

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson
Please be in prayerful meditation as we open our minds and hearts to God.

Welcome and Greeting Will Brown
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Hymn of Praise No. 272
"The Church's One Foundation"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Holy Spirit, come to us who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts. Breathe on us now. Breathe on us, blowing away our fears and our hesitations. Breathe on us, transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives. Breathe on us, for we need peace, peace that only you can give. Make us your Church in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 36
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

Children's Message Sarah Cook

Pastoral Prayer, & Lord's Prayer David Hartman
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response to Prayer "Threefold Amen" Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture Will Brown
John 15:26-16:15
Pew Bible Page 110

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Come, Holy Ghost"
Palestrina/Roberts

Sermon "Did Jesus Leave Us?" David Hartman

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" No. 248
Communion Invitation Rick Appling
Elders' Prayers Kerry Roach & Ted Lauck
Sharing the Bread and Cup
All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.
Please partake of the bread as it is passed;
*we will share the cup together**,*
after sharing our common confession:
I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

THE OFFERING
Invitation to Stewardship Will Brown
Offertory Chancel Choir
"How Beautiful the Church" Martin
*Doxology No. 46
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
*Prayer of Dedication Will Brown

THE GOING FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman
*Hymn of Discipleship No. 254
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
*The Benediction David Hartman
*Choral Response Chancel Choir
*Postlude Debbie Watson

* If you are able, please stand.
** A few cups of water are in the communion tray for those on sugar-free diets.

Pentecost, also called the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest, was celebrated by the Hebrew people on the fiftieth day after Passover. The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, and is marked by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. It also symbolizes the birthday of the church and the beginning of a spiritual harvest. Red is the color for the day symbolizing the flames of the Holy Spirit.

BELONGING TO THIS FAMILY OF GOD

If you would like to belong to our church family, we would welcome you with open arms. Please complete one of the "Decision Cards" in the back of your pew and present it to the minister when you come to the front of the church during the singing of our hymn of discipleship; or, if you prefer, you may speak privately to the minister at anytime.

NURSERY

A quality nursery for infants and young children is available during our worship services. We make available to parents, if they desire, an in-house pager, so they can be reached during the worship service. Also available during the week is our childcare programs of Children Come First and Young Ages Preschool.

"GODLY PLAY"

Children ages 3 years thru 2nd grade may participate in "Godly Play" following the Children's Moment. Godly Play allows children to worship and fellowship together in a special environment. Children may be retrieved from Room 213 immediately following the worship service.

HEARING AID DEVICES

Are available for those in need by asking an usher in the Sanctuary Narthex.

SERMONS

Last week's sermon is available in print form in the Narthex of the Chapel and Sanctuary.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING AREA

The church staff parking lot is available every Sunday morning for members and guests with special needs. Please be mindful of those that need extra room to load and unload wheelchairs and make it easier for them to worship on Sunday mornings!

MIDWEEK RESPITE SERVICE

We are offering a Wednesday evening period of quiet prayer and respite in our Chapel from 5:30-6:30. Members and visitors are warmly invited to come in and pray for however long or as little as they feel led; from 5:45-6:00, there will be a brief vespers service consisting of scripture, guided prayer and communion.

COMMON GROUND RECOVERY MINISTRIES

Adult peer support groups each Sunday afternoon at 6:00 pm (Family Challenges, Women's C.A.R.E., Anger Management, Chemical Addictions Recovery & Parent Groups) For more information contact Rev. Dave Brummett, 613-2112.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF JASON LAUCK given by Carlton & Linda Carr.

MILES FOR A MISSION!

The Youth are selling miles to raise funds for their Mission Trip to Nashville, TN this summer! The total number of miles between Wichita Falls and Nashville is roughly 757 making the total distance the youth will travel about 1500 miles! Miles only cost \$1.00 and you can donate any amount you want! We have sold 750 miles so we have only 750 miles left to go! Thanks everyone for your support of the First Christian Church Chi-Rho and CYF groups!

FAVORITE HYMNS

From July 12 to August 9, we'll be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be singing some of our church's favorite hymns as selected by our congregation. Because we'll be using the screen, you won't need to limit your selections to the hymns found in the Chalice Hymnal. If you would like to submit a hymn title, please do so by using the form below. Drop the form in the collection plate or bring it by the church office. We'll use as many of your selections as possible.

My Favorite Hymns:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Please return this portion to the church office or drop in the collection plate.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 4:00 Chancel Ringers [Grades 9-Adults] (Stratten Hall)
- NO BLAST [Grades K-5]
- NO *Come As You Are* [Grades 6-12] (Youth Room 403C)
- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
The speaker will be Rev. Dave Brummett.
- 6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries (CGRM) Groups:
Anger Recovery (Room 304)
Chemical Addictions Recovery (Room 305)
Parenting (Room 306)
Women's C.A.R.E. (Room 307)
Family Challenges Support (Room 310)



THE CHURCH BUILDING,
OFFICES & ALL PROGRAMS
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 25TH,
FOR MEMORIAL DAY

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, May 27th
at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
The speaker will be our new Associate Minister, Rev. Renee Hoke



5TH SUNDAY GATHERING

Potluck Breakfast
Next Sunday, May 31st
9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
All Adults and Adult Sunday School Classes are invited to meet during the Sunday School hour to enjoy a POTLUCK breakfast, a short devotional, and to fellowship with one another.

**GRADUATE SUNDAY
MAY 31ST**

We will be honoring our college graduates next Sunday, May 31st, during the 10:45 worship service. We do not have any high school graduates this year.

**Faith
And
Current
Events** **TIME
with Dave**
Next Sunday, May 31st,
at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

PANTRY SUNDAY - JUNE 7TH

Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be Sunday, June 7th. Items for collection will be powdered milk, cereal, and the small Jiffy type cornbread mix packages. Children are encouraged to participate! IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

THE YOUTH'S COOKIE MIX FUNDRAISER

If you are in a spring baking mood, the youth group still has cookie jars for sale, now for \$7 each! Each one has the necessary dry ingredients to make roughly two dozen cookies, and directions attached to the outside for the wet ingredients and baking directions. Funds from the cookie jars benefit the mission trip to Nashville for the youth, and if you purchase these after the mission trip this year, proceeds will benefit the mission trip for next year.

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Rev. Dave Brummett, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
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Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary* Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 24, 2015
PENTECOST SUNDAY / PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING
8:40—Worship..... Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship.....Sanctuary
4:00-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities - NO Youth Groups

Monday, May 25, 2015
MEMORIAL DAY
Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15.....Gym

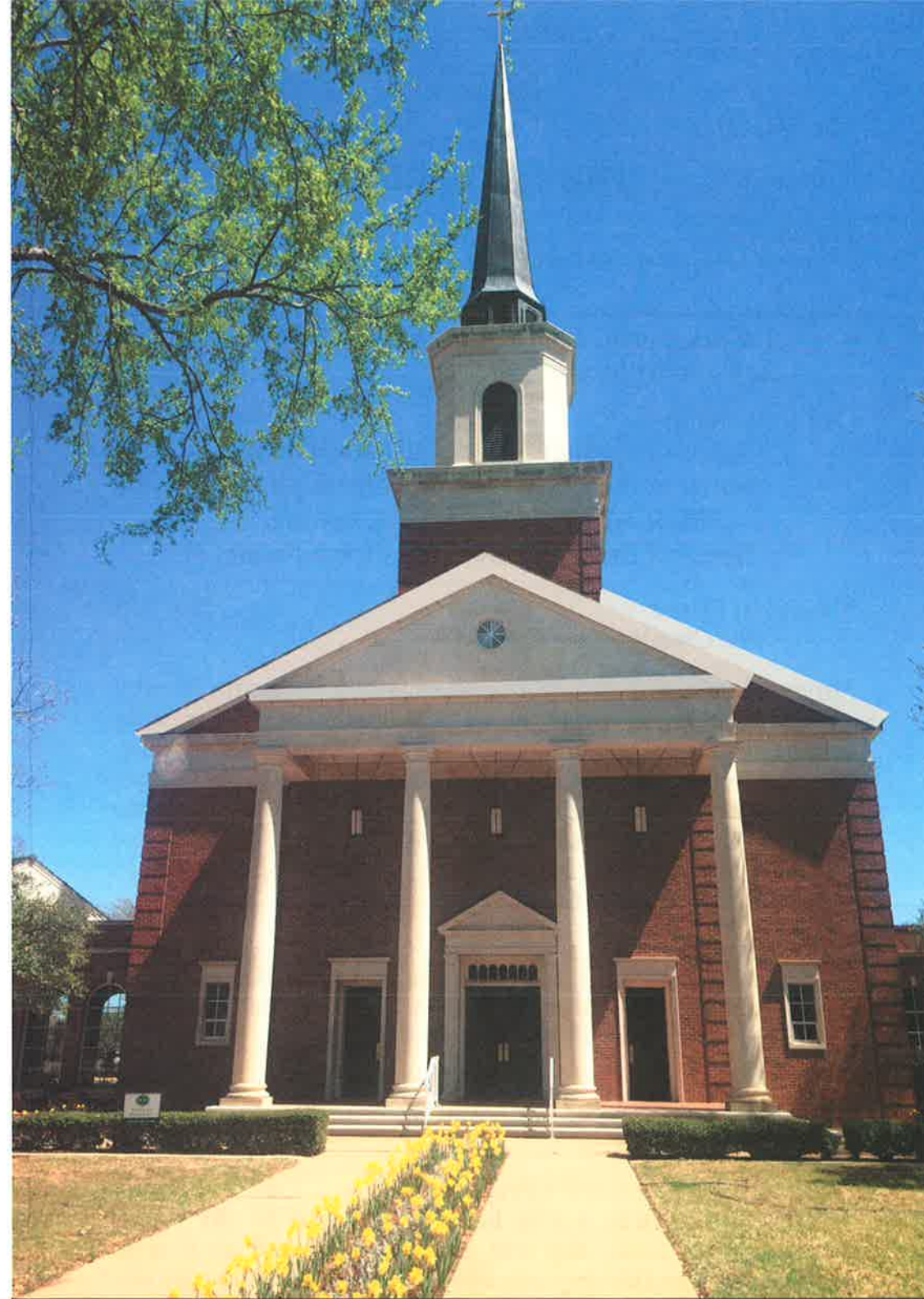
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
7:30-6:00—Children Come First (T-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (T-Th)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... Office
2:00—Library Committee.....Library
6:30—Executive Council Meeting.....Room 402

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
7:00—Elders' Breakfast..... Room 402 & Chapel
5:30—Respite Service..... Chapel
6:00-8:00—Check In (Grades 6-12).....Gym
6:30—Christian Men's Fellowship Dinner..... Fellowship Hall
7:30—Chancel Choir (Grade 9-Adults)..... Stratten Hall

Thursday, May 28, 2015
Last Day of School for Young Ages Preschool
1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

Friday, May 29, 2015
Young Ages School Teacher In-Service

Sunday, May 31, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY / GRADUATION SUNDAY
8:40—Worship..... Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:30—5th Sunday Gathering..... Fellowship Hall
10:45—Worship.....Sanctuary
5:00-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
6:00—FACE Time with Dave.....Parlor



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