



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 Family,
First of all, congratulations and thank you to everyone that helped with the 4th of July float. We won 1st place!!!! It was a wonderful time and our family really enjoyed seeing so many come out to support and lend a helping hand. Again thank you to all.



Well, August is upon us! What do we celebrate in August? To many of us, August brings the best bounty of the season—ripened tomatoes, ripe melon, sweet corn on the cob, and zucchini are just a few favorites. Many enjoy that canning season is here, too. Ginger has been canning and prepping for the coming fall season. You might say she has been at the beginning of harvesting. This time of year reminds me of **Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest field."**

In Jesus' day, the population of the world was approximately 150 million people. Today's world population grows by 150 million every two years. The world's population exceeds 7 billion people with the population of the United States over 300 million. Not only was the harvest of people vast as Jesus looked upon it, but those people brought tears to his eyes. All those people, then and now, matter to him. Make no mistake about it: Jesus loves people. **"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them"** (Matt. 9:36 NIV). The word used for compassion is the strongest word for pity in the Greek language. It describes the love that moves a person to the depths of their being. It is the type of love that moves people to cry for others as Oscar Schindler cried for the Jews. It is love that moves people beyond sentimental feelings to heartfelt action. What can we do?

As school is beginning to start across our communities, think about adopting a classroom or a teacher near your home. Send notes of encouragement to that teacher and ask if there is a need for some upcoming projects. Get to know that teacher and most importantly, pray for him/her, their family and their class. Invite someone new that you work with for coffee or to have lunch. Start a conversation, give a smile, get to know them... become not only a reaper of the harvest but a disciple of the gospel.

Think of all the people we contact every day: family, friends, neighbors, work associates, the woman at the cleaners, the guy at the car wash, our tennis buddies, and our sewing club. That is our field. We are responsible for them. We will never have a sense of urgency and priority until we realize that we are responsible for them.

I hope that your heart will be stirred to make a difference in the harvest as we move into this portion of the seasons. You see, when we begin to see people as Jesus saw people it makes all the difference in the world. When we see people as Jesus saw people it will cause us to take responsibility, to pray, to go, and to tell about Jesus. During this month we will be starting a new sermon series called "Devoted". The time is now for us to be devoted to our greatest calling. To spread the wonderful loving gospel of Jesus. Many are hurting, are hopeless, and many may never get the chance to be saved through Him!

Show Jesus to someone new this month.

In Christ,
Pastor Doc Gardner Sr.

UPCOMING events

- Adult Sunday School - ON HOLD
- Children's Sunday School - during service
- August 7 - Board Meeting at 9:30am
- August 8 - Women's Bible Study 10am
- August 14 - Honoring All Educators during service followed by Luncheon
- August 15 - Ladies Lunch 11am
- September 28 & October 5 - Reconciliation Offering Collected

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WESTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Another 1st place win at the Weston 4th of July parade!

Thank you to everyone who came out to ride, wave, throw candy and celebrate!

Happy Birthday America!



MEN'S DEVOTIONAL

Temptation comes to every man. God is faithful to deliver you from every temptation, he will provide a way for your escape. I Corinthians 10:13

There is no escape from the testing ground of temptation. God said it would come – and in fact, it's necessary in order to develop a real man and bring him into greater service. It's no sin to be tempted. Jesus was tempted in every way. What is necessary is for God's man to expect it, preempt it, resist it, and not RSVP to the Tempter.

You will encounter temptation. The question is, what is your identity, who are you? Are you encountering the same types of temptation today as you did many years ago? The static or changing nature of temptation you face reflects your growth in Christ and as a man.

Withholding submission of a certain area in your life ensures spiritual stagnation. As your character grows and changes, the attacks change too. Satan doesn't attack a babe in Christ the same way he does a mature, disciplined soldier. The tactics change based on your resolve and spiritual disposition. He only changes his tactics if he can't continue to hold you hostage through the impure passions he exploited. Nail this down: God's plan is not immunity from the struggle, but victory over the temptation. God told the men of Israel that He would give them the land and that they would be victorious. A lot of men hearing this promise were elated. But they went from elation to deflation when they realized they'd need to suit up, show up, and engage the people hand to hand to receive it. Would giving it to them outright have produced the faith their Commander was really looking for?



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendar for our next bible study on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 10:00 am. We would love for you to join us to learn more about women in the bible.

For our July bible study we will be discussing Deborah and Jael on pages 77 –101.





SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR AUGUST

August 7	Devoted to Teaching	Acts 2:42-47, 2 Timothy 3:16
August 14	Devoted to Fellowship	Acts 2:42-27, Hebrews 10:23-25
August 21	Devoted to Communion	Acts 2:42-47, Genesis 12:8
August 28	Devoted to Prayer	Acts 2:42, Matthew 6:5-15

JUNE TREASURY REPORT

Income	Expenses
Sunday Offerings: \$6,532.00	Salaries: \$4,000.00
Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00	Utilities: \$147.33
Special Offering: \$105.00	Supplies & Food: \$0.00
Miscellaneous: \$0.00	Insurance: \$0.00
	Taxes: \$0.00
	Maintenance: \$1,345.00
	Miscellaneous: \$233.92
Monthly Total:	Monthly Total:
\$6,637.00	\$5,726.25

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Anniversaries
08/01 Brad Chilton	08/18 Scott & Kim Tingle
08/17 Mary Smith	
08/19 Maggie Tingle	
08/21 Gayle Strange	
08/22 Levi Cave	
08/22 Laura Latham	
08/29 Daisy Nicodemus	
08/31 Holly Franklin	



LADIES LUNCH

We had a wonderful ladies lunch on July 18th. Thank you to Brenda Lambert for hosting it at her beautiful new home!

We hope you can join us at our next ladies lunch on August 15, 2022.



HYMN OF THE MONTH - "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN"

Philadelphians Eliza E. Hewitt (1851-1920) and Emily D. Wilson (1865-1942) worked together to give us a gospel song that captures the revival spirit of the late nineteenth century in a uniquely American way. Many readers may have grown up singing this and other songs on a similar theme during Sunday school gatherings, Sunday evening services, or revivals. Make no mistake, hymns that addressed heaven were nothing new. Many eighteenth-century hymns by Charles Wesley and others referenced heaven as our ultimate destination. The nineteenth-century gospel song, however, added a spiritual fervor undergirded by a musical vitality that gave these songs a sense of imminence and urgency that had not been experienced heretofore.

Theologically, an ambiguity exists concerning the phrase, "When we **all** get to heaven. . ." It could be a Methodist use of "all," growing out of the inclusivity of God's grace. It could also be more of an existential statement about believers with the assumption that they were all going to heaven. More than likely, this is an emotional yearning of hope.

The song was first included in *Pentecostal Praises* (1898), a compilation by a noted gospel song composer, William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), and Henry L. Gilmour (1836-1920).

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt lived in Philadelphia her entire life. She was the valedictorian of her class at the Girls' Normal School, where she taught for some years. Hewitt was prominent in the Sunday school movement, devoting time to youth at the Northern Home for Friendless Children; at Calvin Presbyterian Church, she served as the Sunday school superintendent.

Emily Divine Wilson (1865-1942) was also a life-long Philadelphian. The wife of a Methodist minister, John G. Wilson. The minutes of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference noted: Mrs. Wilson was the acknowledged inspiration of her esteemed husband. She was beloved by the congregations of the churches served. Her musical ability was a great contribution to the local church, together with her ability in dramatic art (Leon T. Moore, quoted in Reynolds, 465).

The tune name HEAVEN was ascribed to Wilson's music by the editor of the *Baptist Hymnal* (1956). Of this tune, Carlton R. Young notes, "The Sunday school marching tune portrays the church, its mission, and the role of the faithful Christian progressing towards a goal. . . It is a useful genre of Christian music whereby the faithful are assured the church is on the move, irrespective of reality" (Young, 699-700).

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A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Prayer Requests

Please keep Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Louis Cave, Tralyn Tadlock, Clark & Nancy Neill, Daisy Nicodemus, Sandra Zimmerebner, Mary & Jerry Smith, and Scott & Holly Franklin 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.