIAL CLOTHING & FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Michael Strange Memorial clothing and food drive will run from March 22 through March 29 and it will support of Grace Bridge food bank and The Samaritan Inn of McKinney.

We are collecting children's and adult clothing, shoes, as well as regular size non-perishable food items. Industrial size cans of food are not needed.

You can bring your donations beginning March 22 and place them on the table in the fellowship hall.



Non perishable food items | kids clothing | adult clothing | shoes

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Mike Rippy presented the financial report. Offerings in January were \$7,008.00 and expenses were \$6,259.48. The church purchased a tree and Ivy Latham planted it to replace the Guy Perry memorial tree. Mike Poen will send a crew out to check our irrigation system to make sure all our sprinkler heads and driplines are working correctly.
- Andy Dimock stated that most of the applicants are asking for more salary then our church has allocated. Mr. David Hargrave is a possibility. He currently lives in Arlington. Andy Dimock will contact him to come guest preach.
- Clark Neill presented remodeling quotes. The quotes are from Scott's Home Remodeling and Artisan Construction Group. The Board feels that the quote from Jason Miller with Artisan Construction Group is a better fit for our church. Clark Neill will set up a meeting with Jason Miller to discuss the quote further.
- Andy Dimock has the new steps ready for the baptistry and will install those within the next 6 weeks.
- Michael Strange Memorial Clothing & Food Drive will be March 22 – 29, 2020.
- Karen Chilton informed the Board of a possible service project with Feed My Starving Children. We will reserve a date and we need 25-30 people to volunteer. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall.
- We will not have a board meeting in April.
- Next meeting will be on March 1, 2020 at 9:30 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



HENCE I CANNOT BE SILENT,  
AND INDEED I OUGHT NOT TO BE,  
ABOUT THE MANY BLESSINGS  
AND THE GREAT GRACE WHICH THE LORD  
HAS DEIGNED TO BESTOW UPON ME.

SAINT PATRICK



Please keep Heather Carter, Lester and Jeannie Greenwald, Michael and Linda Waco, Christian Dimock, Kyle Schindler, Brian Larson, Kim Rogers, Nancy Neill, Amy Davey, Austin Daughtery, Jerry & Mary Smith, Louis Cave, Catherine Worsham, Margaret Marlar and Hudson Biggio 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.