



# 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



Dear Church,  
Here comes Summer! It is hard to believe that the official start of summer is upon us, and that half of the year is almost over. I am excited to announce that we will be starting a new sermon series for the month of June named *"Five Smooth Stones"*. Through this series, we will learn from David's faith, God's provision, Goliath's battle tactics, and how to respond appropriately to victory. *"Five Smooth Stones"* is a 4-week sermon series that I know will encourage and strengthen each of us in our daily walk of faith. I look forward to seeing each of you each Sunday for this exciting series.

I would like to say that this past Mother's Day service was such a blessing and now we are approaching the day that we will soon celebrate Father's Day. Many may not know the nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Let's take a moment to celebrate fathers everywhere. He's the guy that built the deck in the backyard, spending many weekends toiling away so that his family has a nice place to hang out. He's the one who checked outside when there was a strange noise in the middle of the night, always looking out for the safety of his family. He's proudly in charge of the grill at all family parties and get-togethers. And yes, sometimes, he makes lame dad jokes ("What do you call a deer with no eyes? No idear") and perhaps he burps too loud, but we're all okay with that because that's just who he is. He has always been there for his family when they needed him.

As we celebrate Father's Day for that special man in our lives who we call father, remember you may find out new things about him even after all these years. He might have been the guy of tough love and wasn't too expressive of his affection, but he was always there when you needed him. Even if your dad, father, pop, or "old man" might be grumpy and opinionated, remember that you're important to him even though he might not always say it. So for Father's Day, embrace dad with some attention, and praise and tell him, thank you.

Also, I want to mention that July 4th will be upon us soon and that we are still looking for volunteers to assist with this year's float. It has been a tradition that this church has been involved with for many years and we would like to continue with that practice for many more. Our deepest thanks and gratitude to Marilyn and Danielle Chamberlin as well as everyone else who made FCC a well-known and predictable participant in this wonderful celebration. Ginger and I are so excited about the upcoming activities and potential opportunities for the FCC to come together this summer. Please know that we are praying for each of you and your families and hope and pray to see each of you at church. Be blessed!

In Christ,  
Doc Gardner and Family

## UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School - ON HOLD
- Children's Sunday School - during service
- June 5 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- June 13 - Women's Bible Study at FCC Weston 10:00am
- June 19 - Father's Day Celebration
- June 20 - Ladies Lunch 11:00am
- July 4 - Weston 4th of July parade

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## MEN'S DEVOTIONAL

***Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*** — Proverbs 4:23



When facing the enemy, we have to fire on targets that support his mission. It's not that you send a sniper with a unit, and he just goes to kill people. No, you need to aim for the leader, you need to aim and take out that which will produce the most psychological devastation on the enemy and the most functional when you study war and snipers. Usually, they look for a leader. They find out whose being saluted, they find out who is the one directing the show. They fire on the target that best supports the mission.

What does God have in his sights in your life; he has your inner man, your heart, the center of your affection, the center of your emotions, the center of your will, and the center of your purpose that drives you. Remember, God is looking for willingness inside of us, to work with Him in our hearts. We read what God said about David in Acts 13:22, "I found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart for he will do anything that I ask him to do."

God's looking for watchfulness. He wants our hearts to be something that we watch over and protect so that the wrong thing, the wrong affections, and the wrong passions don't get into it. We looked at the passage where it says "look over your heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life."

You are fighting a force that you are unable to defeat. Only God who has placed his Holy Spirit in you will bring victory. He has already alerted you as to what to zero in on. Pull the trigger.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH - "HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"

No one can sacrifice their life like what Jesus did. Jesus came down from heaven, walked the earth and did all He can to serve us. It doesn't matter that Jesus was criticized, humiliated, and judged by many. Jesus came here on earth to fulfill His duty. If Jesus did not sacrifice His life, our sins would never be forgiven.



Jesus' coming here on earth and saving us from our sins was Tim Hughes' inspiration behind his song "Here I Am to Worship." Hughes gospel ballad was written after he read the book of Philippians 2. He wrote the song quickly and added the melody using his guitar. That would have been the end of it, but Hughes was not satisfied with the song's chorus.

For this reason, he kept on changing the chorus of his song until he ended up not finishing it. After six months of rest from writing the song, Hughes gave it another try to finish the tune. He did finish writing it, but still, he was not happy. Then, he played it in his church, and he was convinced that the song he wrote is finally complete.

In 1999, Hughes wrote and released it as a single on his album, Here I Am to Worship. In addition, his song won the 2004 Dove Awards for Worship Song of the Year. The words behind the song reveal a beautiful and inspiring meaning about the kindness and humility of Jesus. Aside from all of Jesus' good qualities portrayed in the song, it's also a reminder that all of Jesus' goodness should be praised.

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We honored all the mothers in our congregation.

*Thank you for all you do!*



## WESTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Weston 4th of July parade will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, July 4th, 2022. **We will have a float and need people to fill the trailer waving to spectators and throwing candy!** Please let Kimberly Tisserand know if you or your loved ones would like to ride on the float. The more, the merrier!

Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun event!



## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day!

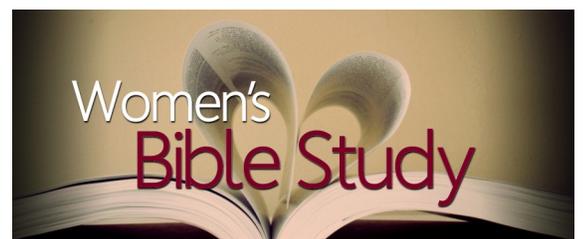
We will be honoring all the fathers in our congregation.

Please join us so we can honor all you do!



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendar for our next bible study on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 am. We would love for you to join us to learn more about women in the bible.



For our May bible study we will be discussing Tamar & Ruth on pages 53 –75.

## SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR JUNE

June 5: The Challenger	1 Samuel 17:4-11
June 12: God Gets the Glory	1 Samuel 17:20-25
June 19: All That You Need (Fathers Day)	1 Samuel 17:32-40
June 26: Our Response to Victory	1 Samuel 17:40-52

## MAY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Minutes approved from the April board meeting.
- Financial Report: Offerings for February were \$7,707.85 and expenses were \$7,130.23. We closed out our CD's and deposited the money into our savings account. Our checking account has \$25,694.52 and savings has \$121,106.87.
- Pastor Contract: Pastor contract was approved. Doc Gardner and Marilyn Chamberlin will sign the contract today.
- Fence clean out and replacement: The fence line is cleaned out. We will discuss quotes at the next meeting to put in a new fence.
- Paneling & door repair: The door was looked at and is now closing properly. Marilyn Chamberlin and Scott Franklin will walk the sanctuary to address the paneling.
- Mother's Day Deserving Moms Basket Gift Card: Amy Davey suggested during the women's bible study class that we should pick a deserving mom in the community and give to her in honor of Mother's Day. Brenda Lambert found two deserving moms in the community and congregation members have donated items for a basket for them. The board approved for the church to purchase 2 \$250 Walmart gift cards for each of the moms.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade plans: Our theme will be "Happy Birthday America" for our float this year.

## APRIL TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$7,572.85	Salaries: \$4,000.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$260.22
Special Offering: \$135.00	Supplies & Food: \$242.76
Miscellaneous: \$0.00	Insurance: \$1,997.25
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	Taxes: \$0.00
<b>Monthly Total:</b>	Maintenance: \$630.00
<b>\$7,707.85</b>	<b>Monthly Total:</b>
	<b>\$7,130.23</b>

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

06/05	Jerry Smith
06/07	Susan Mitlyng
06/08	Andy Dimock
06/14	Gloria Kautz
06/16	Tessa Jacques
06/27	Larry Lambert
06/27	Tara Tisserand

### Anniversaries

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



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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, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Tadlock, Clark & Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary & Jerry Smith and Louis Cave 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.