

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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. 16
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Most merciful God, through Jesus Christ you have set us free from slavery to sin, that we might become your children; help us in this our service of worship to sing of our freedom with joy, to long for it in our prayers, and to be assured of it in the proclamation of your word; through the same 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.**

THE WORD

Children's Message Justin Dickey

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 103
Pew Bible Page 554

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

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn "In the Garden" No. 227
Communion Invitation Eddie Tucker
Elders' Prayers Emily Wilson & Rick Appling
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 Renee Hoke

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 548
"The Old Rugged Cross"

*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 Brunnett, 613-2112.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN HONOR OF MILDRED DINNIN given by Craig & Shelia Reynolds.

IN HONOR OF JUDY MUIR given by Craig & Shelia Reynolds.

IN HONOR OF SALLY HASTINGS given by Craig & Shelia Reynolds.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Padon Christian Bedford born on July 26th. Padon Christian is the son of Angela Gentry & Johnny Bedford.

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 Travis Ralls.
- 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)

PARENT LUNCH FORUM

Chi Rho/CYF Parents (Grades 6-12):
Today, 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."

PROJECT BACK TO SCHOOL & POWERPAK 4 KIDS (Backpack Project)

The Project Back to School organization accepts donations to help purchase school supplies for children that qualify for the assistance. The Project Back to School Roundup is an informative and fun family event that provides children in Wichita Falls in Head Start through 12th grade with the essential school supplies and services they need to start the school year ready to learn. The PowerPak 4 Kids project accepts donations to help the Food Bank provide take home food for children that are "food insecure" in the WFISD specifically over the weekends.

The FCC Outreach Ministry suggests that both of these projects are worthy projects for the children of Wichita Falls and would like to ask for the support of the congregation. Outreach will accept monetary donations from now thru August 2nd and donations will be divided evenly between Project Back to School and the PowerPak 4 Kids Project.

HHH VOLUNTEERS

The Discovery Class is hosting riders for the HHH again this year. We are expecting to double our number (around 200 total). If you would like to volunteer to help make these cyclists feel welcome here at First Christian, please contact Cindy Hernandez at 642-0167. The Discovery Class will hold an organizational meeting for all volunteers on Thursday, August 13th, at 6:00 pm in the Discovery Classroom, Room 304.

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.

MIDWEEK RESPITE SERVICE RETURNS

The Respite Service returns this Wednesday, August 5th. On Wednesday evenings a period of quiet prayer and respite is available in our Chapel from 5:30-6:30. Members are warmly invited to come in and pray for however long or as little as they feel led; from 5:45-6:00, there is a brief vespers service consisting of scripture, guided prayer and communion.

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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* Susan Marrs, *Executive Secretary*
Tina Williams, *Financial Secretary* Pam Poulos, *Receptionist*
Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 2, 2015
PANTRY SUNDAY
8:40—Worship Fellowship Hall
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship Fellowship Hall
12:00—Chi Rho/CYF (Grades 6-12) Parents Lunch Forum ... Room 405
5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, August 3, 2015
7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
10:15—FCC Staff Meeting..... Office
4:30—CCF Staff Meeting..... Room 402
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
11:00—Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Mtg FCC-Iowa Park
2:00—Library Committee..... Library

Wednesday, August 5, 2015
7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
12:00-2:00—Youth Open Gym (Grades 6-12)..... Gym & Youth Room
5:30—Respite Service Chapel

Thursday, August 6, 2015
1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

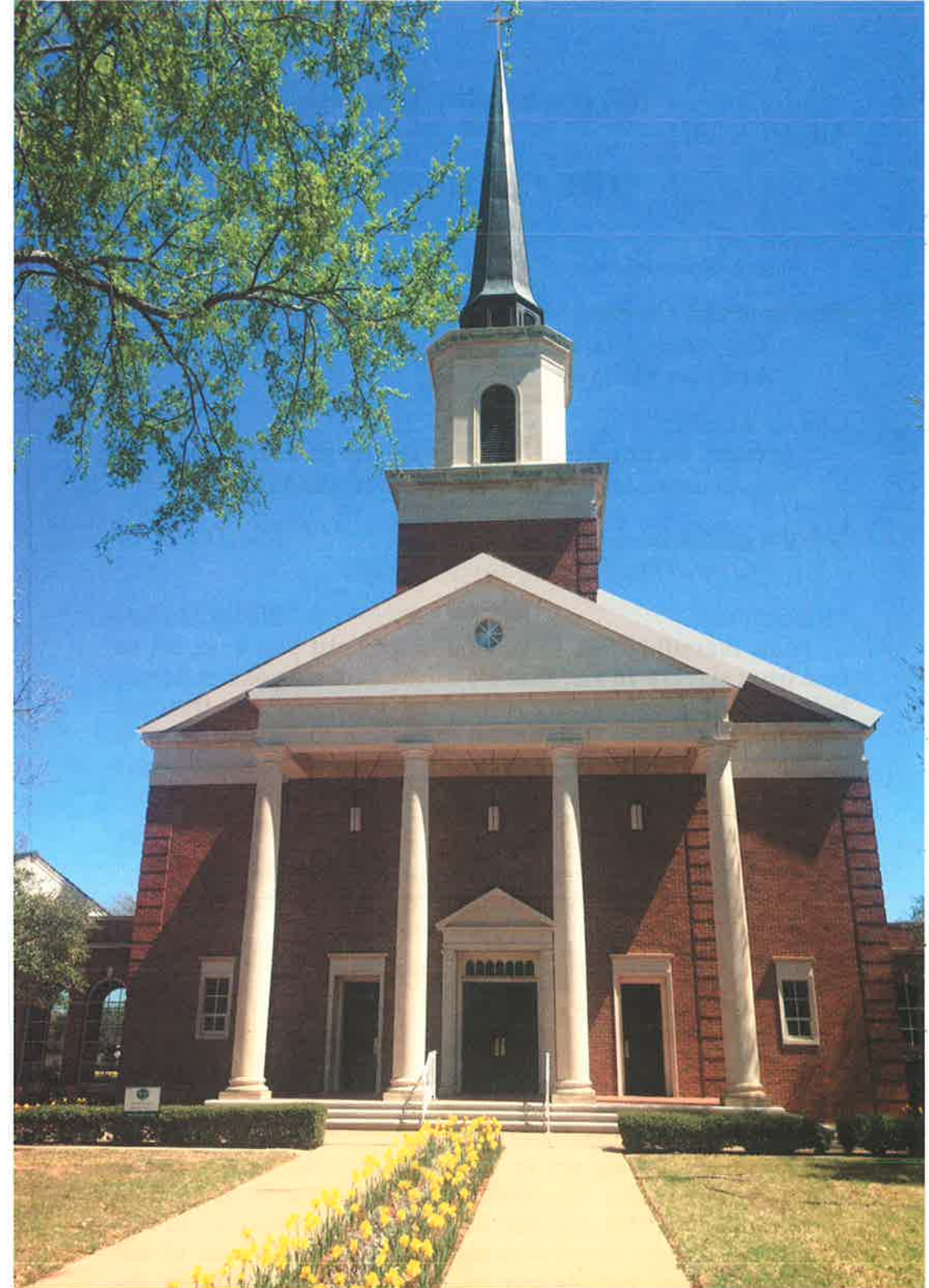
Sunday, August 9, 2015
8:40—Worship Fellowship Hall
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship Fellowship Hall
5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF A CHURCH MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

Due to a policy change and the HIPAA law, United Regional Health Care System's Chaplain's Office has informed the church office that they are no longer allowed to give us a list of the new patient admissions into the hospital each day. They are allowed to give us room numbers if we call and ask about a specific person, and they will notify us if a patient specifically tells the Chaplain to call us.

Therefore if a church member enters any hospital, the church office now needs for either you the patient, a family member, a friend, or another church member to call and tell us.

If in doubt, please, everyone, go ahead and call the church office as we would prefer to receive many calls about someone being hospitalized, than us not knowing at all!



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