

4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2015 Father's Day 10:45 am

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. 59
"This Is My Father's World"

*Litany & Prayer for Father's Day Will Brown
Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of these children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those father who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold that child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their roles as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Let us pray:
God, our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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
Mark 5:35-41
Pew Bible Page 40

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"This Is My Word" Choplin

Sermon "Little Girl, Get Up!" David Hartman

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn "Take Our Bread" No. 413

Communion Invitation Susan Buckley

Elders' Prayers Emily Wilson & David Gately

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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Rutter

*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. 73
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*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.

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!

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 JUNE ANDERSON given by Joan Gray.
IN HONOR OF HARRY TONEMAH given by Shirley Steele.

The flowers this morning are given by Diana & Doug Collins in loving memory of Diana's father, Dr. Travis White, and in honor of Doug's father, Troy Collins. They are to also honor all our fathers on earth and in Heaven as we remember them today.

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:

- _____
- _____
- _____

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

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

NO CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

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)

SEND OFF LUNCHEON

MAKE your RESERVATIONS in the blue attendance folders for the SEND-OFF LUNCHEON being held next Sunday, June 28th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:45 worship service for the Mission Trip Youth & Sponsors and for Will Brown on his last Sunday. Cost is by donation. Menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & banana pudding. So come help send the youth & sponsors and Will off in a great way!

AUGUST GARAGE GIVEAWAY

Start saving for an August Garage Giveaway for MSU International Students. Students who come to Midwestern State University from the Caribbean and other areas of the world often find they lack resources for housekeeping. These students live at Colony Park and Brentwood Apartments down the street from us on Taft. The Outreach Ministry is planning an event to supply some of these items, especially housewares and furniture. Save your stuff until August. We will let you know the exact day once we know when the students will arrive. Jerry Johnson has generously offered to store items at Jerry's Sporting Goods if needed. This is a great chance to support the university and its students. Look for the list in an upcoming Challenger and in the Sunday School classrooms. Call Ann Hunter, 692-2324, or Sally Hastings, 224-4416, if you have any questions.

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.

NEW WEBSITE & EMAILS

The new church website, www.firstchristianwf.com, has launched. 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 have changed 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!

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- Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr., *Senior Minister*
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- Sarah Cook, *Director of Children's Ministries*
- Rev. Dave Brummett, *Director of Recovery Ministries*
- Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
- Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
- Cheryl Appling, *Business Administrator*
- Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary*
- Debbie Watson, *Organist*
- Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
- Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
- Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 21, 2015

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

Monday, June 22, 2015

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
- 7:00—125th Anniversary Committee Meeting Room 402
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

- 2:00—Library Committee Library

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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

Thursday, June 25, 2015

- 1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

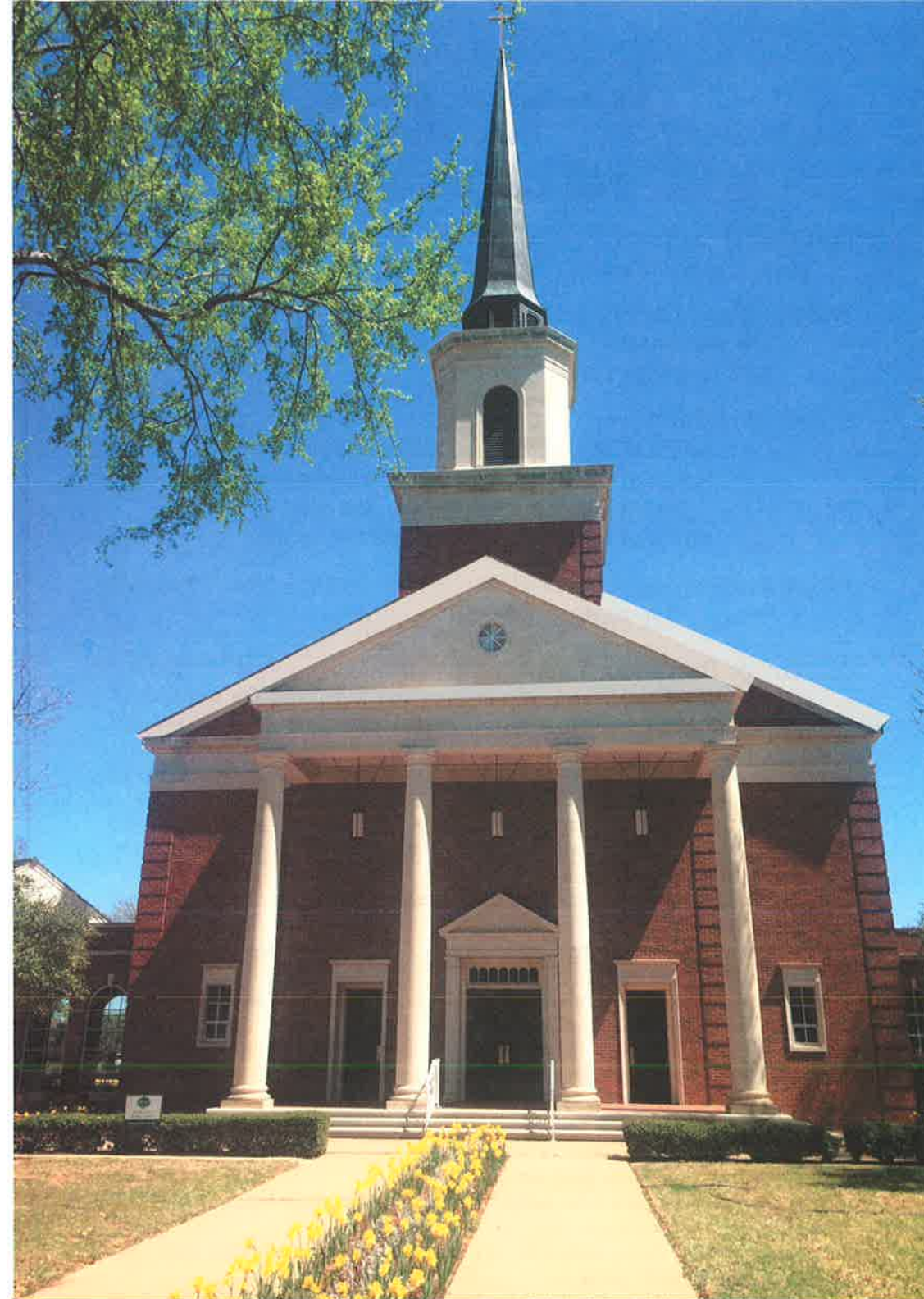
Sunday, June 28, 2015

- 8:40—Worship Chapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
- 12:00—Send-Off Luncheon for Mission Trip & Will Fellowship Hall
- 1:30—Leave on Youth Mission Trip (June 28-July 4) Nashville TN
- 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

CHALLENGER TO BE EVERY TWO WEEKS
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.



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