



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Mineral Wells, TX

September 1, 2019

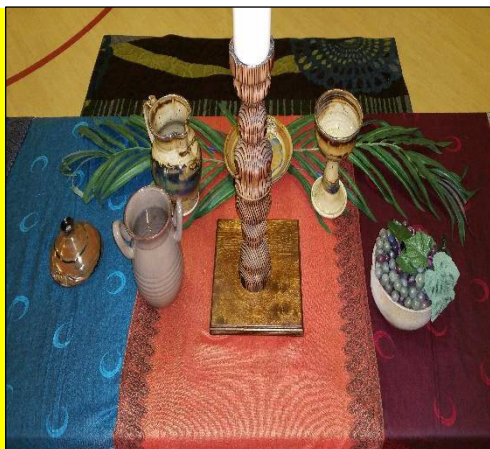


EXALT

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

Worship/Study (Alternative)
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00 p.m.

Season of Pentecost



SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Do you love God or yourself first?

Do you believe the church is meant to reach out to the lost, or do you get lost in doing church? Do you believe Jesus is the Lord and Savior, or do you believe Jesus to be a lord and helper? Do you get connected to the Holy Spirit, or is that your pastor's and elders' responsibility?

Do you get involved to help others, or do you get involved to help yourself?

Do you believe others are welcomed as they are, or do they need to conform to your expectations?

At times, we tend to focus intently on what we want and forget to look at what God wants. In difficult times, people hold on to what they already know – like clinging to a rope above a dark foggy hole. We don't know what is below our feet. So we have three options: 1) Climb the rope, 2) Let go of the rope and hope for the best, 3) Or hold on forever. The first two take courage and faith, the last one paralyzes the spirit. Our future is never certain, yet God has promised us a future. But we must decide. Some will climb, others will take a leap of faith, and others will give up in fear. I personally will try the first two options – this race is not yet over!

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)

"Light in the Darkness"
November 9 (Sat.) @ 5:00 p.m.

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Caden Bean
- 3 Chelsea Collins Shiflett
- 5 Zach Dempsey
- 8 Donna Bean, Frank Waddy, J J Francis
- 10 Carla Hay-Perdue
- 16 Rhett Warren
- 17 Z Beard
- 20 Helen Huffman, Tracy Cox
- 28 Crystal Bean

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 25 Randy and Lou Warren

COMMUNITY NOTES

Choir Practice begins on September 5 at 6:30 pm. We hope all choir members can attend as we begin to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

World Communion Sunday is October 5 at 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to share any artifacts from different parts of the world, please share them in our decorations.

We will participate in Spooky Wells this year. More information to come.

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Worship Leader for September:

Carolyn Holt

Communion Preparation:

Deacons:

Carolyn Holt, Barbara Upham, Brenda Mahan, Janice Bean, Lanie Wright

Elders Serving:

8/8/19 Gene and Genie Quincy

8/15/19 Helen Huffman and Carla Hay-Perdue

8/22/19 Judy Gayler and Marilyn Rhodes

8/29/19 Marilyn Rhodes

CONNECTED

Regional News and Events

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

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



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Month of August-(Totals)

Sunday School	Worship
57	120
General Fund	\$4,040.19

Average of \$23/person for the month.

We are falling dangerously behind on our tithes and offerings. We kindly ask that if you can, to give a little more each week. We also need your help in bringing more people to fully participate in our church. Every little bit helps us to promote Christ in our community.

Pledges: 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, JJ Francis, Mary Jo Thomas, Helen Huffman, Janice Bean

Continuing Prayers for Our Community: Kasen (Crawfords), those with mental illnesses and disabilities, Alicia Oehlert (Quincy), Shirley Green (Julie), Michael Ford (James), Bobby Mean (Marsha), Thomas Willy (Mark), Layfetter Sandler, Jr (Rodney), Eileen Wood (Davis), Family of Rhonda May (Quincy, **the people affected by the hurricane, the victims and families affected by the shooting in Odessa, travel mercies for the Gaylers, thanksgiving for Emmalou's recovery, Jim Fowler (Davis), Mike McDougal (Siegler)**

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am Worship Meeting, 2 pm	2 Labor Day Observance Office Closed	3	4 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting, 6:30 pm	5 Choir, 6:30 pm	6 Tina and Pastor Off Office Closed	7
8 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	9 Church Board Meeting, 7 pm	10 Pastor Off	11 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	12 Choir, 6:30 pm	13 Tina Off Office Closed	14
15 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	16 Church Cabinet, 6:00 pm (Planning and Budget)	17 Pastor Off	18 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	19 Choir, 6:30 pm	20 Tina Off Office Closed	21
22 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	23	24	25 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	26 Choir, 6:30 pm Pastor Out of Town (Leadership Class in Austin)	27 Tina Off Office Closed	28
29 Pastor Brian Out of Town Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am <i>P@B Meeting 2:00 pm</i>	30	October 1 Pastor Off	2 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	3 Choir, 6:30 pm	4 Tina Off Office Closed	5 Pastor Out of Town
6 World Communion Sunday Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	7	8 Pastor Off	9 Wednesday Evening, 6:00 pm	10 Choir, 6:30 pm	11	12

**Light in the
Darkness**
November's
Theme

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RSVP: fccmw.org

PRAISE @ THE BRIDGE

November 9, 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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