

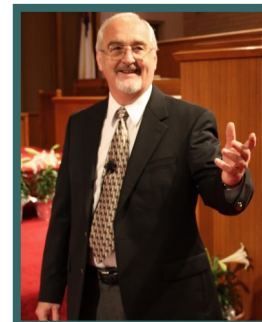


First Christian News

*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.*



THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Those who were not able to attend, or chose not to attend, have been asking about the workshop on Saturday, June 29. It was not the first workshop we have had in recent years. I conducted one in 2017, and two in 2018 specifically for our elders and deacons. We covered a number of important topics and concepts that need to be fully grasped by today's church leaders— like, the common life cycle of churches, why many churches die, what do most people look for in a church home, what is necessary to revitalize a church, why do church people often resist change, what are the perspectives of today's numerous generations, and so on.

This workshop was different. It was specifically about long range planning here at FCC Weston. The purpose was not just because I will be leaving at the end of December. Most of our church leadership has been through the process of Search and Call, which you did just four years ago before inviting me to be your minister. And it was understood then that my time at FCC Weston was limited.

The workshops I conducted previously were certainly to help the church leaders get a better handle on the many challenges churches face today. And there can be no doubt that our leaders embrace the imminent growth of the Weston community and the dire necessity for our church to plan for the future. So, at this workshop we looked more carefully at who we are, where we have been, and what we need to do to assure a bright future. We reviewed our congregation's history, with the large number of ministers who have served as minister/pastor. We looked at our current membership, not just in terms of age, or ethnicity, or social status, but to determine our common beliefs, values, and points of view. We tried to determine what kind of church we need to be, and what needs to be done in order to attract new members. Essentially, it was a session of deep reflection, like a stop at an oasis, to determine the next phase of a journey— to determine direction going forward, to decide how to transform and transition toward a more effective ministry driven church. It is imperative to consolidate the minds and spirits of our church leadership, and our entire church, to confirm our sense of unity as a family of Christ, and rekindle our passion for mission to the community around us.

So, here we are, eyes lifted heavenward, marching forward together in faith.

Brother Les

UPCOMING events

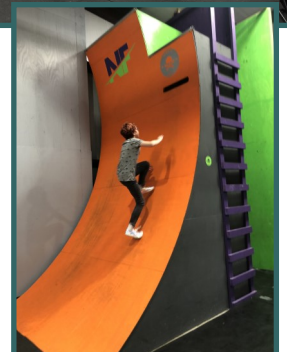
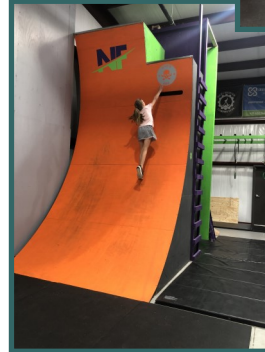
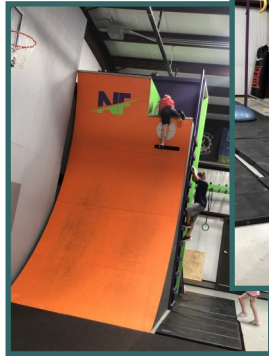
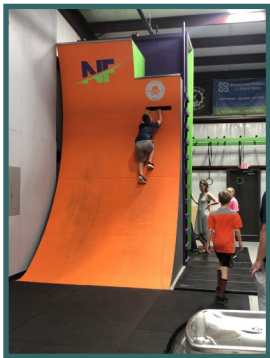
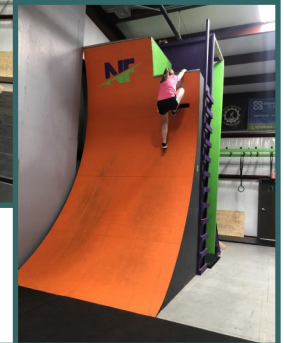
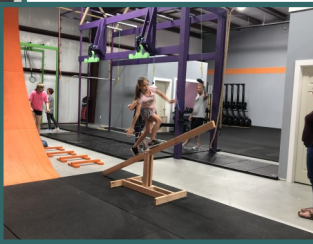
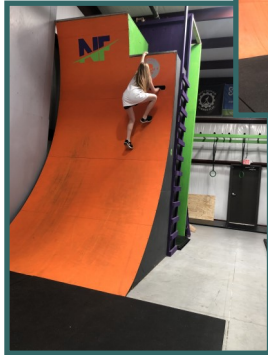
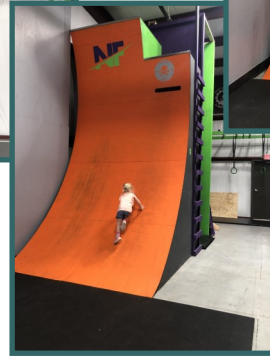
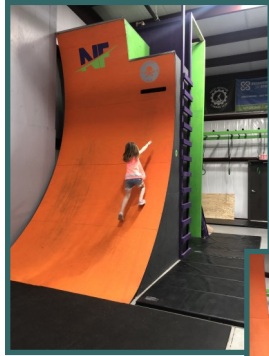
- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
 - During service
- July 4 - Weston 4th of July Parade
- July 7 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- July 21 - Ken Bean, Guest Preacher
- July 28 - Ray Owens, Guest Preacher
- August 4 - Daniel Tisserand, Guest Preacher
- August 11 - Honoring all Educators and Back To School Luncheon following service

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CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING TO CELINA NINJA FITNESS

Our children's Sunday School class visited Celina Ninja Fitness on June 3 after church. Everyone had fun going up the warped wall and practicing their ninja skills on all the equipment. Thank you to Amanda and John Jones for opening up their gym for us and to Brenda and Larry Lambert for purchasing all the food, drinks and snacks for the kids. And a HUGE thank you to Danielle Chamberlin for organizing the kids outings!



HONORING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

On June 9, we honored the graduating seniors in our congregation. They each received a Prayers for Graduates book and a cash gift from the church.



Congratulations to Alyson Cave,
Keelan Dimock and Noah Shirley on
your wonderful accomplishment.
We wish you all the best in your
future endeavors.

JUNE BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the May board meeting.
- Mike Rippy presented the Financial Report. \$4,571.57 in income for May and \$5,332.52 in expenses. We took a loss this month. We collected \$165 for our Disciples Mission Fund. Mike Rippy has put all financial information for the church on a flash drive. The Secretary will keep the extra flash drive in case of an emergency.
- Portable building information – Scott Tingle went to the permit office and we would need to move the location of a portable building due to our septic system. We do not want to take away parking spaces, so we are limited on areas to put a portable building. We could purchase a partition for around \$250.00 that would help with sound and be a visual barrier in the interim. We could start a building fund to raise the money to purchase a building at a later date or use that money to enclose the tabernacle. We will continue to research this. We will have Danielle research items that would help her for children’s Sunday school.
- Church signage – Marilyn Chamberlin has submitted the permits for our two church signs. We are waiting to hear that it has been approved.
- Hot spot for church – Daniel Tisserand contacted AT&T and a hot spot would cost \$60 a month. Phone plus data would be \$90 a month. We currently pay about \$55 a month for our land line. Jim Mitlyng motioned to disconnect our land line and purchase a cellular phone and a hot spot for a total of \$90.00 a month. Larry Lambert seconded. Motion passed. Daniel Tisserand will contact AT&T and set everything up.
- Weston 4th of July parade – Parade begins at 10:00 am. All are welcome to ride on the church float.
- Weston Water Supply – We did not have a vote regarding the water supply for the city. The city vote was to stay as Weston water supply and not turn it over to the City of Weston, so no change as of now.
- Les Massey will be away for three Sundays this summer. On July 21, 2019, Ken Bean will be our guest preacher. Ray Owens will be a guest preacher on July 28, 2019 and on August 4, 2019, Daniel Tisserand will guest preach.
- Next meeting will be July 7, 2019 at 9:30 am.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



“FAITHFUL MEN”

We had a wonderful Special Hymn sung on Father’s Day by a great quartet of men. Thank you to Les Massey, Brad Chilton, Jim Mitlyng and Joel Worley! You all sounded amazing and we really enjoyed having special music as part of our service.



WESTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE : 10 :00 AM



The 34th Annual Weston Fourth of July Parade will begin at 10:00 am on Main Street on Thursday, July 4, 2019. There will be a flag raising, parade, patriotic music and a bake sale at the Community Center benefitting the Weston Women’s Group. Judging begins at 9:00 am. Grand Marshal this year will be Frank Banner.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to ride on the float or in the pickup truck bed. We will have candy to throw to everyone watching. Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun and exciting event! You won’t want to miss it! The parade begins at 10:00 am, so please arrive at 9:00 am for good seats and to prep those that are riding on the float.

MAY TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$4,569.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
 Special Offering: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$2.57

Monthly Total:
\$4,571.57

Expenses

Salaries: \$4,400.00
 Utilities: \$146.97
 Supplies & Food: \$0.00
 Insurance: \$0.00
 Taxes: \$0.00
 Maintenance: \$215.00
 Miscellaneous: \$570.55

Monthly Total:
\$5,332.52

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

07/01 Ava Shirley
 07/01 Sam Shirley
 07/02 Floyd Young
 07/03 Jeannie Greenwald
 07/05 Mike Poen
 07/07 Clark Neill
 07/18 Brady Tingle
 07/18 Cameron Dimock
 07/21 Kristie Dimock
 07/22 Blayne Lambert
 07/27 Ty Ferguson
 07/27 Christian Dimock
 07/28 Ryan Jacques

Anniversaries

07/06 Scott & Holly Franklin
 07/10 Steve & Beth Harlow
 07/30 Joel & Beth Worley
 07/17 Brice & Amy Lambert



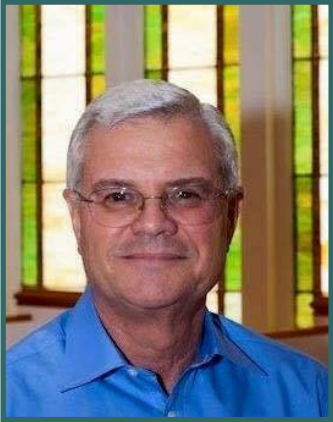
SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JULY

July 7	Vicissitudes	Philippians 4:10-13
July 14	Can't Always Get What You Want	James 4:1-3
July 21	Ken Bean, Guest Preacher	
July 28	Ray Owens, Guest Preacher	

JULY 21 & JULY 28 - GUEST PREACHERS

Dr. Massey will be on a mission trip July 21 and July 28.

On July 21st, Ken Bean will be our guest preacher and on July 28th, our church will welcome Ray Owens as our guest preacher.



Other members of the congregation will serve as worship leader and children's moment leader.



Thank you to all who will be leading us on these two Sundays. Your generosity and willingness to lead the congregation is truly inspiring.

HYMN OF THE MONTH - "IN CHRIST ALONE"

"In Christ Alone" is a popular modern Christian song written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, both songwriters of Christian hymns and contemporary worship music in the United Kingdom. The song, with a strong Irish melody, is the first hymn they penned together. The music was by Getty and the original lyrics by Townend. It was composed in 2001. "In Christ Alone" is considered a Christian credal song for belief in Jesus Christ. The theme of the song is the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and that he is God whom even death cannot hold.



The song got written in an unexpected way. Keith Getty and Stuart townsend were at a conference together and a mutual friend suggested they should get together since we both worte music and could probably come up with a great song. They got together for coffee and Keith said that he would send some song ideas to Stuart.

When the songs arrived, Stuart was draw to the first song he heard. It was a classic melody, with that eternal, enduring aspect. Stuart sent the lyrics to Keith and he liked them and he suggested changing the first line. It had started with the words *My hope is found in Christ alone*, but Keith thought it would be great if the song began with the phrase In Christ alone. Stuart was slightly against it because he had this rhyme scheme going in the verse and didn't want to mess it up.

Stuart has said, "I actually think it was a stroke of genius because now the song is known as In Christ Alone, it's where the song begins, it's the statement you make and it's the first thing you sing. So it made the song so much stronger as a result."

That's the power of the song – it points to what Christ went though. We get to stand before him not because of our great faith or because doing well as a Christian, but purely and simply because of what he has done. That's why the song is helpful. That's why it means something.

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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



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, and Austin Daughtery 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.