

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: kings and kingdoms shall all pass away, but there's something about that name!

*Hymn of Praise No. 66
"Immortal, Invisible"

*Invocation Justin Dickey
Holy and loving God, we come here today looking for a place where we can be heard and where we can feel safe. We know that your love and power can create that space for each of us. Help us to find that place today and help us to lead others to that place today and every day. We ask this in the name of your son, 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

Child Dedication 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.

Response to Prayer *"Twofold Amen"* Chancel Choir

Reading of the Scripture David Hartman
Colossians 3:12-14
Pew Bible Page 201

Ministry of Music
"Set Me as a Seal"
Elise Allen, flute

Sermon Renee Hoke
*"Irresistible Community:
At the Table"*

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Hymn *"Come, Share the Lord"* No. 408
Communion Invitation Roma Prassel
Elders' Prayers Andy Wilson & Kenn Hill
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 Men's Quartet
"Stand Up" arr. Hart
*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. 487
"Help Us Accept Each Other"
*The Benediction Renee Hoke
*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.

Chancel Choir
Childs

Renee Hoke

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 or at www.firstchristianwf.com.

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!

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF SUSIE SCOTT given by Peggy Fitts.
IN MEMORY OF KENNETH MARRS given by Peggy Fitts.
The flowers this morning are given by the Searchers Class in memory of loved ones our members have lost this past year: Margaret & Richard Phillips' sister-in-law, Connie Mersiovsky; Rick Appling's cousin, Walter Tedford; Pam Johnson's mother, Bernice Sullivan; Cheryl Appling's uncle, Jack Cooper; Phyllis Litteken's mother, Melba Ashley; and Carol Nowell's sister, Jan Gray.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 5:00 The Young Disciples Group Swim Party (Grades K-5)
(Nancy & Ted Smith's home, 1401 Tanglewood)
- Chi Rho & CYF Groups Swim Party (Grades 6-12)
(Kim & Gary Ballard's home, 5104 Navajo Trail)
- 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)



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 Fellowship Meal
- 6:00-7:00PM Young Disciples (Grades K-5)
360 (Grades 6-12)
Adult Studies
 - 1) "Too Busy Not To Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God" led by Rev. Renee Hoke in Rm 310
 - 2) "What We Talk About When We Talk About God" led by Sarah Stewart in Rm 402
- 7:00-7:15PM Communion & Prayer
- 7:15-8:00PM 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."

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, September 6th
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

There will be a family golf tournament on Sunday, September 27th, at 3:00 pm at River Creek Golf Course. This will be a fun event for all golfers and non-golfers so come play and enjoy the cool weather, beautiful scenery, and fellowship. We will only play 9 holes and have a hamburger dinner afterwards with prizes and recognition for fun happenings. Watch for more information and fun things about this event to celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

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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 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—The Young Disciples Group Swim Party (Grades K-5)
..... Nancy & Ted Smith's home, 1401 Tanglewood
 - 5:00—Chi Rho & CYF Groups Swim Party (Grades 6-12)
..... Kim & Gary Ballard's home, 5104 Navajo Trail
 - 5:14-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities

Monday, August 31, 2015

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F).....Office
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting.....Office
- 6:00—CGRM Continuing Education Room 307
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

- 11:00—Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Meeting.....MCC-Jacksboro TX
- 2:00—Library Committee..... Library
- 6:00—Young Ages School Parent Orientation..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:30—Called Executive Council Meeting..... Room 402

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

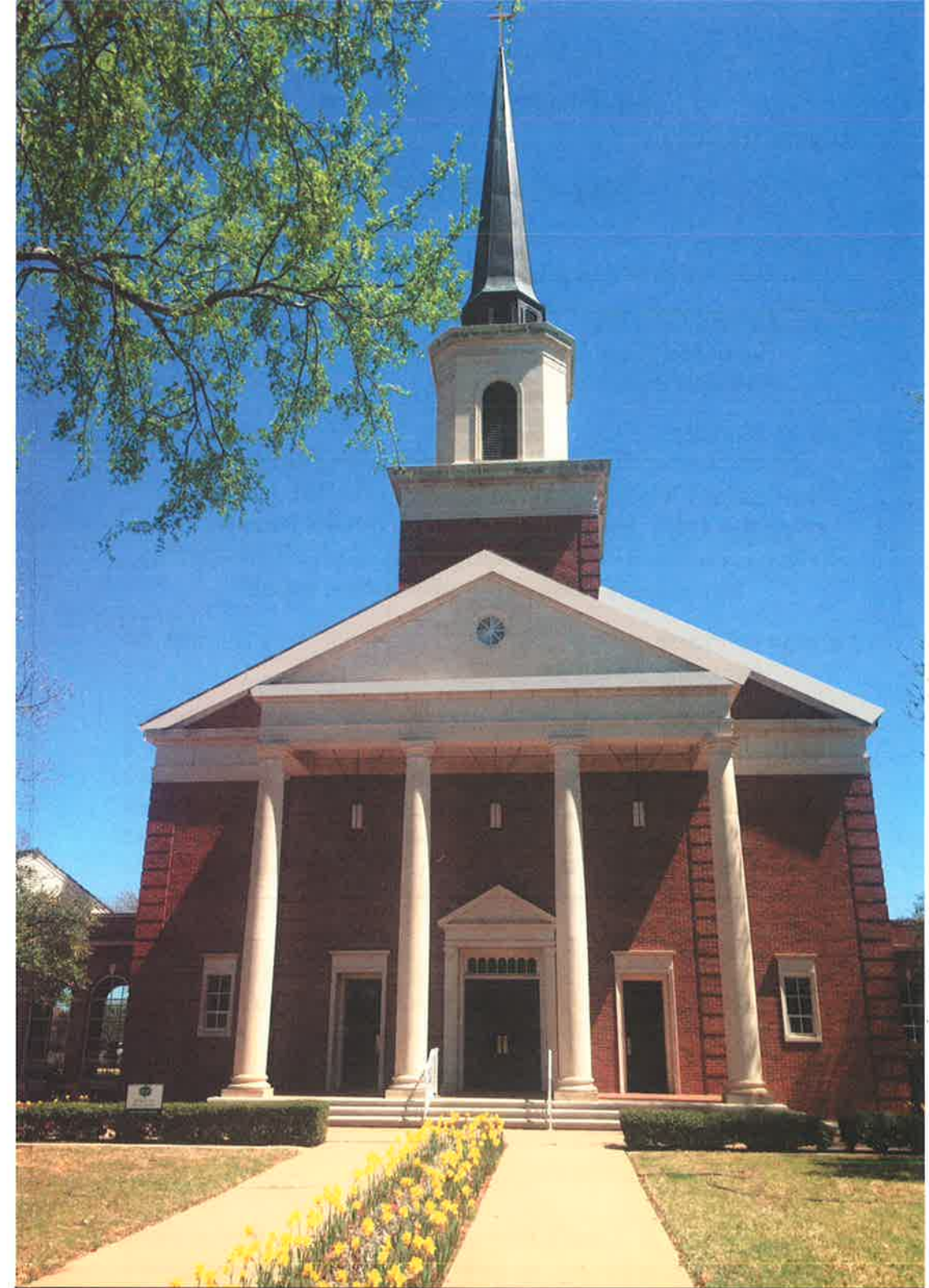
- 7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
- 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (W-F)
- 5:00—Mid-Week Communion ServiceChapel
- 6:00-8:00—Check-In (Grades 6-12).....Room 403C/Gym
- 7:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)Stratten Hall

Thursday, September 3, 2015

- 1:30—Knit Wits..... Parlor

Sunday, September 6, 2015

- PANTRY SUNDAY
- 8:40—WorshipChapel
 - 9:30—Sunday School
 - 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
 - 12:00—Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 - 5:14-7:30—Sunday Evening Activities



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