

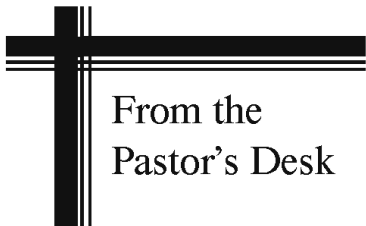
JULY

Good News!

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The Nurture Committee is happy to announce that we will have a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, July 18 with the theme being SUMMER PICNIC! More details are coming soon.....



From the
Pastor's Desk

Who is God?

How do we as disciples understand this being which we worship and give ourselves over to? I thought it would be again good to see how our founders understood and taught on this matter. The following is from "A Christian System" by Alexander Campbell.

GOD.

I. "I AM THAT I AM." "I lift up my hand to heaven and say, *I live for ever.*" "The *everlasting God*, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his *understanding.*" "His understanding is infinite." "Do not I *fill* heaven and earth, saith the Lord?" "For thus saith the *high and lofty* one that *inhabiteth eternity*, whose name is *Holy*, I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." "I beseech thee, show me thy *glory*, and he said I will make all my goodness pass before thee; and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." "And the Lord passed by before him¹ and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, and that by no means acquits the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation"--and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." "O Lord God of Israel, who dwellest between the cherubim's, thou art the God, even *thou alone*, thou hast made heaven and earth. Hear, O Israel--Jehovah our Aleim is one Jehovah²--the Lord our God is one Lord." "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and art, and art to come." "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints." "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy," "He is the Rock, his work is perfect; [19] for all his ways are judgment; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." "Glorious in holiness, fearful in praise, doing wonders."

II. Such are a few--a specimen of the Divine declarations concerning himself; repeated and re-echoed by the purest and most intellectual beings in heaven and earth. It is from his word and his works we learn the being and perfections of God. As we form a character of man from what he says and what he does, so learn we the Divine character. "The heavens declare his glory, and the firmament sheweth forth his handy work: day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Creation reveals the power, the wisdom, and the goodness of God. Providence proclaims also his justice, truth, and holiness. Redemption develops his mercy, condescension, and love; and all these are again characterized by infinity, eternity, immutability. Nature, then, attests and displays the knowledge, wisdom, power, and goodness of God. The law and the providence of God especially declare his justice, truth, and holiness--while the gospel unfolds his mercy, condescension, and love; and all these proclaim that God is infinite, eternal, and immutable. God appears before the universe of intellectuals, in the threefold attitude of Creator, Lawgiver, and Redeemer; and although each of these involves and reveals many of his excellencies, still in each department three are most conspicuous. As Creator, knowledge, wisdom, power, and goodness; as Lawgiver, justice, truth, and holiness; as Redeemer, mercy, condescension, and love. In each and all of which departments, he is infinite, immutable, and eternal.

III. But the Scriptures speak of his divinity or godhead, as well as of the unity, spirituality, and eternity of his being. We have not, indeed, much said upon this incomprehensible theme; for--who by searching can find out God, or know the Almighty to perfection? The knowledge of him is high as heaven, what canst thou do? deeper than hell, what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

Praying for you as I hope you are praying for me

Pastor Craig



Serving Schedule for July 2021

*Lay Leader:
Craig Shaffer*

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Elders: Craig & Prissy Shaffer
Greeting: Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer
Acolyte: Remington Cross
Sound System: Lisa Stevens
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Elders: Raymond Sparks & Linda List
Greeting: Kristi Johnson, Barbara Gale, Denise Record
Acolyte: Valcus Best
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Elders: Linda Johnson & Colleen Metcalf
Greeting: Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow
Acolyte: Lynna Johnson
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Elders: Helen Remes & Dale Hogue
Greeting: Ron & Jan Compton, David & Carol Dickens, Addison Cross
Acolyte: Elliot Cross
Sound System: Lisa Stevens
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* The family of Robert Ballard, Ron Compton, 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* Bennie Stone, Helen Robinson, The Family of Steve Winton, The Family Of Ellie Erickson, Sue Snyder, Bill Cook, Meleah, Lydia & Willey Pelkovich

In Loving Memory of

Robert Ballard

All money has been given to
The permanent maintenance fund.

Jerry & Ann Vick

Mary Lou Hall

Doris Lane

Janet Baska

Barbara Miller

Kay Cole

Kingdom Builders Class

Craig & Prissy Shaffer

JW & Ann Barrow

Gerald & Norma Longley

Barbara & Sarah Coffman

Ron & Sue Norris

Thomas Clower

MONTH OF
MAY, 2021

INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME: \$17,396.00

EXPENSES: \$13,015.14

DIFFERENCE: \$4,380.86

THANK YOU!

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2021 CWF

FUNDRAISER

FOR WHOM OUR BELL TOLLS

Have you heard the bell? Our church bell rings throughout the center of Terrell every hour. This carillon bell system was a gift in 1997 from a former church member, Mrs. Barbara Maberry, who designated in her will that a portion of her estate be given to First Christian Church Terrell. Her husband, Jack Maberry, honored her wishes by purchasing the BRG Carillon Bell System for the church.

Quite a sophisticated system in its day, it is a compact disc-based carillon computer system, that includes bells, chimes and hundreds of hymns, and can reproduce anything that can be placed on a compact disc. The computer keyboard sends instructions to play thru the amplifier to speakers either indoor or outdoor, or both. The full programmable clock has Westminster Chimes.

Paperwork found with the system shows it was originally a CD1000 system. At some point it was upgraded with a newer Dell computer (Dec 2006 manual) and an instruction manual for CBS5000 system dated 2007. The equipment in the closet may be a combination of both systems. The church has a newer computer available from the last office upgrade that might be used to update the bell system, and Pastor Craig will be looking into a newer version of software. A gift that keeps on giving! Listen for the bells!

By Ann Embrey



Thanks to all CWF members, church members and many friends who helped to make this year's CWF fundraiser possible, safe and successful!

Election of 2021 CWF Officers

On June 3, a short meeting was held in the church parlor and Carrie Rutherford graciously installed the following new officers for the coming year.

President Ann Embrey
Vice President Jan Compton
Secretary Linda List
(in training, Linda Condor)
Treasurer Doris Lane
(in training, Ann Winton)
Outreach Ann Winton and Kathy Cook
Historian Charlotte Gilmore
Service Mary Lou Hall
(in training, Sharon Drinnen)

CWF board members will meet in July to prepare for 2021. Due to Labor Day on the first Monday in September, the first regular meeting will take place on Monday, September 13 at 2:00 pm

DONATIONS FOR SERENITY NEEDED

Our church continues to provide space for Serenity Corner’s pantry. This pantry is stocked with “street friendly” food that requires no refrigeration, has pop-top lids and can be eaten right from the can or package. Serenity received grant money last year through the Kaufman County Homeless Coalition to purchase this food but didn’t have space to store it. When we realized Serenity didn’t have enough space, our church agreed to allow the use of the racquetball court as pantry space.

Members of our church manage the inventory, keeping track of the number of each type of food and adding new items as donations are received. Members of our church also pack this food in bags for distribution by Serenity to the homeless. Each week one member packs 24 bags with canned pasta, Vienna sausage, tuna salad, peaches, Ramen, spam and peanut butter crackers. When we have snack items available we add one package to each bag as a treat.

There are currently six church members on the packing team. If you would like to volunteer contact Charlotte Gilmore. If you would like to make a donation to the pantry, here are items needed:

- Ramen Noodles in bags (no Shrimp)
- Cans Beef Ravioli (pop top lid)
- Cans Spaghetti with Meatballs (pop top lid)
- Cans Macaroni and Beef (pop top lid)
- Cans Vienna Sausage (pop top lid)
- Pouches or boxes of Tuna Salad with crackers
- Peanut Butter Cracker packs
- Individual pouches of SPAM Singles
- Peach Fruit Cups
- Snack items – individual packages

(The Wal-mart brand of canned pasta is less expensive than ChefBoyardee.)



Terrell ISD is putting a new spin on the Citywide Back to School Fair this year. Instead of having one big event at Ex-CEL, we are breaking the event into three smaller events and taking them to our families in their neighborhood parks. It will be a three-night event with the following schedule:

Tuesday, August 3 from 5-6:30pm at Breezy Hill Park
Wednesday, August 4 from 5-6:30pm at Ben Gill Park
Thursday, August 5 from 5-6:30pm at Arlie E. White Park

These events will be designed to engage with families and students through food, fun, music, games, and giveaways. We will have the Tiger Tales Literacy Bus set up, multiple Terrell Tiger tents for campuses to set up, hot dog dinner, backpack distribution, music, representatives from cheer, football, Tigerettes, band, etc.

The District is grateful to the City of Terrell and the Parks Board for partnering with us in this effort. We are asking our local churches and service organizations to also join with us as we serve the families in our community by signing up for one of the park events and organizing a game, activity, or giveaway. Examples could include but are not limited to: face-painting, dunk tank, relay races, free popsicles, school/hygiene supply freebies, carnival games, corn hole, water balloon toss, photo-booth, etc.

Samaritan’s Purse, International Relief *
Operation Christmas Child

A 2020 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX REPORT

When we sent our shoeboxes off last November we didn’t give much thought to delivery problems that were going to be caused by Covid. We did pray that children would be blessed by them and the Lord did the rest as is evidenced by the following report.

Though COVID-19 presented many challenges, our National Leadership Teams around the world prayed and found creative solutions to bring hope to children! Shoebox distributions may have looked a little different this year, but the same powerful message of the Gospel was shared.

In Thailand, there was a mandatory lockdown, and it looked like shoeboxes weren’t going to be delivered. But over 4,000 of God’s people in that country prayed for doors to be opened for Operation Christmas Child. And they were! Circumstances changed and the government was able to cancel the lockdown so that outreach events could be held. The result? Over 8,000 children responded to the Gospel and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”
Mark 10:14

Submitted by Alice Hogue

SLEEPING MATS OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Some of our sleeping mats for the homeless are crocheted. You have seen these for several years. We also have a weaving loom on which we can make sleeping mats.

About 3 years ago Wayne Howe built a loom for us. He built it so Reece Norris and his Scout Troop could weave a mat as part of his Eagle project. They collected plastic bags and then wove a mat. Come by our workroom and check it out if you are interested. If you want to try your hand at the weaving, we welcome you. It’s also made from strips of the plastic bags.

