



Good News!

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To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known to Others



From the Pastor's Desk

CONVERSATION STARTERS

There is a part of Facebook now called "Conversation Starters." It is a post by someone that is supposed to begin people to think about some deep idea or thought. I came upon this "Starter" on our sister church in Virginia "District III Disciples of Christ in VA," and thought that the subject matter was becoming more interesting. How do we bring our youngest members into the worship event and make them a part of it?

Give this reading a go through and see what you think?

Rules for children in the worship service:

One. If you find that you're sitting in front of a child and they can't see, lean to the side.

Two. If the children seated behind you are rustling papers, hand them a crayon.

Three. If there is a baby that is crying, offer to take the baby from their parent and walk to the back of the church and rock the child for a while. The parent really needs a break.

Four. If the teenagers are whispering give them some Smarties. The rustling and crinkling will replace their whispering.

Five. If an adult complains to an usher about the noisy children near them, offer to trade seats with that adult and then apologize to the parents of the children.

Six. When a child is running around giving everyone high-fives during the time of passing the peace/greeting your neighbor make sure to give them an extra fun high-five, and then high-five the next five adults that you see.

Seven. If a child has worn tap shoes to church and is dancing on the wood portion of the floor, slip the sheet music for "The Entertainer" to the pianist and roll with it.

Eight. When the children can't hear because an adult around them won't take off their puffy jacket and it keeps squeaking and distracting the children, offer to help them off with their jacket and go hang it up for them where it goes.

Nine. When the three-year-old insists on standing on the front pew turned backwards looking at the rest of the people, give the child a pair of very dark glasses. That will prevent the child from catching any adult's eye, which would lead to distracting them. This will protect the adults who as we know have very short attention spans and are easily distracted.

Ten. When a child in front of you is very squirmy, and then they finally turn around and you realize suddenly, "Oh, it's Jesus!" take it in stride and play Got Your Nose till he turns around to the front again.

CB Beal
Justice and Peace Consulting

Did you have a good chuckle? Did it give you something to think about? Maybe just some good insight.

Praying for you as I hope that you are praying for me.
Pastor Craig

First Christian Church, Terrell

Barbeque Plate Lunch

Saturday, October 5 11am-1pm

Featuring: Ron's Barbeque Brisket
&
All the trimmings!



Fall Festival



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



October 5, 2019

10 am - 2 pm

First Christian Church Gym
Corner of Adelaide and Brin St.,
Terrell, TX

Ron's Famous BBQ Lunch

11 am - 1pm

\$10.⁰⁰

- Brisket
- Sausage
- Potato Salad
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Garlic Toast
- Dessert
- Drink



Dine In or Take Out

Poetry Methodist Church
Women's Fellowship
Quilt Raffle &
Handmade Item Sale!



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CRAFTS •

RAFFLES • DRAWINGS • AND MORE



RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

Inman Christian Center

Inman is a neighborhood based community center serving the needs of low-income individuals and families in the inner city of San Antonio. Inman provides childcare, social services, education, recreation, and emergency food assistance as well as housing for individuals who are elderly and/or disabled. Inman Christian Center has been serving the west side of San Antonio for over 100 years. The Mission of the Inman Christian Center is to empower people who are living within the community to develop to their full potential.

**First Christian Church will be taking a special offering for the
Inman Christian Center on October 6.**

Please make checks payable to FCC and notate INMAN CENTER.



OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

OUR OCTOBER LUNCHEON WILL BE A REGULAR POTLUCK.
YOUR NURTURE COMMITTEE WILL FURNISH THE FOLLOWING:



FRIED CHICKEN
BREAD
ICE TEA AND COFFEE



PLEASE BRING LARGE SIDE DISHES AND/OR DESSERTS FOR THE TABLE. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS MOST APPRECIATED, AND HELPS TO MAKE OUR LUNCHEONS SPECIAL.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND THE WONDERFUL FOOD.



BAG LADIES—Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 15 & 29 at 9:00 AM

BELL CHOIR—TBD

CHOIR—Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 6:00 PM

FALL FESTIVAL—Saturday, October 5 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

INMAN CENTER OFFERING—Sunday, October 6

CWF MEETING—Monday, October 7 at 2:00 PM

CWF FIELD TRIP—Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30 AM

BOARD MEETING— Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Sunday, October 13

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON—Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 PM

SERENITY CORNER—Friday, October 18 at 5:30 PM

REECE NORRIS SCOUT PROJECT—Saturday, Oct. 19, 11-3

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY—Sunday, Oct. 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—Monday, October 21

NURTURE MEETING—Tuesday, October 22 at 10:30 AM

TRUNK OR TREAT—Thursday, October 31 at 5:00 PM

Have you lost a loved one in the past three years? Would you like to have them included in a video presentation on All Saints Sunday?

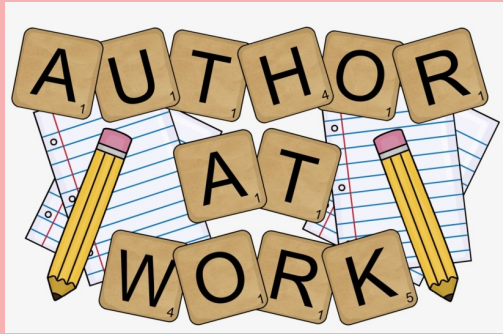
Please email a picture of your loved one to Pastor Craig (minister.craig2@gmail.com) and include the following information:

- ♦ Complete Name
- ♦ Year of Birth
- ♦ Year of Death

Pastor Craig must have this information no later than Sunday, October 27.

Note: If you cannot email the picture, please stop by the office and let us help you.





Do you have a story to share?
Email Lynn at
lynn.officefcc@gmail.com

Next Good News Issue
Deadline
October 21, 2019



Maxine Vick

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Uptmor—General Fund

Elvy Cole

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Uptmor—General Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wnorowski—Roof Fund

Emily Williams

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Strack—Maintenance Fund
Mrs. Kay Cole—Maintenance Fund

Harold 'Sonny' Leigh

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wnorowski—Roof Fund

Max Mull

Mrs. Kay Cole—Maintenance Fund

Called to *Serve*

Sunday, October 6, 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

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Elders: Linda Johnson & Dale Hogue

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: Valcus Best

Sound System: Lisa Stevens

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Elders: Mike Siemann & Pat Hopper

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

Acolyte: Ryder Norris

Sound System: Mike LeVasseur

Sunday, October 27, 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



If you are giving money "in memory of" OR "in honor of" someone, we must have a separate check for each fund you are contributing to. (Example: General Fund, Roof Fund, Permanent Maintenance Fund)

If you have any questions, please call Lynn in the church office (972)551-4700 or see Ann Winton on Sunday morning.



Who: Open to all kids and kids-at-heart

What: Fun car decorations & Candy

When: Thursday, October 31, 5:00-7:00

Where: "Blessings" Parking Lot

OR IF ITS RAINING...

FCC Gymnasium

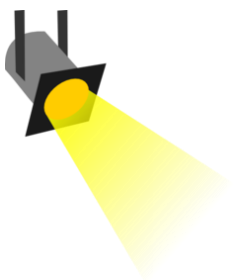
Why: To share the love of Jesus with the community!

Please bring sealed, individually wrapped candy to the office!

IT'S COMING!!!!



OCTOBER 31, 2019
5:00-7:00 PM



SPOTLIGHT ON SERENITY

Every month we will be highlighting a special soul who is part of the reason that Serenity Corner 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 help 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....

Andre

By Don Ledbetter

Andre is another one with major health issues and living out the consequences of life choices but over the last several months he has started attending services at a local congregation and through the hard shell of survival from living on the streets, I see Christ in him softening a heart without hope. Andre has reached out to us to help get him to doctor appointments. His family and friends can't or won't. Today I will be taking him up to Rockwall for the second time to see his doctor.

URGENT DONATION NEED AT SERENITY

- There are two options for your convenience....
1. How would you like to feed 12 homeless people for one week for \$60.00? Well if you join forces with Serenity Corner, that is exactly what can happen! Please make your check payable to FCC and denote *SERENITY CORNER* in the memo line and we will take it from there. Your sponsorship will be noted to Serenity Corner as well as in the FCC Newsletter!
 2. Shop for the below items and bring them to church and place them in the bins marked for *SERENITY CORNER* and we will make sure that the food gets delivered.

Its that simple! Will you please help us as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our hurting world? We are so blessed—it is time to share some of that blessing with those less fortunate. Let's stock the shelves of Serenity!!!

- Ramen Noodles Chicken Cups
- Canned Pasta with meat with pop top lid
- Vienna Sausage with pop top lid
- Pouch of tuna fish
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Individual packets of SPAM
- Peach Fruit Cups



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, Ida Pickens, Gary Barnett* Sally Leigh* George Purnell, The family of Leon Pickens

Our Extended Church Family: Sarah Curry Coffman, Sue Sickel, Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Andrew Howard,* David Baehr Family, Audrey Hamilton, The family of Emily Williams, Regan Broiles, Connie Clower* Thelma Rutherford, Jensen Family, Jerry & Delma Deak, Heather Yost, Kenneth Wilson, The family of Joyce Gibbs



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019
5:00 PM
MEET AT FCC TO LEAVE TOGETHER AND
SERVE AT SERENITY CORNER
FOR SEVERAL HOURS

*"Then He will answer them, "Truly I tell you,
just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me."
Matthew 25:45*

**YOU WILL BE BLESSED BY THIS SIMPLE ACT
OF SERVICE TO THE LEAST OF THESE!**





THANK YOU TO ALL KEY HOLDERS!

Wow did you guys respond in such an awesome way! I have a great start to a list of those who have keys... But there is still time for you to call the office and let me know what keys you have and what they go to. This is a list you WANT to be a part of!

Please call Lynn
at
972-551-4700

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR
YOUR COOPERATION!



Blue Christmas Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 PM

For those experiencing grief, loss or hardship, the Christmas season is far from the most wonderful time of the year. A Blue Christmas service is designed to allow you to confront the pain of loss felt by so many at this time of year, and to offer a somber, gentle space in which to gather. This service is very important as it gives you permission to grieve while offering hope and comfort—and to know that you are not alone in your grief. Many others care about you but most importantly—Christ cares about you! If you are experiencing a loss, please make plans to join us at this unforgettable event. This service will be open to anyone who wishes to attend—if you know someone who has experienced a loss, please be sure to invite them.



Sponsored by:
First Christian Church Terrell
Faith Fellowship Church of the Nazarene
First United Methodist Church
Serenity Corner
Terrell State Hospital Chaplain
Centro Apostolico Nueve Esperanze
(New Hope Apostolic Center)
Many other area churches.



CWF NEWS By Linda List

For crying out loud, what happened to summer vacation????? Wasn't it just yesterday we ended the May meeting????? However, I am glad to have seen everyone at this meeting. We had 20 ladies show up for what turned out to be a really terrific day.

Helen Remes did a great job as our new President. Helen even gave the first lesson "Looking Back Like Lot's Wife" from the book "Goals for Spiritual Maturity". There were a number of points made that gave us all things to think about and apply to our own lives.

Our new person responsible for our Outreach program, Jan Compton, presented us with a list of wonderful projects. She explained each one and then, can you believe it, gave us homework. She asked us to go through the list, make notes and next month we'll discuss each and decide which ones are the most important.

All in all, it was a pretty terrific day; oh did I mention the delicious refreshments provided by Ann Winton and Doris Lane....How does homemade pound cake, chicken salad sandwiches, chocolate covered peanuts and delicious Punch sound????!!!!

Hope to see you all next month on the real first Monday meeting, October 7 @ 2:00 PM! Y'all come!!!!!!!



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS...

We would like to honor YOU on Veterans Day in November.

**Please email a picture of yourself
IN UNIFORM
to Pastor Craig no later than
NOVEMBER 3, 2019.**

minister.craig2@gmail.com

Thank you for your service!

CWF/DWF 2019 Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9AM Registration
10AM Opening Service
\$10.00 Per Person
(Includes Lunch)

Open Arms Christian Church
201 Hwy. 110 S
Whitehouse, Texas 75791
903-312-1589



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR REECE NORRIS

Reece Norris has begun his final steps toward becoming an Eagle Scout! Let's all get on board and help him achieve this high honor! Here's what you need to know....

1. Reece is collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless. Drop off your bags in the basement of the church or outside the church office in the designated bins.
2. Reece is collecting scissors to cut up the plastic bags in order to make the plarn. These can be left in the bins as well.
3. October 19 & November 23 are both work days at the church to help Reece assemble the mats. Join him from 11:00-3:00 in the Gym. ***Food and Refreshments will be provided!***
4. Are you a "bag lady"? If so, Reece could use your expertise in directing the scouts exactly what the process is for making the mats!
5. The other project that Reece is collecting for is Boxes of Love. They provide the homeless with toiletries and other items. The list below can be left in the bins as well.
6. Questions? Contact Reece at:
RNorrismusic@gmail.com or text 469-410-2866

Donation Items Needed:

Scissors
Crochet Hooks
Plastic Grocery Bags
Socks
Shampoo/Conditioner
Hand Wipes
Lip Balm
Brushes/Combs
Soap
Diapers
Baby Wipes
Baby Bottles
Monetary Donations

Boxes of Love



Nothing Else

By Cody Carnes

I'm caught up in Your presence
I just want to sit her at Your feet
I'm caught up in this holy moment
I never want to leave

Oh, I'm not here for blessings
Jesus, You don't own me anything
More than anything that You can do
I just want You

I'm sorry when I've just gone through the motions
I'm sorry when I just sang another song
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You
I'm sorry when I've come with my agenda
I'm sorry when I forgot that You're enough
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You

I'm caught up in Your presence
I just want to sit her at Your feet
I'm caught up in this holy moment
I never want to leave

Oh, I'm not here for blessings
Jesus, You don't own me anything
And more than anything that You can do



"Thank you all for eight years of prayers, cards, and now memorials for our beautiful Emily. It is great to be a part of FCC."

Love, Pat Hopper

CALLING ALL BAG LADIES (AND MEN)...

Beginning October 1, the Bag Ladies Ministry will be going to an every other week event. Please mark your calendars for the following dates through out the rest of the year...

OCTOBER
1, 15, 29

NOVEMBER
12, 26

DECEMBER
10

