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**March 2019**

*Mar 6—April 20  
 Season of Lent*

*Worship Series: Who Is the Greatest?*

- 6 Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.
- 7 Grief Support, BDPL
- 10 Worship, 10:50 a.m.  
 Worship Team Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 11 Church Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 Wednesday Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Grief Support, BDPL
- 17 Worship, 10:50 a.m.
- 20 Wednesday Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Grief Support, BDPL
- 24 Worship, 10:50 a.m.
- 27 Wednesday Night, 6:00 p.m.

March 1, 2019



# the Messenger

**EXALT. EXPLORE. EXPERIENCE**

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Disciples identity reflects the belief Jesus the Christ invites all people to the Table and ministered to all those who would seek him. We understand this to be our primary example of practicing our faith in and outside of the church. All people are given the gift of God's grace—therefore, we are to practice hospitality, forgiveness, and justice in our community. Come as you are.



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## NEWS ABOUT "PRAISE AT THE BRIDGE"

BY: REV. BRIAN J NIERMAN & JENNIFER NIERMAN

Praise @ the Bridge kicked off last month and, we had a lot of fun and a lot to learn. Jennifer has done a great job of leading us through this new ministry and, there is more yet to be done. I believe this ministry will be a turning point in our church history because it is forcing us to think about how we do evangelism, how we connect to strangers and our neighbors, and how we reflect God's love in Mineral Wells. Jennifer and I are looking forward to seeing where this journey is taking us.

The theme for our last session was "Family." The activities focused on how different people of the Bible helped to make a safe place for their families and the people of God. One of the most popular activities was the Red Sea Escape where the families tried to race remote controlled trucks across the Red Sea to escape to freedom without their playdough people falling out! Another favorite was roasting marshmallows and making campfire craft with the story of Abraham and Sarah. The children shared that they had never roasted a marshmallow before and decided roasted marshmallows are delicious!

One of the most impactful conversations of the night was with a family whose grandson attended VBS several times. The Grandmother shared how excited her grandson was to come to VBS each year, how he loved getting mail (an invite to Praise@ the Bridge and pictures from last year's VBS) addressed to him, and how, even though his family attends the Methodist Church, he calls First Christian his church.



### Young Adult Ministry

Sometime this month we are going to try to kick off a young adult ministry for families with children under the age of 19, and singles up to the age of 49.

More to come later about gatherings, times, and places.

We are asking the congregation to be in prayer as this new ministry takes shape.

# Season of Lent



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Everyone, volunteers and families, was excited about our first event and they also had a great time! I want to thank everyone who donated, attended meetings, helped plan, cooked, served, led an activity, and prayed for Praise@ the Bridge. Thank you to the following people who served our community very well on Saturday night: Jimmy and Mary Beth Walker, Carla Hay-Perdue, Carolyn Holt, Carol Noeding, Anita Davis, Barbara Upham, Colton Lively, Hollie Lively, Jim Crawford, Debbie Crawford, and Judy Gayler.

We are now preparing for our next Praise @ the Bridge (April 27<sup>th</sup>). Our theme will be “Light, Love, and Life,” with the scripture focus on 1 John.

Watch for the next meeting dates and times soon. A sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to volunteer to help cook/ serve food, lead the music or one of the activities is now available!



## CHURCH MISSION

### Hygiene Kits

Last year, the congregation collected hygiene items to make kits for the homeless. During Vacation Bible School, the kids put the kits together and prepared them to be given to those in need. A total of 14 kits were made with another 5 almost complete. The 14 completed kits were given out during our Christmas Brunch held on Christmas Day morning. We are now in need of items to make additional kits. To complete the 5 partial kits, one deodorant and four shampoos are needed. Listed below are the items included in the hygiene kits.

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Body wash/ Soap
- Shampoo
- Washcloth
- (Some have floss, mouthwash, lotion, and hair conditioner)

Currently, we have 13 toothbrushes, 9 tubes of toothpaste, 9 bars of soap and 8 washcloths ready to be added to other needed items to make additional kits. Please donate as you feel led to this outreach ministry!

### Clothing Items for Students

Palo Pinto Elementary needs some items for the emergency clothes closet. While they have all the little kid (Pre-K, Kindergarten) size clothes and socks are needed at this time, they are running short on the bigger kid sized socks and pull-on type pants. Currently, at Walmart in the Girls and Boys sections, there are pull-on type pants ranging in price from \$2- \$7. It is recommended to try to find neutral colors (i.e., solid blue instead of leopard print). In the Boys section, there are some sweatpants and athletic/ basketball type pull-on pants available on the clearance racks. Similarly, in the Girls section, there are sweatpants as well as thinner pull-on stretchy pants on the clearance racks.

### Clothes Sizes:

Girls – sizes 7, 8, 10-12, 14-16  
Boys- sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20

### Sock Sizes:

Girls- to fit shoe sizes 2 through 11  
Boys- to fit shoe sizes: 5 through 11

Clothing items donated should be placed in a plastic bag and labeled “PPES.” Otherwise, they may be taken to the Center of Life by accident.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Doug Grabham  
Traci Abbott Cox
- 5 Mark Staley  
Mary Beth Walker  
Mary Jo Thomas
- 6 Chuck Bean  
Paula Grabham
- 9 Janet Holland
- 10 Kymbrie Crawford
- 13 Dorothy Welch
- 18 DeLois Duncan
- 20 Billie Slater
- 22 Ruby Warren
- 25 Charles Hickey

## FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, you can do so by dropping your check marked "altar flowers" in the offering plate, or handing it in to the church office. Cost of the weekly flowers is \$70.00.



Altar Flowers

## STEWARDSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

### Month of March (Totals)

Sunday School	88
Worship	138
General Fund	\$5,528.40

### 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.

### Congregational Communication

Help us to insure that we are passing the news you need. Please

## Church Life

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

Worship Leader for March:  
*Judy Gayler*

Communion Preparation:

Deacons:  
*Carolyn Holt, Barbara Upham, Brenda Mahan, Lanie Wright*

Elders Serving:  
3/3/19  
*Jimmy and Mary Beth Walker*

3/10/19

Gene and Genie Quincy

3/17/19

*Helen Huffman and*

*Carla Hay-Perdue*

3/24/19

*Judy Gayler and Marilyn Rhodes*

3/31/19

*Marilyn Rhodes and*

*Carla Hay-Perdue*

**Continuing Prayers for Members:** Billie Pratt, John Vaughan, Mike Olivares, Dorothy Welch, DeLois Duncan, Sadie Martin, Janet Holland, Clydell Singleton, Anita Hueber, Sharleen Stone, Mary Beth Walker, Becky Moore, Sydney Hoefelmann, Robbie Pierson, Donna & James Seigler, Caron Shiflett, James Buchanan, JJ Francis, Betty Couch, Rick & Brenda Mahan, Charlie Morris, Darleen Garrett

**Continuing Prayers for Our Community:** Judy Jones, Bob Spangler, John A. Huffman, Norma Walker, Tom Slasack, Carl Burkley, **Kasen (Crawford family)**, Lamr Myers, Sylvia Douglas, the Patients and Staff f Palo Pinto Dialysis Center (closing)

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

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

## COMMUNITY NOTES

If you have something you would like to share, please contact Tina, and we will place it in the bulletin and the newsletter. Please, do not assume that we have the information if you told it to someone.



## EASTER LILIES

The office is already busy making plans for a glorious Easter morning here at First Christian Church. We need your help decorating the sanctuary with Easter Lilies. Please fill out the order form. Indicating if you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one. Place your order form and \$25 in the offering tray on this Sunday or next Sunday. You may also bring your request to the office or mail it in. Deadline will be Sunday, April 7. Please mark your checks “Lilies”. Number of plants needed: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00

In Memorial or honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_