

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2015

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 David Hartman
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. 90
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Most holy God, your majesty is exceeded only by your love; grant us, in this our worship of you, penitence in the presence of holiness, reverence at the thought of your majesty, and confidence in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus 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.

Commissioning of the Youth Mission Trip Members
Congregational Response: We have heard your commitment and we thank God for your obedience to this call to service. We accept your service in Nashville as an extension of the ministry of this congregation, and pledge our support and prayers that your ministry may be effective. May the Lord watch over us and the Holy Spirit guide us while we are absent one from another.

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 David Hartman
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Pew Bible Page 183

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Psalm 139" Pote

Sermon "Good Job, Church!" Will Brown

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn "I Come With Joy" No. 420
Communion Invitation Gary Ballard
Elders' Prayers Rick Appling & Kerry Roach
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 David Hartman
Offertory Debbie Watson
*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 David Hartman

THE GOING FORTH

*Farewell to Will Brown David Hartman
Let us pray: Lord, you have called Will to another place, another community, another task.
We are sad to see him go, but we recognize that, just as he has been your gift to us, so he goes as a gift to another congregation.
We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.
We thank you for all that we have done or learned or shared together.
We pray for Will as he explores and clarifies and puts into action the call that takes him from here.
May he grow in your grace and in the knowledge of your love, so that he may be a blessing to many.
As we part, we reaffirm that it has been your Spirit who brought us together in the first place, your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship;
your Spirit who goes with Will, and your Spirit who stays with us;
your Spirit who keeps us all together in the worldwide family of your church.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 434
"God Be With You till We Meet Again"

*The Benediction Will Brown
*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.

We invite you to join us for lunch today immediately following the 10:45 service to honor Will Brown as he goes to serve First Christian Church in Red Oak, Iowa, and to honor our Youth Mission Team as they leave for Nashville.

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 ALEC MCKETHAN given by J. Mark McKethan.
IN MEMORY OF PERRY GILKERSON given by J. Mark McKethan.

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)
- 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)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NASHVILLE TN

Today our youth will be leaving for their mission trip to Nashville. We would ask you to be in prayer for them this week as they work and fellowship together. If you'd like to remember an individual youth or sponsor in your prayers, please take a wrist band with one of their names on it. You may have received one of the bands as you entered worship today, or you can find them in baskets outside the doors of the chapel and sanctuary. You may wear the wrist band or keep it close throughout the week to remind you of our youth as they share the Gospel in action. Youth & Sponsors participating in the Mission Trip are: Ainslee Buckley, Katy Cadle, Cason Cervenka, Colton Cervenka, Matt Combs, Braelyn Crowe, Hannah Earley, Ryan Kulp, Luke Machado, Wendi Miller, Tatum Roman, Thomas Roman, Madi Showalter, Hannah Ward, Luke Ward, Justin Dickey, Susan Buckley, Montie Carroll, Cherie James.

THE CHURCH BUILDING, OFFICES & ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD, FOR THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY!

BABY DEDICATION SERVICE TO BE HELD

There will be a Baby Dedication Service on Sunday, July 5th, during the 10:45 worship service. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office, 692-2282, with the following info: child's full name and parents' names by 12:00 noon on Monday, June 29th.

PANTRY SUNDAY - JULY 5TH

Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be on Sunday, July 5th. Items for collection will be **crackers & cereal**. Children are encouraged to participate! IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 5th
 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

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 the Challenger and in the Sunday School classrooms. Call Ann Hunter, 692-2324, or Sally Hastings, 224-4416, if you have any questions.

CHALLENGER TO BE EVERY TWO WEEKS NO CHALLENGER THIS WEEK!

During the month of 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.

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- Rev. Will Brown, *Interim Associate Minister*
- Jeanette Showalter, *Director of Music Ministries*
- Justin Dickey, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
- 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 28, 2015**
 8:40—Worship Chapel
 9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—WorshipSanctuary
 "Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip Members"
 12:00—Send-Off Luncheon for Mission Trip & WillFellowship Hall
 1:30—Leave on Youth Mission Trip (June 28-July 4)Nashville TN
 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
- Monday, June 29, 2015**
 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15.....Gym
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015**
 2:00—Library CommitteeLibrary
- Wednesday, July 1, 2015**
 7:00am—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
 7:00pm—Chancel Choir (Grade 9-Adults) Stratten Hall
- Thursday, July 2, 2015**
 1:30—Knit WitsParlor
- Friday, July 3, 2015**
 Church Building, , Offices & All Programs Closed for July 4th Holiday
- Sunday, July 5, 2015**
 8:40—Worship Chapel
 9:30—Sunday School
 10:00—Leave for Eighters' Camp (Grade 8) (July 5-11) Athens TX
 10:45—WorshipSanctuary
 "Child Dedication Service"
 12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

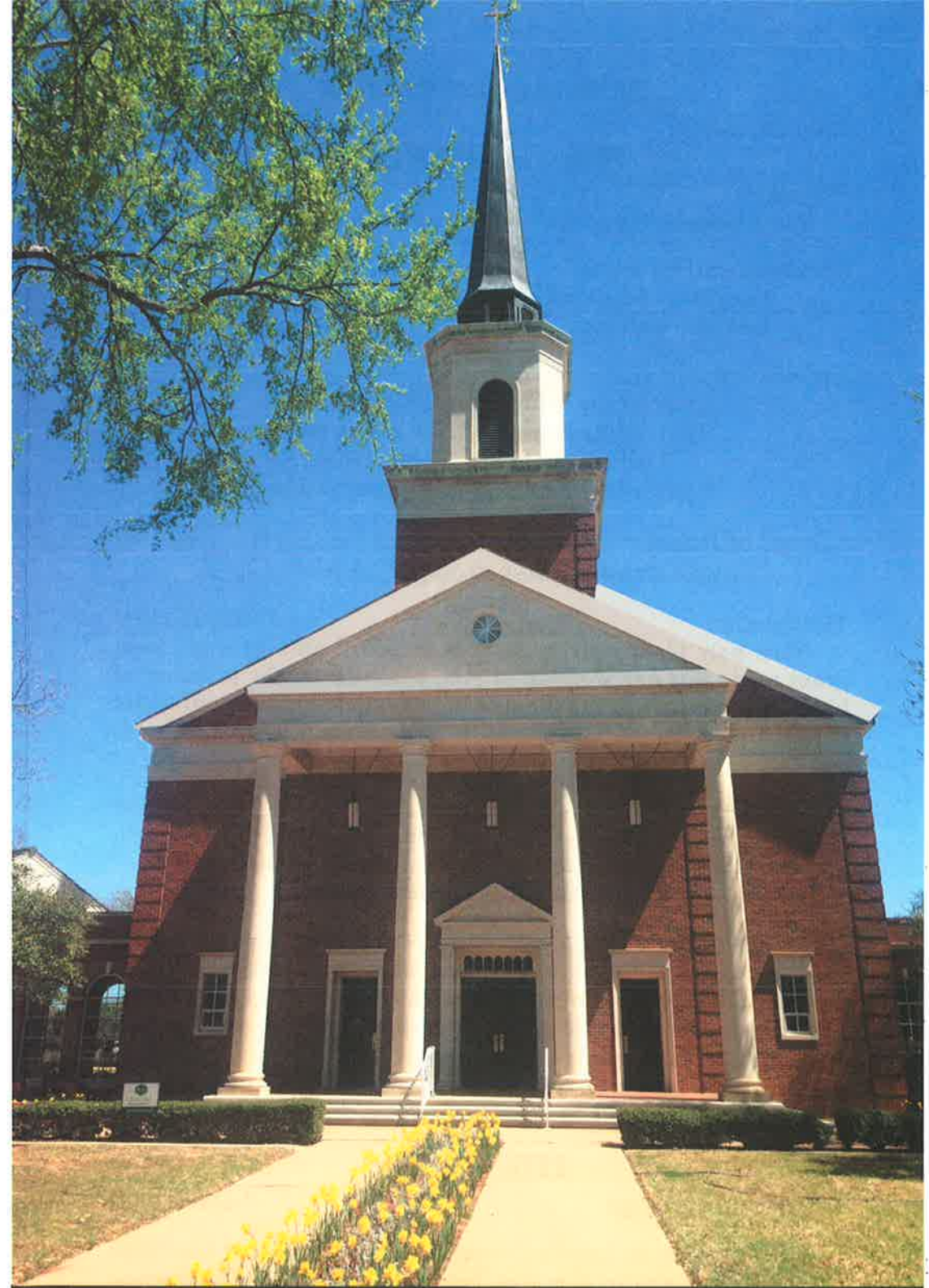


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31

9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Ages:
4 Years to 4th Grade



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