



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 First Christian Church of Weston friends and family,



Did you know that the Labor Day holiday originally started in the late 1800's? I can only imagine how excited the people were to take a day off from working. Some may have thought, "What a wonderful and new idea!" Created and implemented as a day of rest by those hard-working blue-collar laborers in New York City, this day continues to be one, that we as a nation, look forward to every September.

To put it rather loosely, Labor Day has become a manmade American Sabbath day. A yearly day of rest from our labor, to say goodbye to Summer, to go camping, to gather family for a barbecue, and boy howdy, do us Americans look forward to our Labor Day weekend!

If you think about it, God has already created a special day for those of us who labor. As Christians our very own Labor Day doesn't come only once a year, and it doesn't only come on the first Monday of each September, that special day for us comes every Sabbath day. If we are smart, we try very hard to honor it. We take that Sabbath day to stop from our labor and relax a bit. Our bodies weren't created to run full steam ahead each day. We were created in His image, and if our God and creator, the great I Am himself rested from His labor on the seventh day, how much more so do we need that rest?!?

Friends, our bodies were made with Sabbath DNA. God placed this spiritual genetic matter within each cell that makes up our miraculous body. So while you are taking an *American Labor Day rest* by traveling, painting your house, or doing yard work, remember that God had something even better for His children in mind... a weekly rest, a weekly time-out from our hard work. A time-out from our labor, we all need it.

From our family to yours, have a wonder and restful Labor Day, but also remember to enjoy the day that God gave us each and every week to rest and spend with family and friends. But mostly to honor and worship our Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Dr. Damon "Doc" Gardner

UPCOMING events

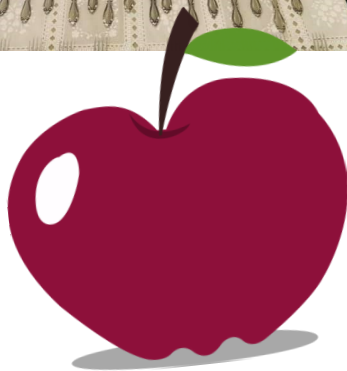
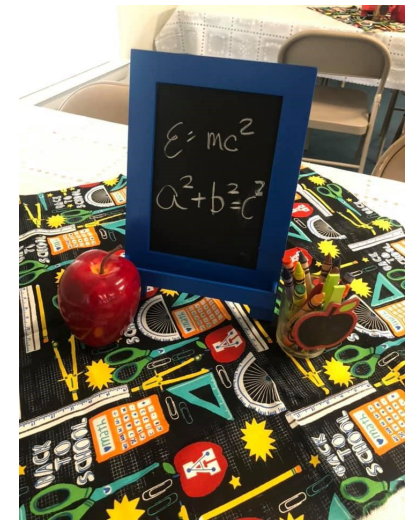
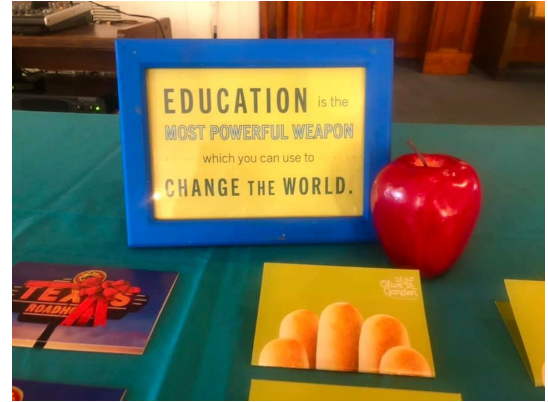
- Children's Sunday School - during service
- Adult Sunday School - 10:15 am
- September 5, 2021 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- September 20, 2021 - Ladies Lunch 11:00 am, Gates of Prosper Olive Garden
- September 26, 2021 - Reconciliation Special Offering Collected
- October 3, 2021 - Board Meeting 9:30am
- October 24, 2021 - Chili Cook-Off

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HONORING EDUCATORS

On August 8, 2021 we honored all the educators in our congregation and then had a fantastic luncheon afterward!



MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do”

John 17:4 (the words of Jesus)

To think like this requires a different perspective toward oneself, toward life, and toward our real day-to-day purpose. We have to have different objectives than the men around us. We have to have eternal objectives. We have to consider the spiritual stakes of inaction. We have to expand the reality of what retreat means from God's perspective. It requires us to partner with God in our life and make sure we are dialed in daily to the right channel — a secure connection to His Word and Spirit with us. Special Ops guys are great men, not because they possess amazing talent, but because they possess amazing commitment to the cause. This is what makes them brave; this is why they are men of mythical proportions.

We are not a myth my brother. Neither is our calling today, the calling to be one who leads. The message is simple, accept our assignments on earth, complete them, and become a true God's man. We must remember the giver of the assignment, remember His words, and remember that He lives in us. To His Father He prayed, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do” John 17:4

We must accomplish the work He has given us. Everything else is a diversion. Do you believe you are God's man?

LADIES LUNCH

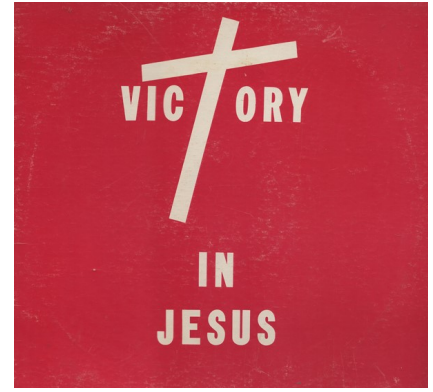
On August 16, we had our first Ladies Lunch! This picture is missing a couple of wonderful ladies who left before the picture was taken. We will make sure to take pictures first at the next lunch. :)

Mark your calendar for our next ladies lunch on **Monday, September 20**. Thank you to Brenda Lambert for providing a wonderful devotional for us prior to eating.

We hope you can join us at our next Ladies Lunch!



HYMN OF THE MONTH - "VICTORY IN JESUS"



Eugene Monroe Bartlett, Sr. is considered to have made a major impact on the development of Southern Gospel Music.

He was born on December 24, 1885 in Waynesville, Missouri. At a young age he relocated to Sabastian County, Arkansas where he grew up. He was educated as a music teacher at Hall-Moody Institute in Tennessee and William Jewell College in Missouri. In 1917, he married Joan Tatum. The couple would have two children together.

In 1918, he established Hartford Music Company, which became one of the first publishing companies for Southern Gospel music. He served as company president from 1918 until 1935. In addition to establishing the music company, he also established a shape note school, the Hartford Music Institute in 1921 and began publishing a monthly quartet magazine, The Herald of Song.

Over the chorus of his career, Bartlett wrote more than 800 songs. Some of his songs include "Just a Little While," "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," and "Take an Old Cold Tater and Wait."

In 1939, Bartlett had a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. After the stroke he was left virtually bed ridden. Although he missed traveling and performing, Bartlett continued to study his Bible during this difficult time. Although he dealt with the physical strains of his limitations, he also looked towards the eternal victory he knew was approaching. During this difficult time after his stroke, he wrote the words to *Victory in Jesus*. The song first appeared in a songbook paperback "Gospel Choruses."

Victory in Jesus was the final song Bartlett wrote. The hymn also became his best known and most embraced song. The song is an optimistic reminder of the hope of heaven. In the second stanza, there are references to the healing ministry of Christ.

The song has grown in popularity over the years and is published in most church hymnals and often requested in sing-a-longs.

Bartlett died on January 25, 1941. He is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Benton County, Arkansas.

In 1973, he was inducted into the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee.

JULY TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$3,261.00	Salaries: \$4,300.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$163.04
Special Offering: \$0.00	Supplies & Food: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$1.74	Insurance: \$0.00
	Miscellaneous: \$2,724.04
	Taxes: \$0.00
	Maintenance: \$130.00
Monthly Total:	Monthly Total:
\$3,262.74	\$7,317.08

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Anniversaries
09/02 Brandon Tisserand	09/03 Doc and Ginger Gardner
09/03 Christopher (CS) Tingle	09/24 Brian and Shirley Larsen
09/03 Holly Ferguson	
09/05 Maude Tingle	
09/12 Kimberly Tisserand	
09/14 Brian Larsen	
09/15 Amy Lambert	
09/16 Brenda Lambert	
09/17 Shirley Larsen	
09/17 Ginger Gardner	
09/27 Austin Worley	
09/28 David Carter	
09/30 John D. Tingle	

Celebrate

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

We will be collecting our Reconciliation special offering on September 26, 2021 and October 3, 2021.

For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund.



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 5	The Word Of Life	1 John 1:1-4
September 12	Principles Of Fellowship With God	1 John 1:5-2:2
September 19	The Moral Test	1 John 2:3-6
September 26	The Social Test	1 John 2:7-11
October 3	The Church and the World	1 John 2:12-17
October 10	The Doctrinal Test	1 John 2:18-27
October 17	The Children of God	1 John 2:28-3:3
October 24	An Elaboration of the Moral Test	1 John 3:4-10
October 31	Dealing with Doubt	1 John 3:19-24

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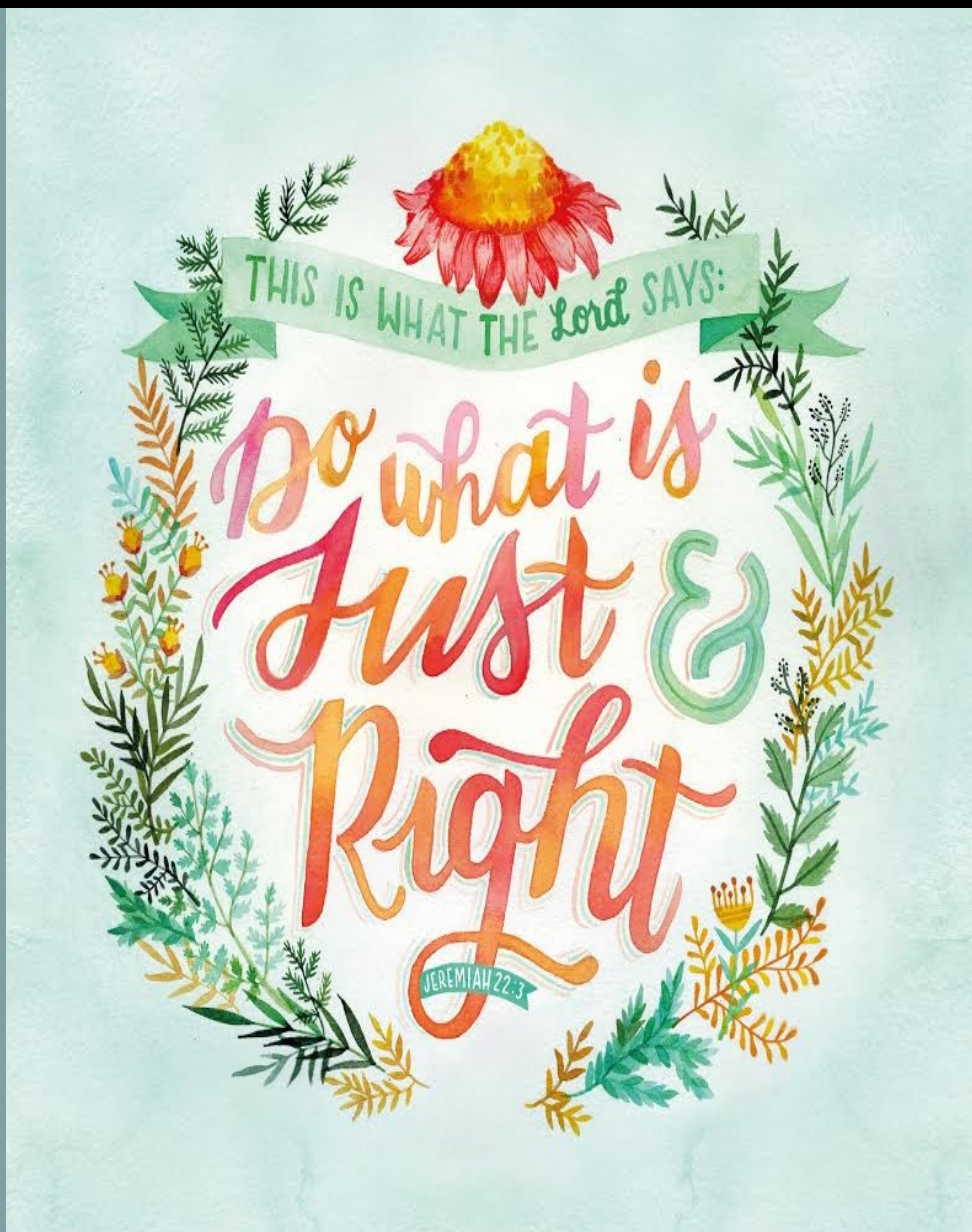
Service: Sundays at 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am

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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, Doc & Ginger Gardner, Margaret Marlar, Linda Waco, Clark & Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Danielle Chamberlin and Doc's father 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.