



# FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

April 2023

*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

April 2  
Palm Sunday Luncheon and  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 9  
Easter

April 10  
Women's Bible Study and  
Lunch

May 7  
Board Meeting 9:30

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Dear FCC Church Family,

Hosanna to the King! Hosanna to our Lord Jesus! Many of us will be singing and shouting these words of praise and adoration this coming month. Our Holy Week is about to come upon us and there is much to be thankful for and much to give glory to Yeshua.

Many interpret "Hosanna" as a shout of praise or adoration made in recognition of the messiahship of Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, "*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*" which forms part of the Sanctus prayer. Since those welcoming Jesus were Jewish, as of course Jesus himself was, others would interpret that cry on the entry of Jesus, as a cry by the people for salvation and rescue.

Regardless of how we or others interpret the meaning or use of this word, we all have a reason to shout it to the church rafters. So, as we prepare for this coming time of Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday (Easter) let us remember that during Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, He let nothing stop Him or deter Him from His goal...salvation for us all.

Speaking of the church rafters, our building is getting a facelift and it is coming along nicely. Not only did the stained glass windows get repaired, but the siding is being replaced. I would like to thank each and every one of our faithful members, the stewardship of the leadership, both past and present, and praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon the church body which has allowed for these well needed updates to our house of worship. I am jumping (not literally, just figuratively) with anticipation to see the outcome. Also, many thanks to all those that have been actively involved in the planning, preparation, focus and effort on making these changes happen and a reality.

Before I go, I would like to remind everyone of the challenge for this coming Holy Week. Bring a friend, invite someone you never have or never thought of inviting to our Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday services. We have so much to be thankful for because of Jesus. Like the hope, the love, the forgiveness and most of all a true and deep relationship with our Heavenly Father. It would be a shame to keep it to ourselves, especially when we know how our lives have been forever changed because of Jesus' devotion to go to the cross. Remember, leave those you encounter, better than they were before you were there. A single smile can change the perspective of the day and a kind word can change the outcome of a life.

In Christ and with much prayer of blessings to all! Happy Easter!

Pastor Dr. Damon Gardner Sr.

## **MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL**

**For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12**

Inside of every God's man there is a living, breathing whirlpool of supernatural power. Through prayer, our faith is placed in a powerful person and in His promises. Consider these promises: "Because he loves me," says the Lord; "I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name" — "I will never leave you" — "I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him" — "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — "I will be found by you," declares the Lord." — "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." — "I will respond personally and reveal powerful truth." All these promises come from his mighty Word.

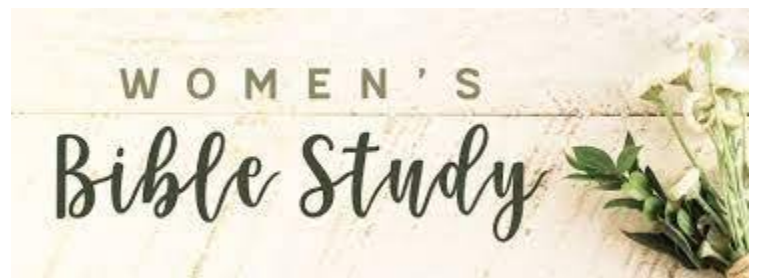


Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

God's man has a clear invitation to tap into God's personal storehouse of power and purpose. Just as the Colorado River was waiting for Arthur Davis to harness its power, God is waiting for us to tap into His awesome strength. The reality, for many of us, is that we are either clueless to the personal benefits of prayer and faith in His promises or too hurried to slow down and get into the practice of prayer and the reading of His promises. We need to "think different," as the Apple computer ads say.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY and LUNCH BUNCH**

Our Women's Bible Study and Lunch Bunch is going strong! We have had several women outside our congregation come to study with us. We are very blessed to have them join us. The next chapter we will study is *Rebekah* beginning on page 81.



Plan to be a part of our next meeting which will be April 10. We meet at 9:30 for our bible study and then end in time to arrive at the restaurant around 11:00. We will be going to the new Chili's in Anna.

**SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR MARCH**

April 2	Our Next Generation	Psalms 78
April 9	A Thin Place	Psalms 122
April 16	Sing, Sing, Sing	Psalms 96
April 23	The Song of Moses	Psalms 90
April 30		

**FINANCIAL REPORT - January**

Income		Expenses	Monthly Total Income:
Sunday Offerings:	\$6,932.00	Salaries:	\$4,000.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	.00	Utilities:	705.16
Special Offering:	.00	Supplies & Food:	205.01
Building Fund Offering:	500.00	Insurance:	.00
Miscellaneous:	10.67	Maintenance:	195.00
		Miscellaneous:	340.90
			<b>Monthly Total Expenses:</b>
			\$5,446.07



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort:

Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Traylyn Tadlock, Daisy Nicodemus, Clark and Nancy Neill, Sandra Zimmerebner, Jerry and Mary Smith.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Alpha & Omega (The First & Last The Beginning & End)  
 Jehovah (Lord) Yahweh Adonai Prince of Peace King of kings  
 Lord of lords Messiah Holy Trinity Elohim El Shaddai (God Almighty)  
 Jehovah~Jireh (The Lord will provide)  
 Jehovah~Rophe (The Lord who heals) Jehovah~Missi (The Lord our Banner)  
 Jehovah~Shalom (The Lord of Peace)  
 Jehovah~M'Kaddesh (The Lord who Sanctifies)  
 Jehovah~Tsiddkenu (The Lord our Righteousness) Jehovah~Rohi (The Lord our Shepherd)  
 Jehovah~Shammah (The Lord is there)  
 Jehovah~Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts) El~Elyon (Most High)  
 Abir (Mighty One) Qadosh (Holy One) Shaphat (Judge) El Roi (God of Seeing)  
 Zanna (Jealous) Palet (Deliverer) Gaol (Redeemer) Magen (Shield) Stone Yeshua (Jesus) Eyaluth (Strength)  
 Tsaddiq (Righteous One) El~Olam (Everlasting God)  
 El~Berith (God of the Covenant) El~Gibhor (Mighty God) Tsur (God our Rock)  
 Melekh (King) Father Emmanuel

Our adult bible study began on March 12. The class starts at 10:15.

Come join us for this time of study of God's Word. We are studying the names of God.



04/14 Betty Fowler  
04/18 Marilyn Chamberlin  
04/23 Kim Tingle

04/22 Andy & Kristie Dimock

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

*You are invited*  
to celebrate God's greatest gift this Easter Season!

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday Service at 11:00 am

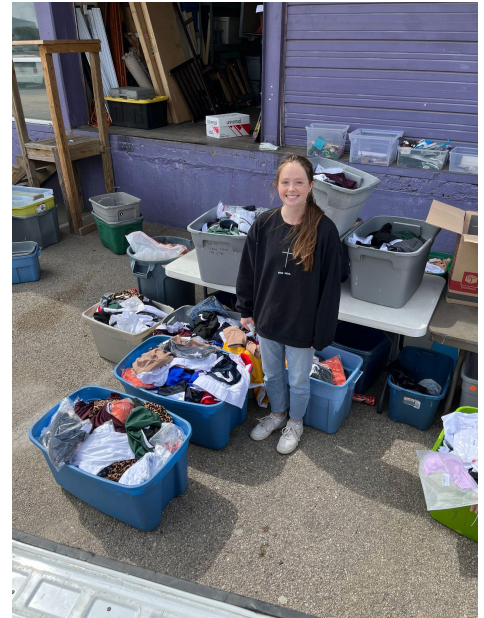
Luncheon following service  
and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 am



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**MICHAEL STRANGE MEMORIAL CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who brought clothing and food for our annual drive. Special thanks to Marikay and Ken Bean who delivered the bags of clothing that were collected at our building. Special thanks also goes to Emma Dimock for raising money to purchase 14 tubs of clothing. This amounted to about 1000 pieces of clothing! Andy and Emma delivered these to Samaritan Inn as a part of our clothing drive. The people at the Samaritan Inn were very thankful for this large donation.

**BUILDING RENOVATION**

Work has begun on the building and we are so excited to see the progress.

**DISCIPLES MISSION FUND -  
EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING**

**We Are**  
*Witnesses*  
Acts 10:39

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He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as  
He said. Come and see the place where He lay.

MATTHEW 28:6

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION NEEDED

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