

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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 Renee Hoke
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. 284
"Gather Us In"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Ever present God, we have come from far and near and are wearied. Let us sit side by side, sharing the same bread drawn from the same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak. Then standing, let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship, unity, and peace. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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

Blessing for the School Year
Lord, thank you for all who teach and serve as they begin this new school year.
Thank you for their ministry to your children.
Sustain them in health: strong in body, mind and spirit to move in faith, patience, and with expectation.
Protect them and keep them. Encourage them to behold the beauty of your holiness.

Bless their ears to hear the lovely, the uplifting and the encouraging, and to shut out the demeaning and the negative.
Cause their feet to walk in holiness and their steps to be ordered by you.
Bless their hands to be tender, helping hands to those in need.
May their hearts be humble and receptive to those around them. May their minds be strong, disciplined, balanced and faith-filled.

May your grace be upon their homes and schools that they may be havens of rest and renewal, sanctuaries of peace where the sounds of joy and laughter grace each room and where love and unconditional acceptance are never ending.

Loving God, grant success and prosperity in their places of ministry and of life. May goodness and mercy follow each of them all the days of their long, healthy lives. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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 "Twofold Amen" Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture Renee Hoke
John 6:56-69
Pew Bible Page 98

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Total Praise" arr. Rao

Sermon "And Then They Bailed" David Hartman

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn "One Bread, One Body" No. 393
Communion Invitation Mike Spiller Jr.
Elders' Prayers Howard Morris & Cindy Hernandez
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 Renee Hoke
Offertory Chancel Choir
"Communion Prayer" Pote
*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 Renee Hoke

THE GOING FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman
*Hymn of Discipleship No. 453
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
*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.

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.

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.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF A CHURCH MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

Due to hospital policy changes & HIPAA laws, if a church member enters any hospital, the church office has no way of knowing and now needs for either the patient, a family member, a friend, or another church member to call and tell us. If in doubt, please, 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!

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)

ANNIVERSARY MEMORY PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Today, August 23rd, 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall
Program: "125th Anniversary Memory" by Dr. Hartman
Menu: Eating of the Greens: Choice of salads, baked potatoes with all the trimmings, and dessert. Cost is by donation. Everyone welcome!

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

This Wednesday, August 26th
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Deanna Watson, Editor, Wichita Falls Times Record News

RESPIRE SERVICE CHANGES NAME & TIME

The Respite Service is now the "Mid-Week Communion Service" and will begin at 5:00 pm starting this Wednesday, August 26th. On Wednesday evenings a period of quiet prayer and communion is available in our Chapel from 5:00-5:30. Members are warmly invited to come in and pray for however long or as little as they feel led; from 5:15-5:30, there is a brief vespers service consisting of scripture, guided prayer and communion.

BABY DEDICATION SERVICE TO BE HELD

There will be a Baby Dedication Service next Sunday, August 30th, during the 10:45 worship service. If you are interested in participating, please call Susan in the church office, 692-2282, with the following info: child's full name and parents' names by Monday, August 24th.



New Midweek Ministry Begins September 16th

Join First Christian Church as we embark on a new series of programs for ALL ages! We'll gather together for a meal then break out for group Bible studies!

- 5:30-6:00PM Family Meal
- 6:00-7:00PM Young Disciples (K-5)
Check In (6-12)
Adult Studies
- 7:00-8:00PM Open Gym

Join us for a new community of individuals gathered in Christ's name and bringing together all generations and demographics. FEAST offers a place for fellowship, education, advocacy, and service in order to transform us into better Disciples of Christ. Join us for dinner followed by separate studies for children, youth, and adults alike.

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

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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 & 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, August 23, 2015

- 8:40—WorshipChapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship & "Blessing of Teachers"Sanctuary
- 12:00—Anniversary Memory Fellowship Lunch..... Fellowship Hall
- 2:00—Moving furniture for MSU Garage
Giveaway Jerry's Sporting Goods
- 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, August 24, 2015

- FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 9:00—Young Ages School Teacher In-Service
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting.....Office
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library
- 5:00—YAS CPR & First Aid Training..... Room 402
- 7:00—Worship Ministry Meeting Room 310

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion ServiceChapel
- 6:30—Christian Men's Fellowship Dinner..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)Stratten Hall

Thursday, August 27, 2015

- 9:00—YAS "Meet the Teacher" Classrooms
- 1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

Friday, August 28, 2015

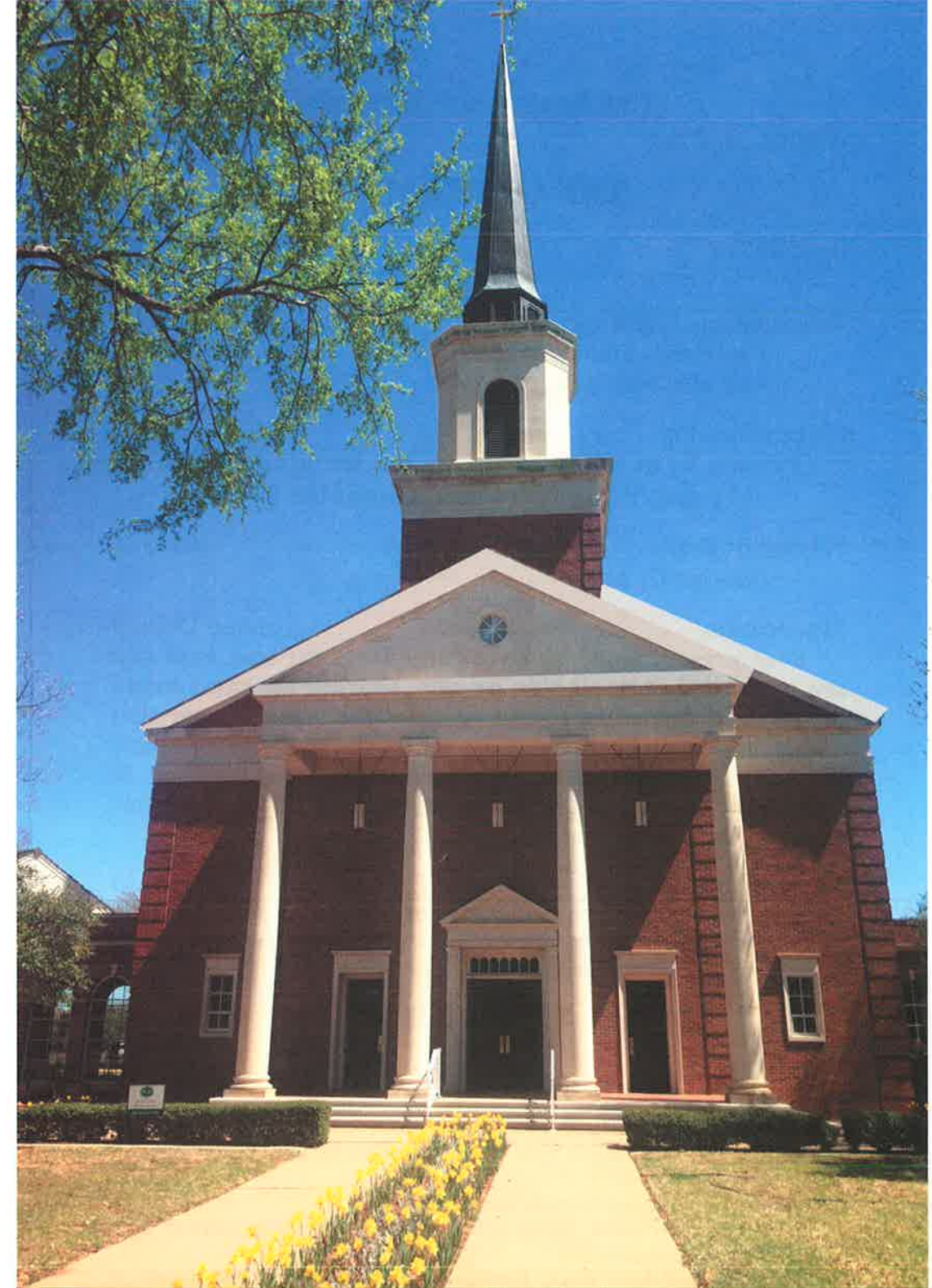
- 3:00pm—Discovery Class HHH Sleepover Check-In Begins..... Gym

Saturday, August 29, 2015

- 3:00pm—Discovery Class HHH Sleepover Check-Out Ends Gym

Sunday, August 30, 2015

- FIFTH SUNDAY
- 8:40—WorshipChapel
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 9:30—5th Sunday Gathering Fellowship Hall
- 10:45—Worship & Baby Dedication Sanctuary
- 5:00—Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Back to School Bash
..... Ted & Nancy Smith's home, 1401 Tanglewood
- 5:00—Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) Back to School Bash
..... Gary & Kim Ballard's home, 5104 Navajo Trail
- 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities



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