



FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

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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 5
Day of Remembrance

- November 19
Community Thanksgiving Service 5:30 FBC Weston

- November 19 - 26
Clothing and Food Drive

- November 25
Decorate Building

- November 26
Hanging of the Greens

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Happy FALL FCC family,

The cold is upon us. Brrrr!!! Like I have said before, this is the reason I left Indiana. Well as we all know, when the cold comes, so do the holidays. First, I would like to say that I pray for safety for all that as we begin to prepare for the holiday season. Also, I would like to mention that our Annual Chili Cook-off was such a success! Thank you to everyone that helped put it all together, and to Kimberly for stepping in while Karen is out on vacation. We had some amazing chili entries this year and I have to say that Brenda Lambert's banana pudding was amazing. Not to mention all the delicious brownies and other goodies that were brought.

The winners of this year's Chili Cook-off are Daniel Tisserand for the Best Traditional, Kristie Dimock for the Best Non-Traditional, and the winner for People's Choice went to Brenda Lambert! Please congratulate them when you see them next. Also, to everyone that entered, I look forward to next year to see who will be able to dethrone our winners and thank you for entering this year. All of you deserve a round of applause!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, it is Calvary Chapel Honey Creek's turn to host the Weston Thanksgiving Church Meal and Service which will be held at the First Baptist Church due to the need for the space. I know so many are looking forward to experiencing those delicious and wonderful foods! Brenda, don't forget the banana pudding! Even though our family will not be with you this year, our hearts will be with you and we will be praying for everyone to have a safe and wonderful time.

Please mark it on your calendar, but on November 25th, we will need assistance to decorate the church. If you have time, please come by, and lend a hand. We would enjoy having you. We will put it in the bulletins as to what time this will start.

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Like every year we will be performing our annual nativity scene in December and will still need volunteers to help set up the manger this year. This will take place on December 2nd or the 3rd, depending on the weather. Also, we still have openings that need filling for each part for the live nativity which will be held on the evening of December 8th. We had a lot of visitors last year and I think we will have more this year. It would be wonderful to see many of the members come out and support the church.

So, as we prepare for the upcoming festivities. Remember to be the light and share the hope this wonderful time of year! We look forward to seeing the entire church family, and hopefully some new faces. So don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors so they too can experience these wonderful activities of food, laughter and fellowship.

From our family to you and yours we wish you a very Happy and Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. All of you are always in mine and Ginger's prayers. Before I go, I want to leave you with a favorite saying that I read from an inspirational writer and Christian, Bill Keane.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."!

In Christ and His love,
Pastor Doc and Ginger

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

God's GPS System



"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Ephesians 3:16)

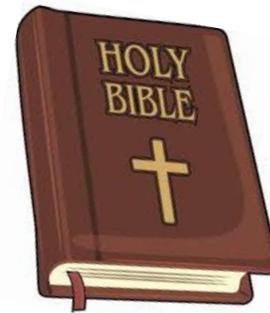
The Bible says to do only these things when it comes to the Holy Spirit: appropriate His leadership, influence, and control daily by simply placing ourselves under His control. It doesn't matter whether you're a pastor or a brand-new believer. All of us must practice this daily discipline to win against evil. We "turn on" what's already inside by saying, Holy Spirit, I surrender to Your control today. Lead me, guide me, and control me. Like I said, simple, but it's also hard because Satan viciously opposes our submission to that leadership. It's a power issue: "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being".

We activate God's GPS System by praying that right now. Then we must cooperate with where the Holy Spirit says to go in our attitudes and actions. That's the interactive part. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:8). This passage is a battlefield scenario calling for close communication. Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be His GPS System to guide them in the fight.

In war, the first thing an enemy will try to do is knock out your guidance system. But God's man discerns the Holy Spirit's voice very simply: it's always consistent with the character of God and His Word. Simply ask, "Does this align with the character of Christ and His Word"?

SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER

11/5	Gather For Encouragement Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 24:10-13
11/12	Gather For Rhythm Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 6:9-13 ,1 Corinthians 11:23-26
11/19	Gather For Strength Proverbs 14:4, Ecclesiastes 4:12, 1 Peter 5:8
11/26	Gather For Unity Matthew 18:20, Psalm 133



FINANCIAL REPORT - September

Income

Sunday Offerings:	\$6,970.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	.00
Special Offering:	1,110.00
Building Fund Offering:	1,050.00
Miscellaneous:	611.51

Expenses

Salaries:	\$3,500.00
Utilities:	293.86
Supplies & Food:	481.77
Insurance:	.00
Taxes:	.00
Maintenance:	.00
Miscellaneous:	4,945.38

Total Income:
\$9,741.51

Total Expenses:
\$9,221.01



Don't forget to FALL BACK!

Change your clocks before you go to bed on November 5th

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday, November 5th, 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. This year we will be remembering:

Nancy Neill

happy
birthday

11/26 Janet Rippy

11/26 John Neill

HAPPY
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11/23 Jim & Susan Mitlyng

11/27 Larry & Brenda Lambert

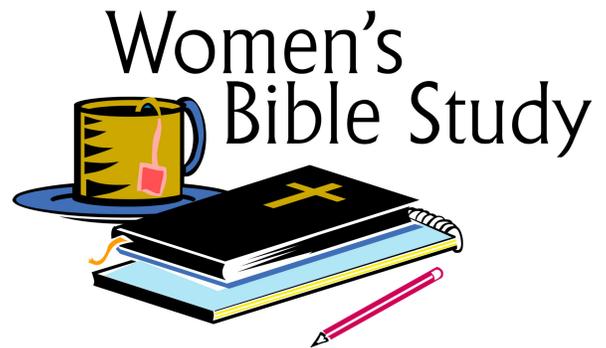
CHILI COOK OFF

Congrats to the winners of this years chili cook off and thanks to all who participated!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We plan to continue with the books written by Shannon Bream. The next book will be *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*. We will begin that study in January. We will do a class on November 13 and then our holiday luncheon will be on December 12th at the home of Brenda Lambert. We hope you can join us!



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Calvary Chapel Honey Creek but will be held at the First Baptist Church in Weston. This is a special time to worship with other members of our community.

5:30 - 8:30 pm November 19, 2023

Coming Up

- November 25
Decorate Building
- November 26
Hanging of the Greens
- December 8 and 9
Live Nativity
- December 24
Candlelight Service

**LIVE
NATIVITY**

*A Celebration
of the birth of
Jesus Christ*

December 8 & 9, 2023
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm *Come & Go*
In conjunction with Miracle on Chicken Street
Live animals and actors
Refreshments served

FREE to the Public
100 Chicken Street, Weston
Near FM 455 & FM 543 Intersection
Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

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 achievements, births, awards, or anything
 else of interest to Karen Chilton at
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MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM FOR NOVEMBER

Peanut Butter - Preferably in 16 oz. container

35 pounds of dry beans were collected in
 October! Thanks to all who brought items.



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing
 and comfort: Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave,
 Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary and Jerry Smith,
 Laura Latham, Janet Rippy, Sharon Olson, Clark and John Neill
 and family.