

Good News!

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To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known to Others

Pastor's Heart

Another summer is coming to a close, our youth are packing backpacks full of pencils, paper, books and rulers in preparation for the upcoming school year. Plans are being made for the many events that will be happening as the church begins its new year. Excitement is in the air for the promises that the future holds.

A few of our students may be feeling a little trepidation with the coming of that new school year. These are the ones that are moving up in grades from elementary to secondary systems. Most of

us can probably remember our first days in what was called back then "Junior High" and now carries the name "Middle School" where we went from having the same teacher for the entire day to trying to find our way through the maze of hallways — to several teachers waiting in different rooms. We did not understand it then, but this was preparing us for how it was going to be when we later advance on to "High School" and then for some College.

As we walk our walk with God, each step along the way is preparing us for something in our future. From our earliest classes, where we learn concepts like sharing and caring, to later adult classes where we are reminded that God loves each of us the same. Each class added on to the knowledge about us as seen by God and our understanding about how we are to see each other.

Christianity has from the earliest teaching of Jesus in the book of Matthew taught that we would someday stand before the throne of Jesus:

³² *All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.* (Matt 25:32)

In this image, Jesus separates the sheep from the goats based upon the actions they did during their lives on earth. All of the actions can be traced to a lesson they had been told by parents, teachers and pastors. Many are surprised to find out that they were expected to do some of the things that they had been taught:

⁴¹ *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'*

⁴⁴ *"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*
(Matt 25: 41 – 44)

And Jesus answers them:

⁴⁵ *"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'* (Matt 25: 45)

It is the very things we learned from our earliest days, to treat each other with the same love that God treats us. We also learn from this parable of Jesus that it is too easy to forget those teachings. We can put far too much need on our own personal desires and forget that we have been called to help those around us.

I always remind my son that he needs to remember all the things that he has learned, he will never know when he might need some of the knowledge in the future. We need to remember all the things that we learn at the feet of Jesus, you never know when some of it might come in handy.
Praying for you as I hope that you are praying for me, *Pastor Craig*



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of*

Elvy Cole

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**Thank
You!**

Dear Church Family,

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your prayers, food, cards & visits during my recent hospital stay. I know without a doubt God listened and our prayers were answered. May God continue to bless each of you and our church.

In Christ's love, Lori Uptmor

Called to *Serve*

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Elders: Ron Compton & Jan Compton

Greeting, Serving at the Table and Serving the Homebound: Denise Record, Janet Baska, Barbara Gale, David Dickens, Carol Dickens, Kristi Johnson, Lisa Stevens

Acolyte: Lynna Johnson

Sound System: Sherri Winton

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Elders: Jay Cole & Linda List

Greeting, Serving at the Table and Serving the Homebound: Sue Ann Norris, Joe Best, Donna Best, Rouland Mayo, Reece Norris, Jerry Vick, Gary Barnett

Acolyte: Elliot Cross

Sound System: Lisa Stevens

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Elders: Ron Norris & Sandra Wnorowski

Greeting, Serving at the Table and Serving the Homebound: Lori Uptmor, Linda Conder, Sherri Winton, Ann Winton, Sharon Drinning, Spencer Cross

Acolyte: Kinsler Bratz

Sound System: Mike LeVasseur

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Elders: Scott Gilmore & Helen Remes

Greeting, Serving at the Table and Serving the Homebound: Denise Record, Janet Baska, Barbara Gale, David Dickens, Carol Dickens, Kristi Johnson, Lisa Stevens

Acolyte: Remington Cross

Sound System: Sherri Winton

**Next Good News Issue Deadline
August 21, 2019**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Would you like an electronic copy of the updated church directory?

If so, please email Lynn in the church office and request a copy that you can then download and print out on your own.

Lynn.officefcc@gmail.com

MONTH OF JUNE, 2019 INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME: \$13,754.49

EXPENSES: \$12,291.52

DIFFERENCE: \$1,462.97

PRAYER

***Those For Whom Prayer is Needed
(Know that we are praying for you)***

As you go to God in quiet time this week, please remember these individuals in your prayers. Thank you!

Our Church Family: Terry & Alta Condran, Liz Palmer, Lori & Maurice Uptmor, Leon & Ida Pickens* Ronnie Glenn, The family of Maxine Vick, The family of Elvy Cole* Charlotte Gilmore, Addison Cross, Mary Lindsey, Lynda Roberts, Sherri Winton, Kurt Cone

Our Extended Church Family: Sarah Curry Coffman, Emily, Paul & Aida Williams, Becky (Emily's mom), Sue Sickel, Barbara Beatty* Vicki Klawinski, Vera Spindler, The family of Warren Erickson, Greg Hinds* Doug Franklin, Scott Franklin, Dan Franklin, Rick Jeffries, Sandy St. John, Jerry & Selma Denk, Janet & Zack Wilhite, The Family of Frances Thomas

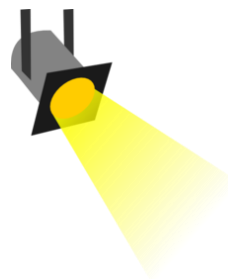


BOARD MEETING— Wednesday, August 14 7:00 PM

BAG LADIES—Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9:00 AM

NURTURE MEETING—Tuesday, August 20 10:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—Wednesday, August 21



SPOTLIGHT ON SERENITY

Every month we will be highlighting a special soul who is part of the reason that Serenity Church exists. These are the people that you are involved in helping. These are the lives that your money, food, but most of all time influences. This is the work that God has invited you to join and to work side by side with those who may be a bit disoriented and lost. This is your opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a real tangible way....

Carlton

By Don Ledbetter

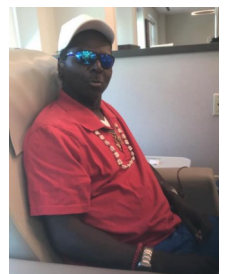
Carlton was diagnosed with stage 2 colon cancer and finally started his chemo this past week. I got to take him on Tuesday. He has been with us at Serenity from the beginning over 3 years ago. Through his gruff manner and aggravations, I have seen moments of Christ working in him. Carlton is the one who encourages others to go to rehab. That's a big deal to me. Please remember Carlton in your prayers and if you have time, offer him a ride to and from his chemo appointments!

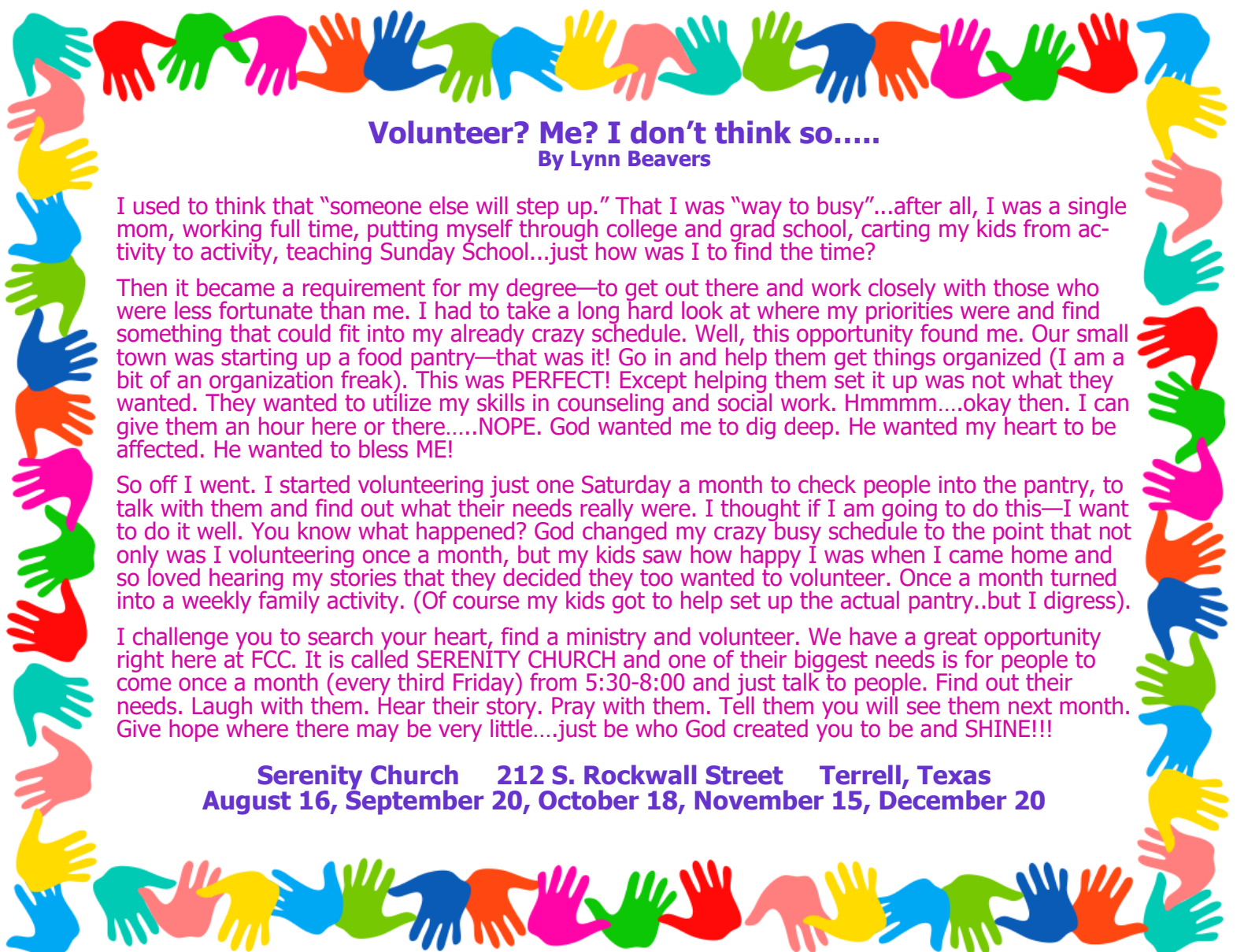
Can you help transport Carlton to and from his chemo treatments? Please contact...

Charlotte at 972-742-9802

or

Scott at 972-816-1627





Volunteer? Me? I don't think so.....
By Lynn Beavers

I used to think that "someone else will step up." That I was "way to busy"...after all, I was a single mom, working full time, putting myself through college and grad school, carting my kids from activity to activity, teaching Sunday School...just how was I to find the time?

Then it became a requirement for my degree—to get out there and work closely with those who were less fortunate than me. I had to take a long hard look at where my priorities were and find something that could fit into my already crazy schedule. Well, this opportunity found me. Our small town was starting up a food pantry—that was it! Go in and help them get things organized (I am a bit of an organization freak). This was PERFECT! Except helping them set it up was not what they wanted. They wanted to utilize my skills in counseling and social work. Hmmmm....okay then. I can give them an hour here or there.....NOPE. God wanted me to dig deep. He wanted my heart to be affected. He wanted to bless ME!

So off I went. I started volunteering just one Saturday a month to check people into the pantry, to talk with them and find out what their needs really were. I thought if I am going to do this—I want to do it well. You know what happened? God changed my crazy busy schedule to the point that not only was I volunteering once a month, but my kids saw how happy I was when I came home and so loved hearing my stories that they decided they too wanted to volunteer. Once a month turned into a weekly family activity. (Of course my kids got to help set up the actual pantry..but I digress).

I challenge you to search your heart, find a ministry and volunteer. We have a great opportunity right here at FCC. It is called SERENITY CHURCH and one of their biggest needs is for people to come once a month (every third Friday) from 5:30-8:00 and just talk to people. Find out their needs. Laugh with them. Hear their story. Pray with them. Tell them you will see them next month. Give hope where there may be very little....just be who God created you to be and SHINE!!!

Serenity Church 212 S. Rockwall Street Terrell, Texas
August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20



Meeting people and having fun are also good reasons to volunteer. Perhaps you're retired with plenty of free time on your hands, maybe you have the summer off, or you just have some extra time in the afternoons or on weekends. No matter what your circumstance, volunteering can keep you busy. You'll be able to meet new people and have exciting experiences, instead of sitting around being bored with little or nothing to do.

SERENITY CHURCH
DON'T FORGET SERENITY WHEN YOU ARE
SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES!!!

This is a list of items they can use with ready-to-eat meals the priority. Cash donations are always welcome. Make checks out to FCC as the office cuts a check and sends donations on to them every month. They buy huge amounts of bottled water to distribute, especially in the summer.

Potted Meats	Vienna Sausages	Tuna Fish	Lunch Packs	Spam
Beef Jerky	Summer Sausage	Ramen Noodles	Fruit Cups	Peanut Butter
Pork & Beans	Granola Bars	Crackers (small packages)		
Shampoo	Wash Clothes	Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Soap
Deodorant	Disposable Razor	Shaving Cream	Mouthwash	Chapstick
Comb	Hair Pick	Tissues (individual)	Feminine Products	

Please remember that the folks who come to Serenity usually have no source for cooking meals.
If food is canned it needs to be a pop top can.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE:
Serenity does not have space for clothing so please no more clothing donations.



Bits and Pieces
Of
Church History

The women of First Christian have always been actively involved in the life of the church as is evidenced by the below photo of a group of ladies on the grass outside the sanctuary building with mops and brooms. (Do you recognize any of these ladies?) We don't know the date of this "cleaning" day but we do have copies of the Christian Women's Fellowship Yearbooks beginning in 1934. These Yearbooks are housed in our History Room along with many other historical documents and photos.



Earlier this year, the ladies in CWF voted to make a monetary gift to the Kaufman County Children's Emergency Shelter, also know as the A. Fern Norville Center. Linda Johnson, Lynna Johnson, Valcus Best, and Donna Best traveled to Kaufman to deliver the gift to the shelter. Up-on entering the "big house" Jana greeting us warmly and offered to give us a tour.

The shelter is a home-like environment full of bedrooms, a big dining room table, a large yard to play in, and a relaxing place to watch tv, play games, or read a book. The mission of the shelter is to meet the "physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of the abused children." They take in children from birth to 17.

On a wall is a plaque that reads: *And His children shall have a place of refuge.* Proverbs 14:26



Pictured from left to right:
Donna Best (CWF Outreach Coordinator)
LaReta Williams (Administrative Director for the Center)
Jana Hutka (Administrative Assistant for the center)
Linda Johnson (CWF President)



Ongoing Shelter Needs:
paper towels, cups, toilet paper,
snacks, laundry soap, etc.



CHRISMONS TO BE REPAIRED

The ornaments we hang on our sanctuary Christmas tree every year are called "Chrismons". They were handmade by members of our church at least 50 years ago, Styrofoam shapes decorated with beads, baubles, sequins and braid. Members of Joy Class did some repair about 15 years ago, however, when the tree was dismantled in January of this year it was determined that a major repair/refurbishing was needed again.

On **Tuesday, September 10th @ 9:00 a.m.** the Joy Classroom will be set up for this job; repairing and replacing beads, trim, glitter and pipe cleaner hangers. Materials will be available but if you have some you want to donate, please bring them.

We will use Tacky Glue, **NOT** hot glue for applying the materials. Please join us on that Tuesday if you want to help with this messy, tedious task.

