



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



Hello FCC Family,
I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in preparing for this past Palms Sunday and Easter Egg hunt as well as for Easter Sunday service. We had a fantastic turn-out with many new faces, and even a few that have returned. It was wonderful and I praise God and all of you for showing the love and hospitality that this body is well known for.

As we move into the month of May, I would like for us to focus on encouragement.... So, we can identify this coming month with the saying of, "May you encourage". And what better way of encouraging others but by recognizing the effort of that person. I am really excited about this focus as we prepare for Mother's Day. Because a wonderful idea was shared by Amy Davey to reach out to our community and recognize two deserving mothers. This is a fantastic example of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV), **"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up..."**. What a wonderful way to encourage these wonderful women. I pray that it will become a tradition moving forward.

Not only is Mothers Day in the month of May, but we will be observing Memorial Day on the 30th. As many as you may know, Memorial Day is dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. I truly believe that many families who have lost loved one and especially those who have given their lives for our freedoms and country, need encouragement as much as anyone. The loss is difficult but more so when many feel that their loved one is forgotten by either friends, family or even a nation.

Everyone needs encouragement. It shouldn't be a surprise to know that it is something that everyone needs, and everyone acknowledges is needed, but seems to be strangely absent in a significant amount in our communities today. I want to inspire every one of the First Christian Church of Weston to seek an opportunity to lift up someone you know or even someone that you just met. Let the slogan of this month "May you encourage", ring out with be felt and experienced by those around you this month.

God Bless,
Pastor "Doc" Gardner

UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School - ON HOLD
- Children's Sunday School - during service
- May 1 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- May 8 - Mother's Day Celebration
- May 9 - Women's Bible Study at FCC Weston 10:00am
- May 16 - Ladies Lunch 11:00am
- 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

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MEN'S DEVOTIONAL

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time” (1Peter 5:6)

The lens of the mission of Jesus was humility—that’s where it had to start. He had to balance His identity and His ministry to men. He had to manage his capacity to influence and his Father’s purpose for him. He had to learn the rhythm of possessing loyalty without flaunting his crown. You may not be a celebrity but you have influence. Similarly, you may not be pulling down six figures but I know you have relational capital in the lives of others. For God’s man, greatness on earth begins with humble surrender—giving yourself to Christ and refusing to resist His power. Everybody starts there.



We have to get on our face to see His face. We have to get low in our estimation of ourselves to get high in God’s estimation of us. We have to reflect humility to reveal Christ on earth. When we take this step, we are able to do more for God and people than we ever dreamed—just like the King. Will you be the man that says, “I deserve better than this?” Or will you be God’s man who says, “I’m willing to wait for your timing on this one Lord,” The languages of entitlement, conditions, and selfishness are not spoken in the land of humility. They are foreign tongues that make sense only to those men given first to pride, masking their fears of being truly great by wasting their influence and affluence on themselves.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 4TH OF JULY FLOAT

Got ideas for our float this year? Want to volunteer to organize it? GREAT! We are looking for someone to organize our 4th of July float this year and you could be the perfect person! The church will purchase all the needed materials.

Please let Doc Gardner or Marilyn Chamberlin know if you would like to volunteer!



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 8th is Mother’s Day! We will honor all the beauty that is motherhood - love, patience, work, comfort, strength, time, emotion - and celebrate each of the mothers in our congregation for all they give to their children, their family, and the world. Please join us so we can honor YOU on Mother’s Day!

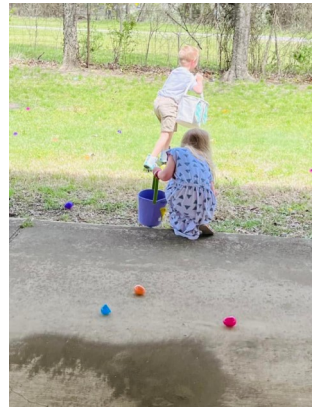
Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears, and most of all, love.

-Lysa TerKeurst

*you are
- all -
kinds of
amazing*

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Palm Sunday traditions are beloved at FCC Weston. Children's palm processional as Jesus and his donkey enter our church. Such a memorable service followed by a wonderful fellowship luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

April 11, 2022 was our first Women's Bible Study! We had 14 ladies join us at the church to discuss and learn more about women in the Bible. Thank you to Brenda Lambert for leading our group.

Mark your calendar for our next bible study on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 am.



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR MAY

May 1 What did He mean "It is Finished"?
 May 8 A Woman of Strength, Dignity and Laughter
 May 15 The Writing On The Wall
 May 22 When Jesus Shows Up
 May 29 Memorial Day - Remember!

Scripture: John 19:28-30
 Scripture: Proverbs 31:25
 Scripture: Daniel 5:13-22
 Scripture: John 20:19-23
 Scripture: Exodus 12:12-14
 and Joshua 4:4-7

LADIES LUNCH

We had a wonderful ladies lunch on April 18. We got to celebrate Marilyn Chamberlin's birthday that day and sing to her!! Wonderful fellowship with a great group of ladies.

Come join us on Monday, May 16, 2022 for our next Ladies Lunch beginning at 11:00 am.



MARCH TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,500.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
 Special Offering: \$50.00
 Miscellaneous: \$0.00

Monthly Total:
\$6,550.00

Expenses

Salaries: \$4,000.00
 Utilities: \$781.95
 Supplies & Food: \$762.21
 Insurance: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$568.24
 Taxes: \$0.00
 Maintenance: \$130.00

Monthly Total:
\$6,242.40

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

05/10 Alyson Cave
 05/12 Connor Gardner
 05/17 Louis Cave
 05/18 Keelan Dimock
 05/20 Mike Rippy
 05/20 Dayton Poen
 05/24 Jim Mitlyng
 05/29 Mathew Mitlyng
 05/30 Shelly Cave

Anniversaries

05/01 Clark & Nancy Neill
 05/19 Ryan & Jenna Jacques



MARCH BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- Review of Minutes: Minutes from the March board meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: Offerings for February were \$6,550.00 and expenses were \$6,242,40. We had extra expenses this month with the purchase of women's bibles, mother's day gifts and CCLI license.
- Painting of Library, Bathrooms and Office: The board approved for Prominence Painting & Remodeling to paint the trim in the library, hallway, bathrooms, office and doors for the cost of \$2,900.00.
- Pastor Contract: Marilyn Chamberlin, Kimberly Tisserand, and Kenny Bean drafted and reviewed the initial Pastor Contract. The entire board including Doc Gardner will review and send corrections to Kimberly Tisserand. The board will vote on this contract next month.
- CD changes for bank: Marilyn Chamberlin went to Bancorp South Bank and closed out our four CD's. The bank transferred the money from the CD's into our checking account. Danielle Chamberlin will go to the bank and set up our savings account. Danielle Chamberlin will leave \$25,000 in our checking account and transfer the rest into our savings account; and in the future if we have more than \$20,000, Danielle Chamberlin can transfer the excess to savings.
- Fence clean out and replacement: Josh Babb's business U.S. Site Services came and cleaned out the fence area and removed the old fence. Mike Poen donated \$500.00 for the clean out and this amount will be paid to U.S. Site Services. Marilyn Chamberlin will contact Rodney Ploch for a quote to put in a new fence.
- Mother's Day Celebration – May 8, 2022. Gifts have been purchased for all the mothers in the congregation.
- 4th of July Parade plans: The board will brainstorm some ideas for the float. WE need to find a volunteer to oversee our float for this upcoming year. Doc Gardner will announce during service to see if anyone wants to volunteer.
- Next board meeting will be May 1, 2022.

HYMN OF THE MONTH—“WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME”

Reuben Morgan is the Worship Pastor at Hillsong Church in London. Before this he was Worship Pastor at Hillsong Church in Sydney, Australia, replacing Darlene Zchech in 2008. In the late 1990s, Morgan helped lead and develop the worship team for Hillsong's Youth Group, Powerhouse. This band eventually grew into Hillsong United. Some of Morgan's better known songs include "Hear our Praises," "My Redeemer Lives," and "Lord I Give You My Heart." He released his first solo worship album, *World Through Your Eyes*, in 2005. He and his wife Sarah have three children.



“What the Lord Has Done in Me” can be read as a surprisingly subtle song of baptism. It draws parallels between the images of baptism and the death and resurrection of Christ, which many Christians take to be essential to the saving work of God. The form of the verses goes like this: a declaration of faith and hope; a symbolic representation of the death of Christ; a symbolic representation of the resurrection of Christ; a restatement of the first declaration in assurance.

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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



*Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband too, and he praises her."
Proverbs 31:28*

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.