



AUGUST
2021

Good News!

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IMPORTANT STUFF!!

Dear Members of First Christian Church:

Every year we nominate, select, and approve at the Annual Congregational Meeting Elders, Deacons, Junior Deacons, Honorary Elders and Deacons, and Trustees. Each of these people is then a member of the Church Board for the year. As such, it is their responsibility to be involved in the governance of the church by attending the monthly Board Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

This year we have 16 Elders, 20 Deacons, 2 Junior Deacons, and 3 Trustees. That's about 41 people. At the July Board Meeting I counted 12 people in attendance, including myself, the Board Secretary and the Minister.

Important things are discussed at these meetings: whether or not to ask for and then accept \$24,000 from the Covid-relief funds, the condition of the church's buildings, the fact that the front doors to the Family Center building can't be opened remotely, the condition of the roof in the Family Center, the disuse and decay of the "Scout Bus" and the continued viability of our Scout program as well as the upcoming 150th Anniversary of First Christian Church and the preparations that need to be made to get ready for that celebration which coincides with the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

All of these important business items impact your lives, your church attendance and your experience at worship and need your input.

I understand that it seems to be just another meeting but please consider your obligation to "be a part" of the church in the bigger sense.

Please put the August Church Board Meeting on your calendar. The meeting will be held in the Parlor on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00PM.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Gilmore, Board Chairman

We SERVE

Serving Schedule for August 2021

Lay Leader:
Dale Hogue

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Elders: Dana & Sherry Skelton
Greeting: Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer
Acolyte: Kinsler Bratz
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Elders: Mike Siemann & Scott Gilmore
Greeting: Kristi Johnson, Barbara Gale, Denise Record
Acolyte: Remington Cross
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Elders: Craig & Prissy Shaffer
Greeting: Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow
Acolyte: Valcus Best
Sound System: Lisa Stevens
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Elders: Raymond Sparks & Linda List
Greeting: Ron & Jan Compton, David & Carol Dickens, Addison Cross
Acolyte: Lynna Johnson
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Elders: Linda Johnson & Colleen Metcalf
Greeting: Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer
Acolyte: Elliot Cross
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

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 Condran, Ronnie Glenn, Kurt Cone, Jay Cole, Guylene Ballard, Pat Sparks, Ruth LeVasseur, Pat Hopper, John Hegar* Sue Ann Norris, Joe & Cynthia Parnell*

Our Extended Church Family: Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Don Dozier, Evelyn O'Lexy, June Breazeale, Phyllis Ferguson, Marcia Gordon Hudson* Corey Rutherford, The Family of Bennie Stone, Helen Robinson, The Family of Steve Winton, The Family Of Ellie Erickson, Sue Snyder, Bill Cook, The Family of Meleah Petkovich, Capie Long, Robert LaRue, Melinda Lee, Diana Inge, Abby Andrews.

Thank you

"Thank you so much for all of the cards, notes, emails, flowers and food that you provided for Jack and I during the recent death of my mother. "

Jack & Lynn Beavers

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Meleah Petrovick

Scott & Charlotte Gilmore
General Fund

Bennie Stone

Kay Cole
Maintenance Fund

Ellie Erickson

Kay Cole
Maintenance Fund

Mary Lindsey
Maintenance Fund



"Dear FCC Terrell, Thank y'all for the personalized Bible. It will be a great guide for all my future endeavors."

***Love,
Aaron Hardman***

**MONTH OF
JUNE, 2021**

INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME: \$8,974.00

EXPENSES: \$17,180.98

DIFFERENCE: <\$8,206.98>

THE KEY, THE HEART AND THE CROSS

Don Ledbetter will be our speaker at worship on Sunday, September 12th to update us about his work with Serenity Corner, Terrell's ministry to the homeless and the housing insecure. Don will show a video, "The Heart, the Key and the Cross," which was created to highlight and Serenity's ministry. Donors to the ministry will receive a little red bag containing these three items as a reminder of the ministry's need and a thank you for donations.



MOST NEEDED FOR SERENITY THIS MONTH

Bottled Water
Bars of Soap – Regular Size
Packaged Snacks

We are trying to get an updated list of items needed by Serenity each month. The needs change with the weather, as donations are dropped off at Serenity Corner and as the client numbers go up or down.

We are asking that no used clothing be donated at this time. Serenity has run out of room to store it. We will post in this newsletter and on Serenity's Facebook page as needs occur and change.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OUTREACH SCHEDULE FOR 2021

The Outreach Committee recently met to review and revise the Calendar of Special Offerings for the remainder of 2021. If you keep track of our church's Outreach schedule on your calendar you will want to make the following changes.

EBBY HOUSE SPECIAL OFFERING

Change from October 3 to December 19

DISCIPLES HOMES SPECIAL OFFERING

Take off the schedule for 2021

SERENITY CORNER SPECIAL OFFERING

Change from December 19 to September 19

A special thank you to members of our congregation for your faithful giving to the special Outreach projects.

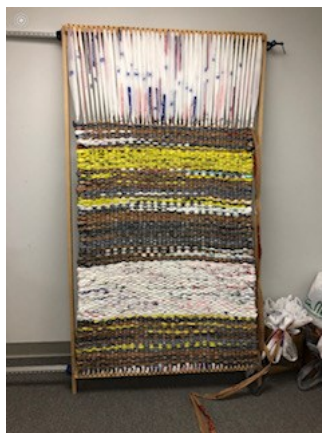
SECOND WEAVING LOOM ADDED

Last month you read the article about the weaving loom that is part of the Bag Ladies arsenal for making "Sleeping Mats for Homeless". This loom was built for us by Wayne Howe and has been very useful in our project. Some of our ladies have difficulty crocheting due to arthritis and some who want to help don't know how to crochet. The loom gives us another method of producing mats.

This new one is built for us by Ken Larsen and has several new features that will improve the weaving process. Now we can have two mats in progress at the same time. Our thanks to these two handy gentlemen.

If you want to try your weaving prowess or if you just want to visit and see the Bag Ladies Workroom, you are welcome. We can use another weaver. It is easier than crochet if you have arthritic hands.

Our newest schedule is the first and third Tuesdays of the month – from 9-noon. Invite friends who are interested. Our members come from a number of places, one even drives from McKinney. We have fun, work well together on whatever project is presented to us by our title-less leader, Charlotte Gilmore and we receive a blessing from God every time we meet.





SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

PACK A SHOEBOX

 Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 188 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

OCC is an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

Our church goal for collecting shoeboxes is 100. Anyone may pack a shoebox and also invite a friend to do one. Shoeboxes will be available for pick up at the August 22 church service and a presentation will be given.

Every shoebox gift is unique. This simple aspect will delight the heart of the child who receives it. We want every shoebox to communicate the magnitude of God's love for that boy or girl. **Please pack quality items** that will reinforce the amazing grace and goodness the Lord has shown us in the Gospel. Reassure children of His care by including a personalized note and photo, **and above all, pray for each boy or girl individually**—no matter how many boxes you pack. The following are items you may wish to purchase for the children, either boy or girl. You may also select an age category of 2-4, 5-9, 10-14, and note this on a label that will be provided for your box.

Start with a "Wow" Item, Personal Care Items (no toothpaste or liquids), Clothing and Accessories, Crafts and Activities (glue sticks, no liquid glue), Toys, A Personal Note from you. School supplies are in great need.

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.

Please start your shopping now and support this Outreach Program for our church.



DONATION OPPORTUNITY...

Our church is in need of two storage cabinets, both should be nice, wood pieces of furniture for holding large three ring binders and other large items. So they need to have shelves and doors.

We need one cabinet for the History Room for storing photo albums and other pieces of our church history so that it can be inventoried, categorized and stored in a way that you and I can access it, read it and enjoy a trip down memory lane. This cabinet could be wide as 4 ft, high as 5-6 foot and must be deep as 12-14 inches.

The second cabinet needed is to give the CWF, which meets in the parlor, storage room. We have some large items which are used from time to time serving refreshments, decorating tables and we need space to store these and lesson and outreach materials for current years. This cabinet should be about 5 ft wide, 6-8 ft high and about 12-14 inches deep.

If you have one of these pieces you want to donate to the church please contact Charlotte Gilmore or Ann Embrey. CWF is gearing up for a new year of study, worship, service and lots of Christian fun and enjoyment.

CHURCH CLEANUP A HUGE SUCCESS

Spurred on by the advertisement of a FREE COUNTYWIDE CLEANUP to be held on Saturday, July 10, I, Charlotte Gilmore, conscripted church member as laborers to haul off trash that has been stored in our church buildings for years. Scott, Charlotte and Dale and Jerry spent days walking our buildings upstairs and down locating and labeling items that we have no need for, cans of old paint that was stored here and there, chairs that have not been used in years and were just taking up space that could be useful. Our members with trucks and trailers hauled off 4 truck loads and two trailer loads to the Convenience Station on N. 429 that is run by BlackJack Disposal and to the Genesis Center. Some of what was taken was hazardous waste and fees had to be paid. This was a huge load but it is only the beginning of clearing our building of unused and unusable items that have been stored there, used there, donated there or just stashed there.

One major project yet to be accomplished is collecting all the electric and electronic equipment that has accumulated in various and sundry locations in both buildings. It will now be collected and located temporarily in one place, the big corner room down in the basement. Several of our members who are techies will be asked to review it all and decide what should be done with it. If you want to be a part of this group please let me know. If you don't volunteer I will conscript you.

Ann Embry and myself are currently working to organize, update, clean up and make more available the material in our History Room.

Helen Remes and I have a committee to organize, clean and update our library during September.

There are so many other projects that could be undertaken by one or two people or a group. Our bathrooms need to be cleaned, updated and redecorated.

The display at the bottom of the stairs by the Men's bathroom needs to be updated.

The Christmas Room on the third floor needs to be cleaned out and organized.

Mary plans to work on her Wedding Room and the Room beside the Pipe Room where Christmas decorations are stored. She needs some help with muscles.

The Charles E. Mull display cabinet in the Family Center desperately needs to be cleaned, reorganized, maybe display changed completely, the lighting needs to be changed library style lighting that doesn't fade the documents and the glass front needs to be changed so it seals to not allow dust and insects to get inside.

And there are lots of others. LETS CLEAN UP OUR CENTER OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP!!



September 23, 2021

SERENITY CORNER

is participating in

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

**AS OF THIS PRINTING SERENITY HAS
PLEDGES OF \$2,800 IN MATCHING FUNDS
AND IS SEEKING MORE!!**

**Donations made to North Texas Giving Day
for Serenity can be matched \$ for \$.**

Our church's Outreach emphasis in September is on Serenity Corner, the local homeless ministry. On September 12th Don Ledbetter, Pastor and Chairman of the Serenity Board, will be speaking. He will bring guests with him to stay for our lunch that day. Our special offering for Serenity will be received on Sunday, September 19.

Right now a team made up of volunteers from our church and other churches which are supporters of Serenity are planning a fundraiser for that ministry in September. It is NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY and Serenity is participating for the first time.

Anyone who has been inside Serenity Corner's building, especially trying to serve a meal to 30 or more people, is aware that Serenity has outgrown its building, and we believe God is going to provide the money to get into a new one! Along with faithful donors, we are working with North Texas Giving Day to raise funds needed. Come be a part of what God is doing at Serenity! Every little bit helps!

On September 1 there will be a Donate button on the Serenity page of the North Texas Giving Day website: <https://northtexasgivingday.org>

- 1. Click on: "Find a non-profit,"**
- 2. Type in Serenity Corner and**
- 3. A donation button will appear**

Donations made directly there through September 23 will be matched \$ for \$ with Matching Funds that have been pledged. Your donation will also help us win dollars from the pool of funds available through Community Foundation of Texas. If you donate by check September 1 – 23 you can write the check to Serenity Church. We will hold your check until the 23rd when we can enter it on the North Texas Website and it will apply to our matching funds then go directly to Serenity Corner.

Each year Communities Foundation of Texas works with local non-profits to leverage support from community and corporate donors in North Texas. Last year they were able to put together a pool of \$58 million dollars which was given to 3,200 participating non-profits like Serenity as bonus funds. Serenity will receive a portion of this year's pool based on the amount of donations we are able to generate locally.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER
13TH 2021



CHRISTIAN
WOMEN'S
FELLOWSHIP

Remember and save the date!! Monday, September 13, 2021 starts CWF's membership year at 2:00 pm in the CFC Parlor. Membership in First Christian Church, Terrell automatically gives every woman the privilege of attending and participating in Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF).

Although fellowship among the women is very enjoyable and enriching in itself, the purpose of CWF is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, education, and creative ministries to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

CWF meets the first Monday of the month, September through May, unless that Monday falls on a holiday. In that case, CWF meets the following Monday.

Each month one of the members presents the devotional; another presents the lesson; one (or two) serves as hostess to provide refreshments; and we explore the selected outreach projects, each of which is appealing and fulfilling to our sense of compassionate ministry.

We hope you will consider joining us!



Believe For It

By CeCe Winans

They say this mountain can't be moved
They say these chains will never break
But they don't know You like we do
There is power in Your name

We've heard that there is no way through
We've heard the tide will never change
They haven't seen what You can do
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name

Move the immovable
Break the unbreakable
God, we believe
God, we believe for it
From the impossible
We'll see a miracle
God, we believe
God, we believe for it

We know that hope is never lost
For there is still an empty grave
God, we believe, no matter what
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name

Move the immovable
Break the unbreakable
God, we believe
God, we believe for it
From the impossible
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God, we believe
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