

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

*Hymn of Praise No. 86
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Eternally present God, you journey with us through wilderness and through desert. No matter the circumstance you are always providing for us, sometimes in bread from heaven and sometimes in water from a rock. As we your people gather in praise and prayer, reveal yourself to us in cross and candle, Bible and pulpit. Most of all, make yourself known to us through Christ in the breaking of bread. In your most holy 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 Sarah Cook

125th Anniversary Memory David Hartman

Pastoral Prayer, & Lord's Prayer Renee Hoke
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.

Reading of the Scripture David Hartman
Psalm 23
Pew Bible Page 501

Ministry of Music Sharon Mucker
"What Faith Can Do" Davis/Krippayne

Sermon Renee Hoke
"The Attributes of God: Our Provider"

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn "One Bread, One Body" No. 393
Communion Invitation Kenn Hill
Elders' Prayers Roma Prassel & Harry Tonemah
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

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman
*Hymn of Discipleship No. 452
"Here I Am, Lord"
*The Benediction Renee Hoke
*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.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! We're glad you are with us for worship today. We want you to feel right at home. For 125 years First Christian Church has been a place where people come seeking a richer relationship with God and neighbor. No matter what your background or previous experience of church, this is a congregation where you can put down roots and experience true community. Our ministry staff and elders leading in worship today will be available after worship to answer your questions. It is our prayer that any person searching for meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging will find it here at First Christian Church of Wichita Falls.

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 HONOR OF MARY BETH WYATT given by David & Corliss Wyatt.
IN HONOR OF DAVID RIERSON given by David & Corliss Wyatt.
The pink rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Lenox Clark Haleck born on July 14th in Abilene TX. Lenox Clark is the daughter of Michelle & Makisi Haleck and granddaughter of Cindy & David Collins.
The blue rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Grayson Anthony Hebert born on July 14th in Massachusetts. Grayson Anthony is the son of Kayla & Ryan Hebert, grandson of Twila Boydston, great-grandson of Sandra Whatley.
The sunflower arrangement on the stage is symbolic and appropriate for this our 125th Anniversary year. The Centennial Celebration Drama for First Christian Church in 1990 centered around the sunflower as the symbol of its congregation. Quoting from it: "You know how a sunflower knows the source of its Light? It always turns its bright and beautiful face to reflect the Sun...the source of its Light and its Life. Just follows that ole Sun as it moves across the sky. Even in the darkest night, this plain ole flower radiates with the Sun's light...yes, it does...if we have eyes to see it. Well, that's the way it is with our congregation. We know the Source of our Light, Our Life and there hasn't been any darkness dark enough to put it out. No Depression, no wars, no crash of the oil industry, no tornado...nothing. God's light shines on in even that darkness. Sunflowers! God's sunflowers! Reflecting God's love...always. To me that's who we have been, who we are, and who we will continue to be."

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)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Ages: 4 Years to 4th Grade

VBS Donation Craft Supply List

We are in need of several items for VBS
July 27 - 31

Please look over these items and consider donating some for the use of our children. You can drop off any items you wish to donate in the church office by **noon on Thursday, July 23rd**. Thank you in advance for your help in collecting these items:

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| 4" square boxes | 3" by 3" terra cotta pots |
| 1/2" round magnets | 2" styrofoam ball |
| 1/4" clear vinyl tubing | Paint pens |
| Glitter glue pens | 18 gauge craft wire |
| Colored craft foam | Elastic cording |
| Velcro rounds | Sequins |
| Cardboard | Nature Magazines |
| Ball chain & connectors | Acrylic pebbles |

PARENT LUNCH FORUMS

BLAST Parents (Grades K-5):
Sunday, July 26th, 12:00 noon, Room 405

Chi Rho/CYF Parents (Grades 6-12):
Sunday, August 2nd, 12:00 noon, Room 405

"We're looking for your input as we plan ministry for the Fall!
Join us for lunch and discussion."

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- Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr., *Senior Minister*
- Rev. Renee Hoke, *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, July 19, 2015

- 8:40—Worship Fellowship Hall
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship Fellowship Hall
- 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, July 20, 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, July 21, 2015

- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- 12:00-2:00—Youth Open Gym Gym & Room 403C

Thursday, July 23, 2015

- 1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

Sunday, July 26, 2015

- 8:40—Worship Fellowship Hall
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship Fellowship Hall
- 12:00—BLAST (Grades K-5) Parents Lunch Forum..... Room 405
- 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

**CHALLENGER TO BE EVERY TWO WEEKS
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.

AUGUST MSU GARAGE GIVEAWAY

Are you saving for our August Garage Giveaway of housewares and furniture items for MSU international students? If you have questions or need help with ways to help please feel free to call, Sally Hastings, 940-224-4416, or Ann Hunter, 940-631-5661.



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