

# Good News!

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Dear Members of First Christian Church,

I wanted to continue discussing with you the important things that are happening at the Church Board Meetings.

On August 11, the Board met in the Parlor with only 17 people present, including Pastor Craig, the Board Secretary and myself.

#### Items Reviewed:

**Income and Expenses:** We find that our income in July was \$10,680. In June it was \$8,974. In April it was \$11,462. This is a disturbing trend. For the last decade our expenses run from \$13,000 to \$14,000 or more. This is something you need to prayerfully consider. I think the drop in income is partly a reflection of the times we live in. It is also a reflection of our losses in membership. We are losing several people a year to sickness, death and old age. Before the turn of the century our church focused energy on Evangelism (some of you probably served on that committee.) Bringing new members isn't the preacher's job, it's ours. Maybe if each of us invited one new person or family to church we could boost our numbers and our income. Please think about all of this.

**Maintenance:** The front doors of the Family Center are out of order and in the process of being replaced. Also, some inside doors in the hall, and the exits at the back of the gym on both floors will soon be reworked. JW Barrow is working with a roofing company to get an estimate for the cost of repairing the roof of the Family Center. The ice maker in the gym kitchen has been replaced but needs some new plumbing and electrical work to complete the installation.

**Other:** The Outreach Committee for next year is currently planning to include more local ministries in its program. Our Hispanic Church will be joining with the school district to hold ESL (English as a second language) Classes beginning September 9. Several members of our church will be promoting donations to Serenity Corner through North Texas Giving Day September 1-23 in hopes of raising "seed money" for a new building for Serenity. The Board voted to begin the process of selling the Scout Bus, which has been sitting mostly unused for three years.

Lastly, since Covid/Delta has gotten worse, the Board voted to highly recommend that church members wear masks inside the buildings.

Please put the September Board meeting on your calendar, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parlor. The Board will consider the 2022 Annual Budget and the new roster of Elders and Deacons at this meeting.

Yours in Christ,  
Scott Gilmore, Board Chairman

*We*  
**SERVE**

**Serving Schedule  
for  
September 2021**

**Lay Leader:  
Colleen Metcalf**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Elders:** Dana & Sherry Skelton  
**Greeting:** Kristi Johnson, Barbara Gale  
**Acolyte:** Youth of the Church  
**Sound System:** Lisa Stevens  
**Camera Operator:** Ryder Norris

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Elders:** Helen Remes & Dale Hogue  
**Greeting:** Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow  
**Acolyte:** Youth of the Church  
**Sound System:** Mike LeVasseur  
**Camera Operator:** Ryder Norris

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Elders:** Mike Siemann & Scott Gilmore  
**Greeting:** Ron & Jan Compton, David & Carol Dickens, Addison Cross  
**Acolyte:** Youth of the Church  
**Sound System:** Sherri Winton  
**Camera Operator:** Ryder Norris

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**Elders:** Craig & Prissy Shaffer  
**Greeting:** Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer  
**Acolyte:** Youth of the Church  
**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, Jay Cole, Guylene Ballard, Pat Sparks, Ruth LeVasseur, Pat Hopper, Joe & Cynthia Parnell\* Liz Palmer

**Our Extended Church Family:** Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Don Dozier, Evelyn O'Lexy, June Breazeale, Phyllis Ferguson\* Capie Long, Robert LaRue, Melinda Lee, Diana Inge, Abby Andrews, The Family of Tim Pugh, The Family of Marcia Hudson, Nayadean Kozelski, Charlie Lyles, The Family of Merv Cross, John Cramer, The Family of Billie Turner, Barbara Beatty

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

**Robert Ballard**

Linda List  
Maintenance Fund

**Bennie Stone**

Linda List  
Maintenance Fund

**Ellie Erickson**

Barbara Coffman  
Maintenance Fund

**Marcia Gordon Hudson**

Kay Cole  
Maintenance Fund

*Thank you*

*"Thank you so much for all of the cards and notes we have received upon the passing of Lynn's sister. "  
Jack & Lynn Beavers*



**MONTH OF  
JULY, 2021**

**INCOME AND EXPENSE**

**INCOME: \$10,680.00**

**EXPENSES: \$14,211.97**

**DIFFERENCE: <\$3,531.97>**

*Thank  
you*

"The office has received several phone calls from the church congregation thanking the "exercise ladies" for taking the time to call and check in and pray with them. THIS is what the church is supposed to be like!"

Anonymous Grateful Members

# Calling All Women....

CWF begins its new year on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the church parlor (unless otherwise announced).

All ladies who come to First Christian Church are welcome to attend. Come for lessons, devotions and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!



Questions?  
Call Ann Embrey at  
214-793-9100

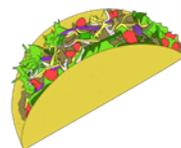


## SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



OUR LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER WILL HAVE A MEXICAN THEME,  
WHICH WE ALL SEEM TO LOVE.

ITEMS FURNISHED:  
MEXICAN CHICKEN, CONFETTI RICE, PINTO (RED) BEANS  
CHIPS AND SALSA, COFFEE AND TEA



IF YOU WANT TO FURNISH SOMETHING FOR THE TABLE,  
PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE MEXICAN DISH, OR A DESSERT.

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

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Samaritan's Purse - Newsletter Article 8/21/21  
submitted by Alice Hogue

**Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Outreach**

Our FCC Shoebox Project has begun! Shoeboxes and other materials are available at the back of the sanctuary. The cost of postage per shoebox is still \$9.00; checks should be made payable to First Christian Church. Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; liquid glue, 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 consider doing a box for an older child; more older age children are in need of a gift in the program (age breakdown is 2-4, 5-9, 10-14, boy or girl). The brochure "How to Pack a Shoebox" contains all information needed on what to put in your shoebox.



**Samaritan's Purse helps others in many ways.**

**Pray for the People of Afghanistan** - Samaritan's Purse is doing what we can through partners working to help people get out of the country. It is a difficult and tragic situation. Will you please join me in praying for God to intervene in a mighty way?

**Pray for Haiti**—Field Hospital Going Up in Haiti - Samaritan's Purse has deployed an Emergency Field Hospital to Haiti to provide lifesaving care for many of the thousands who were injured Saturday, August 14, when a 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed over 2,100 people and destroyed tens of thousands of homes. In Jackson, Mississippi, our Emergency Field Hospital received its first COVID-19 patient.

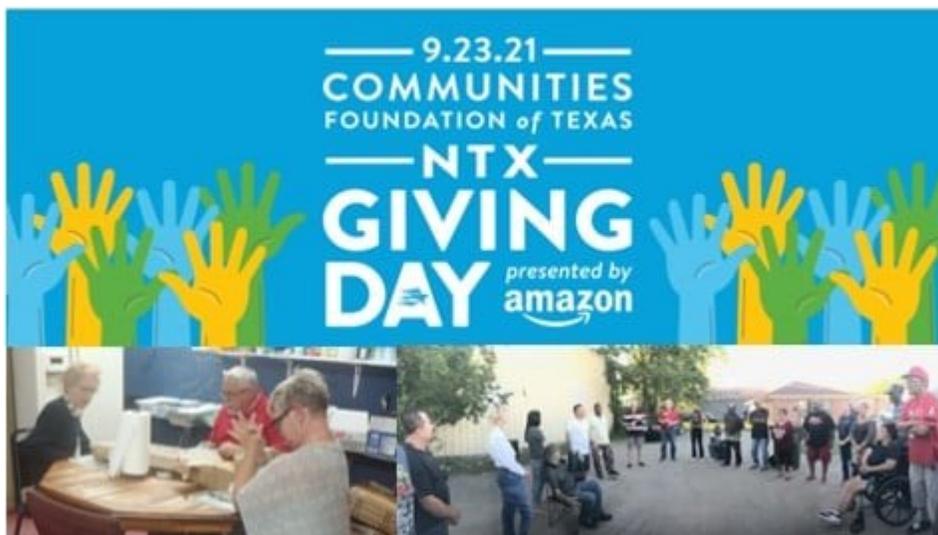
**First Patient Received in Mississippi** -Our Emergency Field Hospital in Mississippi is now open. It's located on the University of Mississippi Medical Center campus and can serve up to 32 patients at a time. Five of the beds are set aside for an Intensive Care Unit (ICU); previously, there were no ICU beds available in the entire state. Our facility is staffed by dozens of Samaritan's Purse DART members responding as the state has reported over 15,000 new coronavirus cases during the past three weeks.

**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**  
Psalm 147:3

Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse

Elliot & Remington Cross  
Moment for Missions  
Sunday, August 22, 2021





# September 1-23, 2021

## SERENITY CORNER NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY UPDATE

AS OF THIS PRINTING SERENITY HAS PLEDGED OF \$12,200 IN MATCHING FUNDS AND IS SEEKING MORE!! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT SCOTT GILMORE!

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

**SERENITY CORNER NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH 23.** We need \$12,200 in donation in order to benefit from the matching funds pledged. Here is how you can help:

1. Mail a check to Serenity Corner, P.O. Box 266, Terrell, TX 75160 or bring your check to the office to be held for Scott or Charlotte. Note on your check that it is for NTXGD.
2. Go to: <https://northtexasgivingday.org>, click on "Find a non-profit" type in Serenity Corner and a donation button will appear.
3. Focus your camera on this QR Code. It will take you directly to the donate button on the North Texas Giving Day website for Serenity.



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED SERENITY IN THE PAST AND WILL DO SO IN THE FUTURE. We believe that homelessness is not a part of God's will for his children and are honored that he is using our church to serve those who suffer from it.**

**Scott and Charlotte Gilmore**