



First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Mineral Wells, TX

July 1, 2019



## EXALT

Worship (Traditional)  
Sunday Mornings @ 10:50 a.m.  
(Narrative Lectionary – Summer Series)

Worship/Study (Alternative)  
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00 p.m.  
(Short Stories by Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine)

Season of Pentecost

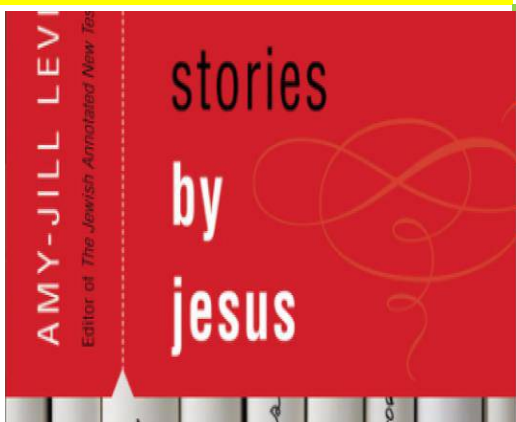


## CATCH THE SPIRIT

No one person is meant to bear the weight of the world or to know all things, at all times, and for all circumstances. God created each of us uniquely for as long as we draw breath – LIFE.

To know our purpose, we must seek the Holy Spirit, to feel and understand our closeness to God. Jesus continues to demonstrate this practice throughout his ministry. He seeks the quiet place to pray, to spend time with God, and to be filled and renewed.

Once we hear the small voice, there is no turning back. God calls each of us to use the gifts of the Spirit to promote the Kingdom of God. It doesn't matter how old or wise or rich we may be, we have a gift to use. What is your gift? The giftedness of our being is never one we can "retire," "procrastinate," or "walk away." Catch the Spirit, and Catch New Life!



## EXPLORE

Sunday School Classes  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

Godly Play (4 to 12 years old)  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.



## EXPERIENCE

Praise at the Bridge (P@B)

"Creative Caring"  
August 31 (Saturday) @ 5:00 p.m.

For the entire family. Free food, fun activities, mission, and more.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lou Warren
- 3 Sharleen Stone
- 6 Sara Witt
- 7 Chetlee Witt
- 8 Anita Davis
- 12 Carol Bean
- 17 Joseph A. Francis
- 20 Liam Crawford
- 21 Marilyn Rhodes
- 22 Debbie Jones Olson
- 24 Howard Hueber
- 25 Brenda Mahan
- 27 Robbie Pierson

### JULY ANNIVERSARYS

- 28 James and Donna Seigler

### COMMUNITY NOTES

Thanks for everyone who attended and all the cards and gifts.  
Judy and Hank Gayler

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

Worship Leader for July:

*Billie Slater*

Communion Preparation:

Deacons:

*Julie Gates, Ronda Ribble, Rodney Hall,  
James Buchanan, Marsha Kelly, Janice Bean*

Elders Serving:

*7/7/19 Jimmy Walker*

*7/14/19 Gene and Genie Quincy*

*7/21/19 Helen Huffman and Carla Hay-Perdue*

*7/28/19 Judy Gayler and Marilyn Rhodes*

# CONNECTED

## Regional News and Events

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

#### JULY

16: Regional Committee on Ministry Paperwork Due

20-24: General Assembly @ Des Moines, IA

#### AUGUST

8-9: Regional Council Meeting - Online meeting

#### SEPTEMBER

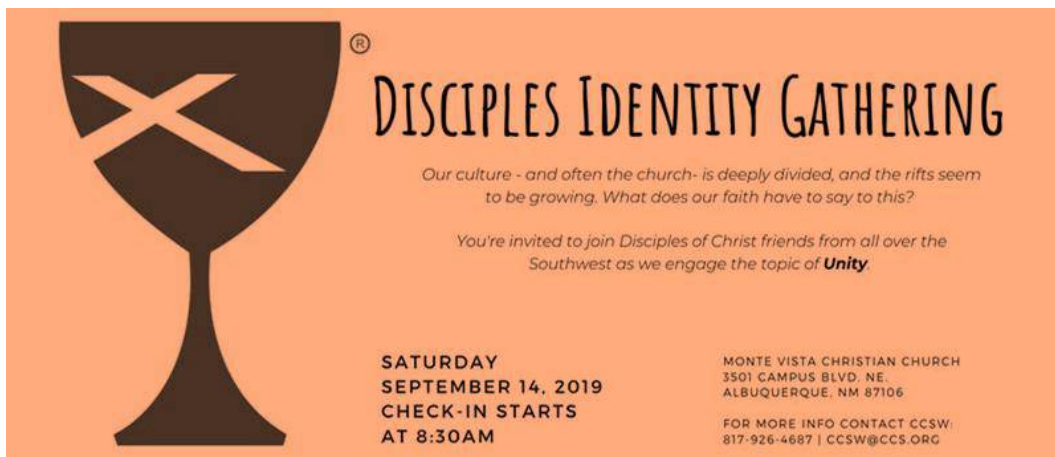
13-14: R.O.S.E.S Women's Event @ FCC Tulsa OK

14: Annual Disciples Identity Gathering @ Monte Vista CC Albuquerque NM

16-18: Regional Committee on Ministry @ UCC Fort Worth TX

20-22: CCSW Men's Retreat @ Lake Brownwood Retreat Center

For registration and more information, [ccsw.org](http://ccsw.org)



**DISCIPLES IDENTITY GATHERING**

*Our culture - and often the church - is deeply divided, and the rifts seem to be growing. What does our faith have to say to this?*

*You're invited to join Disciples of Christ friends from all over the Southwest as we engage the topic of **Unity***

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019  
CHECK-IN STARTS  
AT 8:30AM**

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
3501 CAMPUS BLVD. NE.  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87106

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CCSW:  
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#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

##### Month of June (Totals)

Sunday School	Worship
<b>74</b>	<b>120</b>
General Fund	<b>\$6,577.97</b>

Average of \$46/person for the month.

**Pledges:** We have not run our pledge drives as well as the past. The Stewardship team encourages you to turn in a pledge, via mail, email, text, or card to Tina. Our next Stewardship campaign will begin in September.

#### CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS in PRAYER

**Continuing Prayers for Members:** Billie Pratt, John Vaughan, Mike Olivares, Sadie Martin, Janet Holland, Clydell Singleton, Anita Hueber, Mary Beth Walker, Becky Moore, Sydney Hoefelmann, Donna & James Seigler, Caron Shiflett, Betty Couch, Lurlein Spangler, JJ Francis, Mary Jo Thomas, Helen Huffman

**Continuing Prayers for Our Community:** Judy Jones, Norma Walker, Kasen (Crawfords), James Sturgill (Gayler), those with mental illnesses and disabilities, Robbie Pierson (Waddy), Toliver (James), John McCuan (James), Cara Smith (Melva), Homer Hensley (Helen), Mandy Franklin (Rodney), Sharon Oelhart (Genie), John A. Huffman, Gary Holsted (Hickman)

**Military:** Michael Green, USA; Connor Bean, San Diego, USN; Blake Chestnut, USA

**College Students:** Ben Hellie, Isabelle Gardner, Victoria Huffman, Kara Hartnagel, Zachary Givens, Trevor Smith

# JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Pastor Brian, Invocation at City Council	3 No Wednesday Evening Mtg	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6
7 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	8 Church Board, 7:00 pm	9	10 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	15	16	17 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	22	23	24 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	25 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class, 8:30 am (Pastor Brian out of office)	26 Office Closed	27
28 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am P@B Meeting, 2:00 pm	29	30	31 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm			

**Creative  
Caring**  
August's  
Theme

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Mineral Wells, TX 76067  
RSVP: fccmw.org

# PRAISE @ THE BRIDGE

**August 31, 2019, 5-8 pm**

*Family Fellowship, Food, and Fun*

Are you looking for a place to learn more about God, and explore your questions of faith?

Family-Friendly, Fun and Safe Environment.

Not a lot of churchy stuff, yet full of Grace.

No obligation to join anything, just learn and make new friends.

**THIS IS FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY!**

Children (under 18) must be accompanied by at least one parent, grandparent, or guardian.

P@B meets every other month.

Open to all ages, family types, singles, and seekers.  
Bring your friends and neighbors.



## Evangelism is...

- **Getting a Reputation** (*Hopefully a good one.*)
- **Lightening the Structure** (*Removing obstacles so the Spirit may flow.*)
- **Freeing the Pastor** (*Ministers have a calling, let them follow it.*)
- **Getting Out** (*Not everything has to be done in a church building.*)
- **Eating and Drinking Often** (*Food and drink unite people.*)
- **Making it Free and Accessible** (*Placing financial barriers tend to turn people away and prevents them from participating fully in the community of faith.*)
- **Focusing on THEM** (*Focusing on the people who are not in our community defines our call to minister, serve, and care for others, which in turn helps us care of each other.*)

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