

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

10:45 am

### THE GATHERING

Prelude Sally Wilson  
*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. 53  
*"Morning Has Broken"*

\*Invocation Justin Dickey  
**God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 Justin Dickey

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  
Mark 4:26-34  
Pew Bible Page 38

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
*"Thy Word"* arr. Schrader

Sermon David Hartman  
*"The Kingdom of God Starts Small"*

### THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER  
Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" No. 638  
Communion Invitation Marjorie Parker  
Elders' Prayers Harry Tonemah & Ronnie James  
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 Sally Wilson  
\*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. 86  
*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
\*The Benediction David Hartman  
\*Choral Response Chancel Choir  
\*Postlude Sally Wilson

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF JASON LAUCK given by Sam Maynor.  
The flowers this morning are given by Mary Beth Wyatt in memory of R.D. "Randy" Wyatt, son of David & Corliss Wyatt.

### 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**

- 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)

**PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON**

Today, June 14th  
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

**RESPITE SERVICE**

The Wednesday Respite Service in the Chapel is taking a summer respite of its own starting this Wednesday, June 17th, and will return on Wednesday, August 5th.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE**

We have signed up to work on the Habitat for Humanity House at 1204 Burnett Street this Saturday, June 20. There will be two shifts, from 8:00 AM to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 PM. It looks like our task will be exterior painting, so anyone can do it. Please sign up in the office, 692-2282, so we can let the Habitat folks know how many to expect. They will have supplies; we just need to wear paint clothes and show up. If some people would like to supply snacks and cold water, please let Ann Hunter, 692-2324, know. There will be a Habitat staff person present to supervise our work. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

**NEW WEBSITE & EMAILS**

The new church website launched Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! [www.firstchristianwf.com](http://www.firstchristianwf.com). It's user-friendly and informative, designed for both church members and visitors. You can find Sunday's sermon title and scripture and upcoming events with links to the Challenger, recent sermons and Worship Bulletins. Read about our many church groups and outreach projects. Share it with your friends!

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:** The staff email addresses will be changing with the launch of the new website. Emails will now end with @firstchristianwf.com. Emails sent to current addresses will forward to the new email addresses. Links will also be available on the new website. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we make these changes!

**ALUMINUM CANS**

If you have aluminum cans that you would like recycle instead of throw away, the youth group is collecting these and proceeds from the recycled cans will go to a non-profit of the youth group's choosing at a later time. If you would like to help contribute, please bring cans to the church office, these must be clean cans and bagged, and it is highly preferred that these be crushed in advance to save space. Not only is this a good chance to recycle, but this will be a good chance to help build our community into a little bit stronger place.

**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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Justin Dickey, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*  
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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

- 8:40—Worship ..... Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship ..... Sanctuary
- 12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall
- 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

**Monday, June 15, 2015**

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 10:00—Leave for Niner's Youth Conference (Grade 9).....Athens TX (June 15-20)
- 10:00—Leave for CYF Conference (Grades 10-12).....Athens TX (June 15-20)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting ..... Office
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 ..... Gym

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**

- 7:30—CCF Picture Day ..... Parlor
- 2:00—Library Committee ..... Library

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

- 7:00am—Elders' Breakfast..... Room 402 & Chapel
- 7:00pm—Chancel Choir (Grade 9-Adults) ..... Stratten Hall

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

- 9:00—CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast..... IHOP-SW Pkwy
- 1:30—Knit Wits ..... Parlor

**Friday, June 19, 2015**

- 2:30—CCF Desserts with Dad ..... Fellowship Hall & Rm 405

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

- 8:00-4:30—Working at Habitat for Humanity House..... 1204 Burnett St

**Sunday, June 21, 2015**

- FATHER'S DAY
- 8:40—Worship ..... Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship ..... Sanctuary
- NO—Sunday Evening Activities

**CHALLENGER TO BE EVERY TWO WEEKS  
NO CHALLENGER THIS WEEK!**

During the months of June & July the "Challenger" will be published every two weeks and will return to weekly publication on August 5th.

The deadline for articles to be placed in the "Challenger" is 5:00 pm on Mondays. Articles may be dropped off in the church office or emailed to Susan at: [susan@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:susan@firstchristianwf.com).



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