

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*Hymn of Praise No. 61
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Invocation Renee Hoke
God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle, and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound; in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. 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

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
Mark 7:24-30
Pew Bible Page 42

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Go Ye Into all the World" Wetzler

Sermon Renee Hoke
"Irresistible Community: Table Scraps"

THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn "In Remembrance of Me" No. 403
Communion Invitation Harry Tonemah
Elders' Prayers Marjorie Parker & Ronnie James
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 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 Renee Hoke

THE GOING FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship David Hartman

*Hymn of Discipleship No. 662
"When the Poor Ones"

*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 Rick & Cheryl Appling.

IN MEMORY OF JAN GRAY given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

IN MEMORY OF KENNETH MARRS given by Kaye Holland, Rick & Cheryl Appling.

The flowers this morning are given by Betty Lyons & Children in memory of Glen Lyons.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Berkley Ann Caraway born on August 26th. Berkley Ann is the daughter of Shaele Sanders & Justin Caraway, granddaughter of Cheryl & Jerry Caraway, and great-granddaughter of Pat & Don Duncan.

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)



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

Today, September 6th
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

CHURCH BUILDING, OFFICES & ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, FOR LABOR DAY!

FEED MY FLOCK

Will be cooking on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 9:30am to help provide food for the 63 international students at Midwestern who are short of funds due to the recent tropical storm that passed over the Commonwealth of Dominica. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 692-2282 or email Rick Appling at rappling52@yahoo.com. Hope you can join us!

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.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 6, 2015

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

Monday, September 7, 2015

- LABOR DAY
- Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed
- 7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15 Gym

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

- 7:30-6:00—Children Come First (M-F)
- 9:00-12:00—Young Ages School (T-F)
- 10:15—FCC Staff Meeting Office
- 2:00—Library Committee Library
- 7:00—Property Ministry Meeting Room 402

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

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

Thursday, September 10, 2015

- 1:30—Knit Wits Parlor

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 9:30—Feed My Flock Cooking Kitchen

Sunday, September 13, 2015

- PANTRY SUNDAY
- 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

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.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Next Sunday, September 13th, at 9:45 AM, in the Church Parlor, a new journey experience will set off led by Larry Spradley. An attempt will be made to better understand the relationship of three world religions--Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. A study will be made of scripture and religious practices.



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