



Good News!

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September, 2019

To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known to Others

From the Pastor's Pen

Merry Christmas!!!!

A little too early?? Well maybe, but if you haven't been paying attention many of the stores are already beginning to change over to their holiday look. Christmas decorations and lights fill the shelves and the summer items such as mowers and gardening supplies are losing their positions of prominence. In just a little while we will be greeted by the sound of "Jingle Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman" to add to our shopping ambience. For most of us this change in seasons comes at too fast a pace and we seem not to have the time to enjoy the changing patterns around us as we jump six months from Fourth of July to Christmas.

Sometimes being in the church can feel that way also. As I am sitting down to write you this month of September's newsletter article, Lynn and I are already in the planning stages for the next five months of events and services in the life of the church. Which of course means that we are looking Christmas straight in the face.

One might wonder why would we be thinking so long ahead and planning for so far in the future? While our Sunday services all for the most part are already laid out with only a few minor changes to them, our specials services have time needed for planning attached to them. Some might be based upon services that we did the years before; others are completely new to the church and have to be looked at on many levels.

This year alone we are planning three special offering Sundays: Inman Christian Center, Disciples Homes in Tyler and Serenity Corner. We will be celebrating "Light a Candle for Children" Sunday, Trunk or Treat, All Saint's Sunday, Thanksgiving, Four Sundays of Advent, Hanging of the Greens, Choir Cantata Sunday and Christmas Eve Service. This year will see the introduction of a brand new service for those in our congregation and those in our community that have suffered or are suffering loss in their lives. Christmas time is an especially difficult time for those who have lost loved ones, so we will be holding a "Blue Christmas" service for those who grieve.

Wayne Howe is in the process of building us what we hope will become an important part of the "Light a Candle" and the "Blue Christmas" services, and later on may be introduced into more of First Christian's worship time.

Christmas is a time of preparedness, a time of looking forward. Let's get prepared for what comes next.

Praying for you as I hope that you are praying for me

Craig





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

Next Good News Issue
Deadline
September 20, 2019



Harold "Sonny" Leigh

Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dozier—Roof Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund
Linda Johnson—General Fund

Don Lindsey

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund
Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Linda Johnson—General Fund

Doug Lane

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund
Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Linda Johnson—General Fund

Maxine Vick

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund
Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Kingdom Builders Class—Maintenance Fund
Linda Johnson—General Fund

Elvy Cole

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund
Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Kingdom Builders Class—Maintenance Fund
Linda Johnson—General Fund

Ed Rollins

Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund

Max Mull

Mr. & Mrs. JW Barrow—Maintenance Fund

Mary Edwards

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund

Peggy Nadolski

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund

Pattye Sue Schorlemmer

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ballard—Maintenance Fund

Emily Williams

Kingdom Builders Class—Maintenance Fund
Mr. & Mrs. JW Barrow—Maintenance Fund
Mrs. Sally Leigh—General Fund



Sunday, September 1, 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, September 8, 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, September 15, 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, September 22, 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, September 29, 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



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.

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!

HANDMADE

CRAFTS • RAFFLES • DRAWINGS • AND MORE



"Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls. They were greatly appreciated during my recuperation from knee surgery."

-Lynda Roberts



CWF would like to update everyone on the generosity of some individuals in our church who have given specifically to the furniture fund project for the parlor. If you would like to give to this project, CWF is still taking donations!

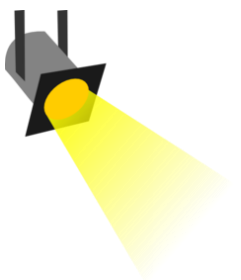
Jerry & Ann Vick
Given in Memory of Maxine Vick

2 Anonymous Donors



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 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 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....

Kenneth

By Don Ledbetter

Kenneth was assaulted and taken to Dallas Baylor for knife wounds. He was stabbed in the head and the point of the knife broke off and is still lodged there. The assailant then cut Kenneth's throat and it has to be stapled. Kenneth is homeless and has a substance addiction. He is in his 60's and a kind and gentle soul. Over the last several years he has become close to us at Serenity and has a special place in my heart. I have seen him shed tears at church services and heard him talk about his faith in the Lord. He's one of the guys that even in the choices he's made and the life he lives, I SEE Jesus in his life and I get to witness a soul who believes even in the depth of brokenness. I believe Kenneth is a believer and Christ is working in him.



- LABOR DAY—Monday, September 2 Office Closed
- BAG LADIES—Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 17 & 24 at 9:00 AM
- BELL CHOIR—Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 5:00 PM
- CHOIR—Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 6:00 PM
- LIFELINE SCREENING—Friday, September 6, 8:30 AM
- FALL LUNCHEON—Sunday, September 8, 12:00 PM
- CWF MEETING—Monday, September 9, 2:00 PM
- CHRISMON REPAIR—Tuesday, September 10, 9:00 AM
- BOARD MEETING— Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM
- SERENITY CHURCH—Friday, September 20, 5:30 PM
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—Friday, September 20
- NURTURE MEETING—Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 AM

MONTH OF JULY, 2019 INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME: \$16,609.00
EXPENSES: \$18,485.04
DIFFERENCE: <\$1,876.04>

Let Them See You
JJ Weeks Band

Take away the melody
Take away the songs I sing
Take away all the lines
And all the songs you let me write
Does the man I am today
Say the words you need to say
Let them see You, in me
Let them hear You, when I speak
Let them feel You, when I sing
Let them see You
Let them see You in me.
Who am I without your praise
Another smile, Another face
Another breath, a grain of sand
Passing quickly through your hand
I give my life, an offering
Take it all take everything
Let them see You, in me
Let them hear You, when I speak
Let them feel You, when I sing
Let them see You
Just let them see You in me



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,* Charlotte Gilmore, Addison Cross, Mary Lindsey, Lynda Roberts, Kurt Cone, Bill Beatty, Jerry Jenkins* Sally Leigh, Gary Barnett

Our Extended Church Family: Sarah Curry Coffman, Sue Sickel, Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Andrew Howard,* Doug Franklin, Scott Franklin, Dan Franklin, Rick Jeffries, Sandy St. John, Jerry & Selma Denk, Zack Wilhite, The family of Frances Thomas, The family of Ruby Butler, Sue Snyder, Janey Scully* David Baehr Family, Audrey Hamilton, The family of Emily Williams, Regan Broiles, Connie Clower.



Scott & Charlotte
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FIRST MEETING
OF THE YEAR
FOR CWF
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
2:00 PM

Trunk-or-Treat

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!

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP SOME ITEMS FOR SERENITY CHURCH!
 OUR BINS ARE EMPTY!



Serenity Shopping List...

Potted Meats
 Beef Jerky
 Pork & Beans
 Vienna Sausages
 Summer Sausage
 Granola Bars
 Tuna Fish
 Ramen Noodles
 Crackers (small packages)
 Lunch Packs
 Fruit Cups
 Spam
 Peanut Butter

Shampoo
 Deodorant
 Comb
 Wash Clothes
 Disposable Razor
 Hair Pick
 Toothbrush
 Shaving Cream
 Tissues (individual)
 Toothpaste
 Mouthwash
 Feminine Products
 Soap
 Chapstick

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



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 (November 3, 2019)?

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 get it scanned.

Thank You!

Dear Friends of FCC,
 We want to thank you for all your cards, calls, visits, food and most of all your prayers while Sonny was sick. He loved his church and church family. We were honored and blessed that so many were at his memorial service, and his reception was overwhelming.
 Many thanks again, in God's love,
 The Family of Harold (Sonny) Leigh

In Honor Of...

Money was given in honor of George Purnell towards the Maintenance Fund from the Kingdom Builders Class.

CALLING ALL KEY HOLDERS...

The office would like to get a handle on who has keys to the church...whether it be the sanctuary, the family center, certain cabinets, etc.

If you are the holder of any keys, would you please stop by the office so we can get an idea of who has what keys?

We are not going to take them away from you, we just need to know what you have!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



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.

Thank you for your service!

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.*



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of your love and support during our time of loss. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits during my mother's illness and her hospital stay. Thank you for all of the flowers and donations made to the Maintenance Fund and General Fund in her memory. We especially thank everyone for preparing a special meal for our family after the service. A special thank you to Craig for his inspiring, thoughtful and encouraging words at her funeral.

With Sincere Thanks,
Jerry Vick and Family



RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

Inman Christian Center

Inman Christian Center was founded in 1913 by the Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Christian Church through the work of Dr. Samuel Guy Inman. 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. Families who are struggling to make a better life for themselves and their children can find a variety of services at Inman. The Mission of the Inman Christian Center is to empower children, youth, elderly and families who are living within the communities that Inman serves to develop to their full physical, mental and spiritual 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.

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Everyone seems to love our Mexican themed luncheons, so let's do it again!
The following items will be furnished:

Mexican Chicken
Confetti Rice
Pinto (Red) Beans
Chips and Salsa
Tea and Coffee

Please bring your favorite Mexican Recipe, A Side Dish or Dessert

Come and Enjoy this time of fun and fellowship!

