



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.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



UPCOMING events

- November 6 - Board Meeting
- November 6 - Day of Remembrance
- November 13 - Community Thanksgiving Service - 5:30 FCC Weston
- November 14 - Women's Bible Study and Luncheon
- December 9 and 10 - Live Nativity 6:00-8:00 pm

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Dear FCC Family,

Well, we are here! Two of the major holidays are upon us. Like so many, there is a lot to do in such a short amount of time before people sit down with the family to enjoy a festive meal at Thanksgiving. Your mouth might be watering for grandma's homemade rolls, dressing, or even those wonderful and delightful pies, cakes, cookies, or cobblers. I, for one, really like this time of the year. I would say that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Yes, I enjoy many of the others, but for me, Thanksgiving is a time for real deep connection and fellowship with family, not just a time for food. It brings to mind the 1st Century church in the book of Acts, as they gathered together to fellowship, to listen, and to pass on the teachings that were heard from the Apostles, as well as to the breaking of bread. It is never mentioned about the preparation of the breaking of bread (meals) but imagine the time each one took to make the food for that gathering. The TIME... spent preparing each dish. I once heard someone say that preparing food for a person is a personal and intimate ordeal because it is not just a sign of showing the importance of who that person is to the preparer, but a deep and devoted love for them and their wellbeing, spiritually, physically, and mentally. As many say, with every dish, there is a special or secret ingredient... LOVE!

As we move onward towards the holidays, there are some great events that FCC will be involved with, and I believe will give many the opportunity to reach out, like never before, to friends and family members to come and join us. As many know, we will be hosting the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Dinner on November 13th. We will be providing the Turkey and dressing, while the other churches will be bringing the side and dessert dishes. We will need as many members as possible to assist in preparations as well as cooking. So, if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to one of the Elders or Karen Chilton. If you are interested in participating in the singing, please reach out to Brad Chilton. This will be a great time of Christian fellowship and a time to enjoy our community. Please reach out and bring a neighbor, a friend, and family as we would love to welcome them and get to know them. Let this coming holiday be a time to really focus on the quality of the time you get to spend with family and friends. Many will be rushing around from one place to the next, so they can visit as many as possible. I get it, but I implore you, to make it count. It is not so much about the time spent than it is the quality.

From our family to you and yours we wish you a very Happy and Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Ginger and I are always praying for each and every one in our FCC family. Before I go, I want to leave you with a favorite saying that I read from an inspirational writer and born-again Christian, Israelmore Ayivor.

“Live every day like your birthday and drive your life with all varieties of appreciation. A life lived with thanksgiving every day is never tired of being lived again and again”!

In Christ and His love, Pastor Doc and Ginger

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

The High Ground

“Every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 5:4-5 NLT)



Get this; you have been given the high ground, my brother. In battle, you always want to be the one on the high ground, whether in hand-to-hand combat or attacking as a unit, the decided advantage goes to the ones above. Yet when fighting evil, the high ground is not gained by physical action; it's a perception of your identity and the authority behind it.

Let this sink in: your identity in Christ gives you victory, Say it! You are a victorious warrior in Christ. “Know, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Romans 8:37). Declare your identity. No matter what battle you are facing, no matter what obstacle you are encountering, and no matter what feeling you are battling, stop fighting the battle Satan has already lost and enjoy the victory Christ has already won. You may have forgotten this, neglected it, been kept in the dark about it, and made blind to it, or simply compartmentalized it away into a theological box. But the reality remains.

Your royal identity and royal authority are a royal pain for Satan. That's the good news. But what many Christians forget is that this position of authority doesn't work unless we surrender completely to His authority.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



We will be meeting at 9:30 on November 15 for a combined bible study and luncheon. We will be looking at Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene (pages 177-197). December 6th we will be meeting at the home of Kimberly Tisserand. We hope everyone can join us for this wonderful time of bible study and fellowship.

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 6 Fundamental Gratitude
Gen 8:15-20, Ex 12:24-27
- November 13 Gratitude’s Nemesis: The Grumble
Exodus 16:2-8
- November 20 What Unites Us
Acts 2:44-47, Romans 3:20-24
- November 27 Fullness of Life
Luke 17:11-19



FINANCIAL REPORT - September

Income

- Sunday Offerings: \$7,321.28
- Memorial Gift Fund: .00
- Special Offering: .00
- Miscellaneous: .00

Expenses

- Salaries: \$4,000.00
- Utilities: 390.93
- Supplies & Food: .00
- Insurance: .00
- Maintenance: 130.00
- Miscellaneous: .00

Monthly Total Income:
\$7,321.28

Monthly Total Expenses:
\$4,520.93



Remember to set your clock back before bed on Saturday, November 5th.

Birthdays

- 11/04 Vernon Fleet
- 11/11 Heather Carter
- 11/11 Shelby Carter Gee
- 11/12 TexieAnna Forkner
- 11/15 Brice Lambert
- 11/22 Shelby Carter Gee
- 11/26 Janet Rippy
- 11/26 John Neill

Anniversaries

- 11/23 Jim & Susan Mitlyng
- 11/27 Larry and Brenda Lambert



The Chili Cook-Off was a huge success this year! Thanks to all who attended and for the wonderful food you provided.

This year's winners were:

Best Nontraditional Chili - Maya and Tessa Jacques

Best Traditional Chili - Danielle Chamberlin

People's Choice - Maya and Tessa Jacques

Congrats to these excellent chili makers!





Please keep Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Tadlock, Clark and Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary and Jerry Smith, and Pat Ramer in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sunday, November 6th, we will observe our annual Service of Remembrance for those members or friends and loved ones of our church family who have passed away during the preceding year. This service commemorates the legacy passed on to us in the church by those faithful persons who have lived and contributed so much to our lives, our church and our community. This is the time in our family of faith when we celebrate God's human triumphs. We remember and rejoice in these men and women in whom God's grace has won a victory over sin and death. We will be calling the names and lighting a candle to honor them. If you have a loved one that has passed in the past year, please let Karen Chilton know so we can make sure to include them.

We will be honoring the following:

Sonia Mahar

Fred Franklin

HYMN OF THE MONTH

This month's hymn is titled "Unto Thee, O Lord" and was written by Charles F. Monroe. As with many songs, this hymn is based on scripture. The words of the hymn are from a psalm of David and come from Psalm 25. It has a simple tune with meaningful words to remind us to lift our soul to God and trust in Him.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Psalm 25: 1-3, 7 KJV



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