

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2015

10:45 am

THE GATHERING

Gathering

**Lift high the cross, the cross of Christ
Proclaim till all the world adore this sacred name.**

Welcome and Greeting Renee Hoke
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Debbie Watson
Please be in prayerful meditation as we open our minds and hearts to God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 15
Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

*Invocation Justin Dickey
God of all blessings, make our worship a time of revelation. Show us a glimpse of your realm. Teach us how we can become what you envision. Remind us that your love is at work in us, penetrating our hardness of heart. Show us how we might serve and help those in need. In your Son's 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 Justin Dickey

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 Chancel Choir
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Reading of the Scripture Renee Hoke
Mark 8:27-38
Pew Bible Page 43

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
Let All the World In Every Corner Sing Pfautsch

Sermon David Hartman
Irresistible Community: Does Your Cross Fit?

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* No. 602
Communion Invitation Emily Wilson
Elders' Prayers Kerry Roach & Eddie Tucker
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
We Are One Martin
*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. 344
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*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 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 CHARLES SALTER given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

IN MEMORY OF JAN GRAY given by Pat Duncan.

IN MEMORY OF KENNETH MARRS given by Kaye Debbie & Mark Turnbow.

The flowers this morning are given by Fred & Susie Gentry in loving memory of our mother, Alma Gentry, and grandson, Alexander Gentry.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Evie Margaret Hairston born on August 24th. Evie Margaret is the daughter of Caroline & Brett Hairston, granddaughter of Peggy & Ty Puckett, and great-granddaughter of Jean Puckett and the late Bob Puckett.

Sunday Evening Activities Schedule

- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Grow in Grace Choir [Grades K-5] (Stratten Hall)
Come As You Are [Grades 6-12] (Room 403C)
- 5:14 CGRM Evening Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
The speaker will be Rev. Erin Taylor.
- 5:45 Young Disciples Group [Grades K-5] (Rooms 309 & 311)
- 6:00 FACE Time with Dave (Parlor)

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)

FACE TIME Sunday at 6

FACE Time (for Faith and Current Events) will meet today at 6 pm in the Parlor. The primary topic will be a proposed re-stating of our existing wedding policy. After prayer and deliberation over a period of three weeks, the Elders unanimously recommended the inclusion of the sentence, "The wedding ministry of First Christian Church culminates in a service of Holy Matrimony, which is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God." The inclusion was approved (though not unanimously) at a meeting of the Worship Ministry and will be considered by the Executive Council at its regularly-scheduled meeting on September 22. All viewpoints are welcome this Sunday. It is important that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we hear each other in the spirit of deep respect and mutual love and strive, in all ways and in all things, to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The September CWF Luncheon will be this Monday, September 14th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Kim Tomlinson with Rathgeber Hospitality House. The devotional will be given by Renee Hoke and the service offering will go to Rathgeber Hospitality House. Reservations are not required and guests are welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The CWF Board will meet at 10:30 am in Room 310 prior to the luncheon.

PERSECUTED CHURCH

The Prayer Team for the Persecuted Church will meet this Tuesday, September 15th, at 5:00 pm in Room 310.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

6:00 pm, Fellowship & Scout Halls

Education, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship, & World Outreach

7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall: Worship

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office by noon on Monday, Sept. 14.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: Daniel (A Beth Moore Study)

Part 2 of the Beth Moore study, *Daniel*, will begin on Wednesday, September 16th, at 10:00 am and will continue through October 28. We will meet in Room 310. The study will be led by Sheri Sutton. Please call the church office, 692-2282, to register.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON & 125TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES PROGRAM

Please make your reservations in the blue attendance folders for the Fellowship Luncheon & 125th Anniversary Memories Program to be held next Sunday, September 20th, at noon in the fellowship Hall. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, French bread and dessert. Cost is by donation. Everyone is welcome!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

This is your opportunity to play 9 holes with friends and family of the church on Sunday, September 27th, at 3pm at River Creek Golf Course. Cost is \$25 for 9 holes, cart & dinner; or \$8 for dinner only. Sign up in the church office. We also need volunteers to help keep the game on track and fun. For more info contact Gary Cook, 767-4900.

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 Rev. Renee Hoke, *Associate Minister*
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 Heather Dickerson, *Director of Children Come First*
 Karen Bivona, *Director of Young Ages School*
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 Debbie Watson, *Organist* Glenda & Preston, *Custodians*

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:40—Worship Chapel
 9:30—Sunday School
 9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities
 6:00—FACE Time with Dave Parlor

Monday, September 14, 2015

7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (M-F)
 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
 10:30—Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting Room 310
 11:45—Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 4:30—Children Come First Staff Meeting Room 402
 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

2:00—Library Committee Library
 5:00—Prayer Team for Persecuted Church Room 310
 6:00—Ministries Meetings Fellowship & Scout Halls
 (Education, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship & World Outreach)
 7:00—Worship Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

7:00—Elders' Breakfast Room 402 & Chapel
 10:00—Women's Fall Bible Study Room 310
 12:00—Young Ages School Staff Meeting Room 217
 5:00-5:30—Mid-Week Communion Service Chapel

FEAST BEGINS:

5:30-6:00—Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall
 6:00-7:00—Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) Rooms 309 & 311
 360 (Grades 6-12) Room 403C

Adult Bible Studies:

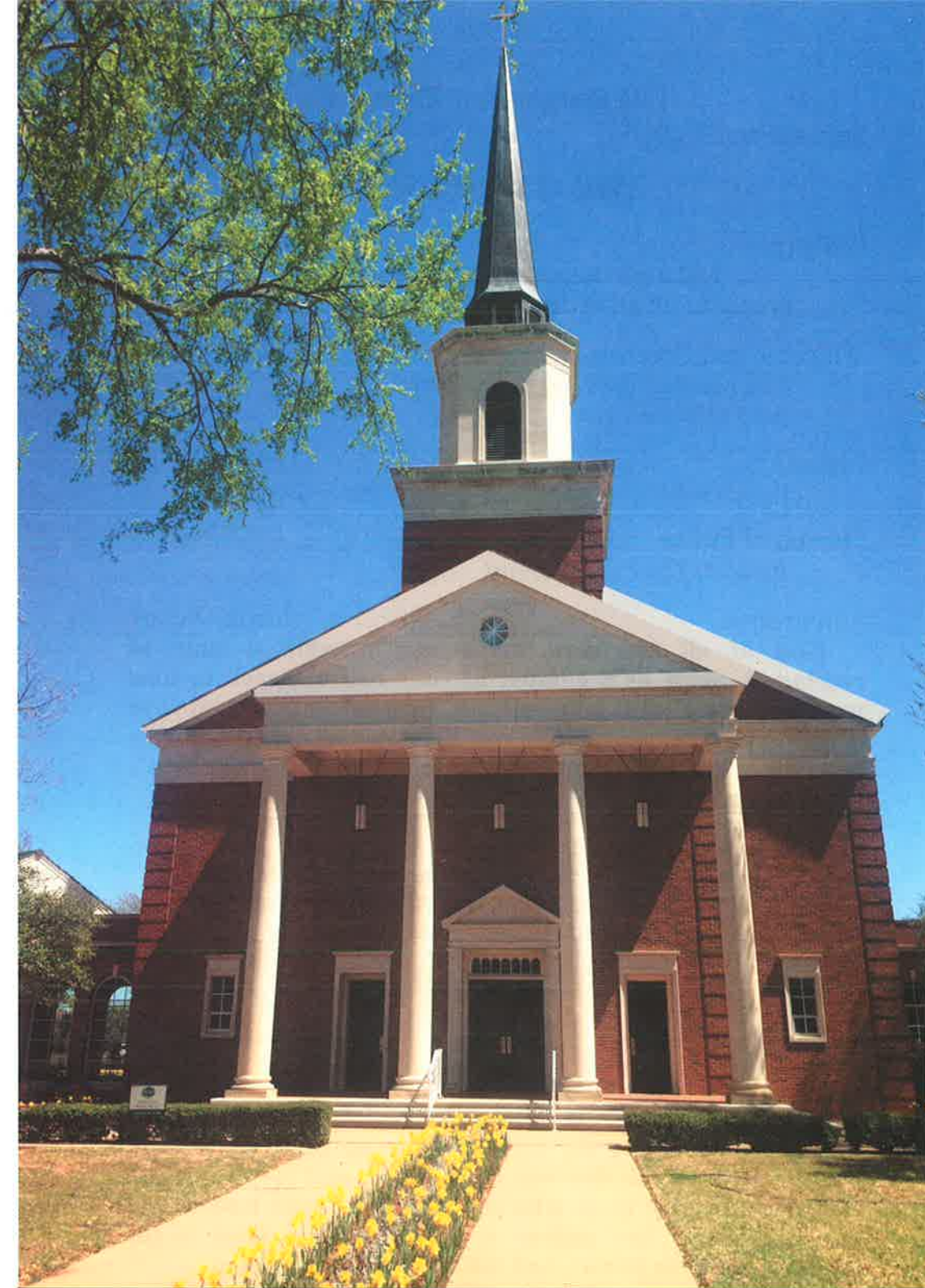
"Too Busy Not To Pray" Room 310
 "What We Talk About When We Talk About God" Room 402
 7:00-7:15—Communion & Prayer Fellowship Hall
 7:00-8:30—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) Stratten Hall
 7:15-8:00—Open Gym Gym

Thursday, September 17, 2015

9:00—CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast IHOP on SW Pkwy
 1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:40—Worship Chapel
 9:30—Sunday School
 9:45—Journey Through Scripture Parlor
 10:45—Worship Sanctuary
 12:00—Fellowship Luncheon & 125th Anniversary Memories Program Fellowship Hall
 3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities



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