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## Volunteer Now For Off-Site VBS



### CELEBRATION LUNCH MAY 6

It is a month of happy moments—Mother's Day, Graduation Day, Last Day of School, Memorial Day. So let's gather as a church family on the first Sunday of the month for fellowship around the table. Everyone is invited! RSVP to the church office so we'll be sure to have plenty of food.

### CAR SHOW MAY 12

Come by to see the cars in over twenty categories! Registration is from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Prizes are awarded at 3:00 pm. If you have a car you would like to show off, the registration fee is only \$20. All proceeds benefit FCC Youth Ministry.

### INDIAN TACOS FUNDRAISER MAY 20

A Youth Fundraiser Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 20, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be INDIAN TACOS! Cost is by donation. RSVP to the church office so we'll be sure to have plenty of tacos.

In little over a month, we will be taking Hero Central Vacation Bible School out into the community, and sharing the power of the Lord with the children near the Boys and Girls Club on E. Wichita St.

I have been so amazed to see how selfless the congregation of First Christian Church is when it comes to providing resources, like the baskets for international students and Coats for Kids. An off-site VBS allows us to go out in the community and build one-on-one relationships with the people that we are serving. Our ministry will continue to reach far beyond the walls of our building. We will be teaching children that we are all heroes for God, and that God's heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, power and hope!

Hero Central off-site VBS will take place the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a meal at 5:30pm, and then move through activity rotations from 6:00 to 8:00pm. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities open! We will need people to help be

group leaders, help with worship, crafts, science, Bible story-telling, games, and registration. We are hoping that all of the meals for the children will be sponsored by groups within the church. We are expecting to feed between 50-100 children each evening.

Our greatest hope is that there will be a good response from the community that we are serving on E. Wichita St. and we will be able to continue going and serving them in other ways. Whether it's by providing meals, worship services or Bible studies, we want to keep our relationship growing.

If you would like to volunteer, there will be volunteer registration sheets in the church office for you to fill out, or you can email me at [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com) to let me know what you would be interested in helping with. I would like to leave you with the Hero Central memory verse, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b.



## All God's Creatures Great and Small BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, April 28, 11am-1pm

Please gather up your furry friends and join us this Saturday as we bless the pets who bless our lives. Renee, Josh and Claire will be praying over pets and offering our owners a certificate of blessing. Red River Hot Dogs will be on hand as well as other special guests. Bring a friend or neighborhood to join in the fun!

# THE GIFT OF PAYING ATTENTION

by Renee Hoke, Acting Senior Minister

One of the qualities that attracted me to this congregation from the very beginning was the number of smart, talented, energetic laypeople. It seemed to me that everyone was paying attention at FCC—to each other, to the needs of the community, to the quality of our ministry, to the next opportunity to bear witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

For 127 years, paying attention has also meant recognizing how the context for ministry changes as the culture changes. Over the decades, FCC leaders have worked tirelessly to balance “traditional” with “relevant” and to recognize the need to innovate in order to attract the next generation of believers.

Take a look at this article about the qualities common to growing churches today. The list comes from work by church statistician and researcher Kirk Hadaway with a focus on the practices and prospective of Mainline Churches in America. (Mainline churches are the major Protestant denominations including Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Hadaway serves the Episcopal Church.)

Common characteristics of growing churches:

## 1: A KINGDOM ROAP MAP

Churches that are clear about why they exist and what they should be doing are most likely to be growing congregations. The goal is clearly laid out in public and is easy to trace by the use of leaders' time and the use of the facilities, and most of all, the priorities of the budget. Money is a good acid test.

## 2: THE CHILDREN GO UP FRONT

The mission goes up front: so do the children. An all-adult cast in the sanctuary is a sign of decline. Of course, adults are more reverent and reliable, and they are usually better readers. Still, the unconscious message is that “Children need not apply.” When children are involved and visible in worship, parishes have more children and are more likely to grow.

## 3: SUNDAY SCHOOL STILL WORKS

Churches that field Sunday Schools grow. Yes, Sunday Schools were nineteenth-century outreach programs to poor factory children to teach them to read. Still, an excellent Sunday school is still a good way to grow a church. Ancient rabbis, medieval monks, early modern Jesuits and reformers, and early Methodists all focused on the education of children. They all taught content and biblical narrative.

Sunday School needs content and

lots and lots of exposure to the big narratives of the Scriptures. Children should learn about basic Christian faith practices like how to forgive, pray, and tithe. Only in this way will they learn how to live as Christians in a complex world that is increasingly ignorant of basic Christian concepts. If we don't teach them the words of Christ, the world will not.

## 4: A CULTURE OF LEARNING FOR ADULTS

An increasing number of American adults are “spiritual, but not religious.” It is not just the children who need to know Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. Congregations that offer extensive adult learning are the statistical winners. One of the strongest correlatives of growth comes from the emphasis a congregation places on adult religious formation.



Growing congregations usually have more than three educational options for adults on Sunday morning and at other times in the week. Life-long learning as a focus is essential if we want to move adults to growth as followers of Christ. A hurting world does not need worshippers with a thin Christian veneer covering their otherwise worldly habits and thoughts.

## 5: QUANTIFY, WELCOME AND BE TECH SAVVY

A successful church planter who used to be in business commented on the indifference of churches to new people in contrast to the focus that any business lavishes on potential customers. “The Church is not a business,” he says, “because if it were, it would be bankrupt.”

The best way to check your church's capacity to grow is to count

something. Start by counting the numbers of “contacts” your parish has for newcomers. New and growing churches have specific ways to reach, welcome, and follow up with visitors. It is not just that visitors are handed bulletins with a smile, it is (1) that they are invited to coffee hour, and (2) that at the coffee hour, parishioners are trained and scheduled to greet them, answer questions, and (3) invite them to upcoming events or classes. Then, (4) there should be at least three to five further follow-up contacts in the first week, a phone call, a welcome note and an email.

There's a strong connection between church growth and social media savvy, especially when it comes to attracting younger generations. A basic attractive website is essential, with the church's name, location, service times and contact information, and a capacity to add and change a calendar of events. Facebook and digital newsletters are critical, as are mailed paper notices for special events. It may not be sufficient to Facebook and Tweet, but it betters the odds that the Gospel will be seen and noticed.

## 6: ADD A WORSHIP SERVICE

A strong predictor of growth for a church is to have more than one service on Sunday morning. A single service's numbers tend to plateau when the sanctuary space is three-quarters full. Newcomers think that there is “no space for us.” A single service has to pick a single musical and liturgical style. Many areas have some people who like “traditional” and others who like “contemporary.”

A church that can welcome people to worship God in both ways can welcome more people to experience Christ's love. Adding a service is the single easiest way to grow a church, as one can add a different musical idiom, style of worship or time slot, without disturbing the faithful who are already attending. It has to be done with forethought and excellence. Try a new service for a season. If it works, add it to the schedule. If not, try a different time or kind of service. The willingness to try and fail is essential to grow.

## CONCLUSION

If you want your church to grow, here is a six-pack of growing church characteristics backed up by data. Define how you do Kingdom Work and focus on it. Put the kids up front often. Teach children and adults as if their lives depend on it, and welcome people and worship God in multiple ways. And, yes, use Facebook.

# FCC MINISTRY NEWS AND CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Committee has studied ministerial profiles, received applications, and investigated 39 candidates in the search for our next Senior Minister. We have met every Monday evening since September 11<sup>th</sup> except Christmas and Easter, and are a dedicated group of Christians who work together well and are representative of our congregation.

Our members have spent many hours individually listening to or watching candidates' sermons that are now available on many churches' websites. We completed one interview this week and are in the process of arranging others in the next few weeks. We ask for your patience and prayers as we continue to seek God's will in searching for our next Senior Minister.

Thank you for your support!

Diane and Dr. Mike Spiller, Jr., Co-Chairs;  
Sarah Cook, Caitlin Hartman, Robert Hernandez, Colleen James, Jerry Johnson, Judy Muir, Craig Reynolds, Sandra Ross, Doug Thompson, and Keith Wineinger

The **Challenger** is biweekly, so NO Challenger next week!  
FCC Ministry News is sent by email every Monday.

## News & Testament this Sunday, April 29:

Our monthly News & Testament conversation, will be this Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, led by Deanna & Sam Watson. Deanna is Editor of the Times Record News and Sam is Dean of the College of the Humanities and Social Sciences at MSU. We'll explore what's making headlines in our world and then consider our faithful response as followers of Jesus. Join us at 5 pm in the Church Parlor.

## Member News:

♥**Hospitalized:** in Austin TX is Kevin Coleman; at URHCS is Bill Thacker; at Health South Rehab is Lynda Lee; Released and back home is E.D. Sartin.

♥Our sympathies are extended to the family of Alvin & Billie Burge. Alvin & Billie passed away within hours of each other on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Graveside services were held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

♥We extend our condolences to Jim & Cathy Biggs & Family on learning of the death of Jim's brother, Robert Lee Biggs on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Houston TX. Services will be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in the Garden of the Cross.

♥Our sympathies are also extended to Mrs. Hal Dungan & Family on learning of the death of FCC Timothy, Dr. Hal Dungan, on April 14<sup>th</sup>, in Montgomery Village, Maryland.

♥Congratulations to Zach Haskins & Alexa Holaday, who were married April 21<sup>st</sup> in Aubrey TX. Zach is the son of Lynn & Rick Haskins and grandson of Bud Love.

♥Congratulations to Zachary Machado & Chelsea Noelle on the birth of their son, Gunner Isaiah Machado, on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Gunner Isaiah weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tonia & Vince Machado.

**First Time Guests!** We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Sunday, April 22: Jonni Wray.

**Pantry Sunday** for Interfaith Outreach Services will be on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Items for collection will be peanut butter & jelly. Also, if you travel and have any unopened hotel toiletries, Interfaith Outreach Services would love to have them for their care sacks.

The May gathering of **ON HOLD**, our support group for caregivers of all kinds, will be **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2414/2416 Barbados from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Just look for the ON HOLD sign out in front. This informal, come-and-go setting includes a light meal/refreshments and conversation aimed at support and encouragement. ON HOLD is a ministry to women and men who place their own lives "on hold" while they care for loved ones--grandchildren, aging parents, or anyone in between.

**Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly:** The 2018 Area Assembly will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at University Christian Church, in Fort Worth TX. The theme is "Come and Celebrate With Us!" The Business Meeting begins at 2 pm and Worship at 4 pm with Rev. Renee Hoke, preaching. There is much happening at the Assembly this year, from conversations and voting on our proposed plan for restructure, and a worship service celebrating our connection with one another through all the ministries of the TBA! Come and join in, all are welcome!

## May Ministry Meetings: will be as follows:

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>: **Property** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310  
**Outreach** at 7:00 pm, Library  
Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: **Education** at 6:00 pm, Rm 405  
**Stewardship** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310  
**Worship** at 7:00 pm, Rm 222  
Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: **Evangelism** at 5:30 pm, Rm 405  
Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: **Membership** at 5:00 pm, Rm 405  
Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Executive Council** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310  
If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Mondays, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Mija's Food Truck** will be on site on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6:30 pm. Whether you're on your way to Neighborhood worship at 6, choir practice at 7, or taking food home for you and your family, please stop by!

**CMF's Breakfast Bible Study!** For May, we invite all men to join us for breakfast on Thursday morning, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy. We will gather at 7:00 am and conclude no later than 8:00 am for those who are on their way to the office. We will enjoy a devotional, coffee, good food and fellowship.

## FOR THE RECORD . . .

CGRM: (Tues., Apr. 17) . . . . .	26
The Neighborhood (Wed., Apr. 18) . . . . .	22
8:40 Worship . . . 37	10:45 Worship . . . 160
Total Worship . . . . .	219
Sunday School . . . . .	101
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week	\$16,215.67
Sunday Receipts for 4/22/18	\$3,304.00
Through March 30: Income	\$246,925.96
Expenses	\$236,777.78

## This Sunday:

Acts 8:26-40  
Rev. Renee Hoke, preaching

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## Parade of Homes Needs Help

Volunteers are requested on behalf of Habitat for Humanity to assist with the 2018 Parade of Homes. Classes or individual should sign up by contacting Carla Dowlen in the Habitat office: 940-733-1334. The Parade of Homes time slots are 2 hours each on June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. Times are Friday from 6-8pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 or 3-5. Volunteers greet visitors to each house and collect ticket money and punch previously purchased tickets. Instructions are available in the church office. They are clear and easy to follow; the ticket money benefits Habitat projects in Wichita Falls.

## Young Ages School End-of-Year Program

Young Ages Preschool is fast approaching the end of another successful year. I would like to thank everyone for their support this year.

We would like to invite you to our End of the Year Program and "Moving on Ceremony" on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The children have worked very hard on their "God Bless Our Heroes" program.

Young Ages Preschool will continue enrollment for 2018-19 school year throughout the summer. If you know of anyone looking for a morning preschool program for their 3, 4, or 5 year old, please tell them about our school. They can call 692-3640 for more information.

## New on the Library Shelves

### The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning

Manning recalls overhearing a "Valley Girl" say: "Wow! Like Jesus has this totally intense thing for ragamuffins." He thought: "This young lady is onto something." He has written this now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it—simple honesty. The book also includes A Guide for Reflection and Prayer.

### The Truce of God by Rowan Williams

Williams is the 104<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury. He tells of an arrangement known as "The Truce of God" in which the medieval monastery of Cluny encouraged its feuding neighbors to restrict warfare to three days a week.

Centuries later, the entire world still suffers from violence, and Christians still need to find a way to rise to the challenge of peacemaking. Treating war and peace as spiritual rather than merely political issues, Williams diagnoses the problem in theological terms. In the end, Williams reclaims the Christian sense that peace requires a decision to live as a New Community, rather than attempting to return to some sort of natural harmony which is ineffective.

### Fresh Faith by Jim Cymbala

Pastor Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle reminds us that God is as powerful and active as ever, and is ready to respond to faith wherever He finds it. In these pages you'll meet ordinary people who saw God do extraordinary things in response to simple faith. Fresh Faith is an invitation to trust God and experience his power in fresh new ways in our lives.

### Fresh Power by Jim Cymbala

Pastor Jim Cymbala in Fresh Power reminds us that in this sin-torn, heart-broken culture, we cannot do without the Holy Spirit. Drawing examples from the Bible and from the sidewalks of New York City, Fresh Power shows what happens when the Spirit of God moves in our midst. Max Lucado said, "If you're in need of some fresh energy, this book is for you."

### Two By Two by Nicholas Sparks

At 32, Russell Green has it all; a stunning wife, a loveable six year old, and a successful career as an advertising executive. But underneath the shiny surface of this perfect existence, fault lines are beginning to appear, and no one is more surprised than Russ when he finds every aspect of the life he took for granted turned upside down. In a matter of months, Russ finds himself without a job or wife, caring for his young daughter and struggling to adapt to a new and baffling reality. Throwing himself into the wilderness of single parenting, Russ embarks on a journey at once terrifying and rewarding—one that will test his abilities and his emotional resources beyond anything he ever imagined.

### Peace Like A River by Enger Leif

Enger brings us eleven-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy in the Midwest who has reason to believe in miracles: Along with his sister and father, Reuben finds himself on a cross-country search for his outlaw older brother who has been controversially charged with murder. Their journey unfolds like a revelation and its conclusion shows how family, love and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, the most tragic of fates.

Disciples Crossing Presents

## **CAMP SUMMER 2018**

May 25-27 Family Camp 1  
June 1-3 Grand Camp  
June 4-9 Adventure Camp  
June 8-10 Discovery  
June 11-16 Chi Rho 1  
June 18-23 CYF  
June 18-23 Niners  
June 24-30 Eighters  
June 24-30 ADDaM Camp  
July 2-6 JYF 1  
July 16-21 Chi Rho 2  
July 30-August 3 Water Sports Camp  
August 6-10 JYF 2  
August 10-12 Family Camp 2

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT:  
[disciplescrossing.org](http://disciplescrossing.org)

Register for Summer Camp. There are many options for camp this year and spots are filling up.

**Regular Price deadline: May 1st**

**Late Registration Deadline:  
two weeks before your event begins**



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1 Dana Allison<br>Gaylan Judah<br>Mirayah Opela<br>Trevia Spradley<br>Emily Wilson | 10 Linda McCoy<br>Lita Watson   | 23 Emalee Gentry<br>Margaret Harris<br>Shirle Kerbow<br>Betty Rafuse<br>Glorie Steele |
| 2 Chad Pontius   | 11 Cheryl Appling<br>Wendi Jo Miller<br>Judy Muir<br>Cheryl Smiley                        | 24 Jack Brunson<br>David Diebold<br>Ethan Earley                                      |
| 3 Joe Barrett  | 12 Linda C. Carr  | 25 Phyllis Hiraki<br>Sue Wineinger  |
| 4 Jim LaValley<br>Kirstan Raber  | 15 Lily Barker<br>Debbi Schmidt   | 26 Sally Hastings   |
| 5 John Cook<br>Jerry Johnson<br>Greyson Westbrook                                  | 17 Doug Mapes<br>Christopher McKenzie<br>Lonny Morrison<br>Mary Schrieber<br>Beverly Ward | 27 Chesta Owens<br>Julia Ward<br>Paula Zahn   |
| 6 Lela Burross<br>Brenda Elrod<br>Rachel McLaughlin<br>Kelly Murphey               | 18 Lauren Johnson   | 28 Margo Harris<br>Eric Hartman<br>Doug Thompson<br>Eddie Tucker                      |
| 8 Delight Clements<br>Sandrea Marvel   | 20 Fred Farrell   | 29 Ann Gunn   |
| 9 Elise Allen<br>Kinsley Burross   | 22 Leann Elder<br>Steven Young  |   |

# & ANNIVERSARIES

- Tonia & Vince Machado
- Ashley & Richard Barker
- Abby & Nathan an De Vyvere
- Francine Carraro & Kevin Coleman
- Gidget & Michael Pettibon



If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please help us complete our records by calling the church office, 692-2282. We want to include all our members on this list!

## OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 28, 2018

11:00-1:00 Blessing of the Animals (North Parking Lot)

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:40 Worship (Chapel)

9:30 Sunday School / 9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)

10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)

3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)

5:00 News & Testament (Parlor)

5:00 Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Chi Rho (Grades 6-8) & CYF (Grades 9-12) (Youth Rm/Gym)

6:00 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Rm 402)

6:30 Sunday Evening Bible Study (2308 Ellingham)

Monday, April 30, 2018

7:30-6:00 Children Come First / 9:00-12:00 Young Ages School (M-F)

10:00 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)

6:30 Sr. Minister Search Committee Meeting (Rm 310)

7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

11:00 Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Mtg (FCC-Archer City)

11:30-1:30 "On Hold" Care Givers Support Group (2414/2416 Barbados)

2:00 Library Committee (Library)

6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:

Addictive Behaviors (Rm 304) Parenting (Rm 305 & 306)

Rebuilding from Broken Relationships (Rm 307)

Anger Management (Rm 309)

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)

5:30 The Neighborhood Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)

7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Youth Room/Gym)

7:00 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, May 3, 2018

1:30 Knit Wits (Parlor)

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:00 Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly (UCC-Ft. Worth)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

PANTRY SUNDAY

8:40 Worship (Chapel)

9:30 Sunday School / 9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)

10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 Celebration Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Chi Rho (Grades 6-8) & CYF (Grades 9-12) (Youth Rm/Gym)

6:00 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Rm 402)

6:30 Sunday Evening Bible Study (2308 Ellingham)

Monday, May 7, 2018

7:30-6:00 Children Come First / 9:00-12:00 Young Ages School (M-F)

10:15 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)

6:30 Sr. Minister Search Committee Meeting (Rm 310)

7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

2:00 Library Committee (Library)

6:00 YAS End-of-Year Program (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Property Ministry Meeting (Rm 310)

6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:

Addictive Behaviors (Rm 304) Parenting (Rm 305 & 306)

Rebuilding from Broken Relationships (Rm 307)

Anger Management (Rm 309)

7:00 Outreach Ministry Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)

5:00-6:30 Mija's Food Truck (Outside Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)

7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Youth Room/Gym)

7:00 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, May 10, 2018

7:00 Men's Breakfast Club/Bible Study (Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy)

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:00-3:00 Cruisin' for Christ Car Show (East Parking Lot)

## SERVING SUNDAY

### ELDERS

4/29: Robert Hernandez, Howard Morris; Cathy Gately, Presiding

5/6: Cheryl Smiley, Emily Wilson; Craig Reynolds, Presiding

### DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

4/29: Bobby Dean, Eric Hartman, Francine Carraro

5/6: Ann Kable, Hannah Earley, Alan Freeman

### DIACONATE COMMUNION PREPARATION

4/29: Eric Hartman & Curtis Sullivan

5/6: David Wyatt & Alan Freeman

### MAY DIACONATE SERVERS

Sandra Ross & Sherry Martin, Co-Captains

Lee Bybee, Jon Hartman, Sharon Roach, Debbie & Mark Turnbow, Sarah Cook,

Weldon Roberts, Sally Wilson, David Wyatt, Debi & Larry Ballard, Alan Freeman,

Kris Gossom, Ann Kable, Hannah Earley, Hannah Ward.

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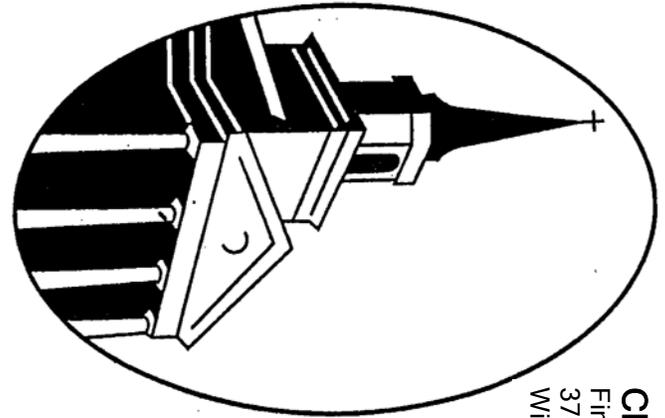
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b> 8:40am Worship (Chapel) 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Journey Through Scripture (Parlor) 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary) <b>Sunday Evening Schedule</b> 3:45pm Chancel Ringers (HS-Adults) (St. Hall) 5:00pm Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (St. Hall) 5:00 Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) (403) 5:45pm Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (402)	<b>Monday through Friday</b> 7:30am-6:00pm Children Come 1st 9:00am-12:00pm Young Ages School  <b>The Neighborhood</b> <b>Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00pm</b> 5:30pm Meal (Fellowship) 6:00-7:00pm Worship (FH) 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym)	1 11:00am Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Mtg (FCC-Archer City) 11:30-1:30pm "On Hold" Caregiver Support Group (2414/2416 Barbados) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 6:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/308/309) <b>Psalm 37:1-9</b>	2 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel) 9:00am CCF (Chapel) / 10:00am YAS Music (220) 5:30pm The Neighborhood Meal (FH) 6:00-7:00pm The Neighborhood Worship 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall) <b>1 Corinthians 12:21-25</b>	3 10:00am YAS (Chapel) 1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor)  <b>Matthew 6:16-18</b>	4 9:00am CCF Spanish (220) 10:00am YAS (Chapel)  <b>Jeremiah 31:15-17</b>	5 2:00pm Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly (University CC-Ft. Worth)  <b>Psalm 63:1-11</b>
<b>Pantry Sunday</b> 12:00pm Celebration Luncheon (FH)  5:00-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities 6:30pm Bible Study (2308 Ellingham)  <b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>	7 9:00am CCF Music (220) 10:15am Staff Meeting (222)  6:30pm Sr. Minister Search Cmte Mtg (310) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)  <b>Jeremiah 29:10-14</b>	8 10:00am YAS Music (220) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 6:00pm YAS End-of-Year Program (FH) 6:00pm Property Ministry Mtg (310) 6:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/308/309) 7:00pm Outreach Ministry Meeting (Lib)  <b>James 5:13-18</b>	9 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel) 9:00am CCF (Chapel) / 10:00am YAS Music (220) 5:00-6:30pm Mija's Food Truck 6:00-7:00pm The Neighborhood Worship 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)  <b>2 Timothy 3:14-17</b>	10 7:00am Men's Breakfast Club/Bible Study (Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy)  <b>Isaiah 40:25-31</b>	11 9:00am CCF Spanish (220)  <b>Lamentations 3:22-24</b>	12 9:00am-3:00pm Crusin' for Christ Car Show (East Parking Lot)  <b>Genesis 12:1-10</b>
 13 NO Sunday Evening Activities <b>Psalm 146:1-10</b>	14 9:00am CCF Music (220) 10:15am Staff Meeting (222) 10:30am CWF Board Mtg (310) 11:45am CWF Luncheon (FH) 6:30pm Sr. Minister Search Cmte Mtg (310) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)  <b>Matthew 13:1-23</b>	15 10:00am YAS Music (220) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 6:00pm Education Ministry Mtg (405) 6:00pm Stewardship Ministry Meeting (310) 6:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/308/309) 7:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting (222)  <b>Ephesians 4:20-32</b>	16 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel) 9:00am CCF (Chapel) / 10:00am YAS Music (220) 5:30pm The Neighborhood Meal (FH) 6:00-7:00pm The Neighborhood Worship 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)  <b>Psalm 84:1-12</b>	17 Young Ages School Last Day 9:00am CWF Group 3 Birthday Bkfst (IHOP on Southwest Pkwy) 1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor) 5:30pm Evangelism Ministry Mtg (405)  <b>Galatians 6:1-10</b>	18 9:00am CCF Spanish (220) 9:00am Young Ages School In-Service  6:00pm Keystone Class Party (1725 Eagle Ridge Circle)  <b>Psalm 119:105-112</b>	19 6:00pm Keystone Class Party (1725 Eagle Ridge Circle)  <b>Psalm 119:105-112</b>
<b>Pentecost</b> Pentecost Special Offering 9:45am Last Journey Through Scripture 12:00pm Youth Fundraiser Luncheon - Indian Tacos (FH)  3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities 5:00pm Membership Ministry Meeting (405) 6:30pm Bible Study (2308 Ellingham)  <b>Mark 7:31-37</b>	21 9:00am CCF Music (220) 10:15am Staff Meeting (222) 1:30pm CWF Group 1 (Jane Ridenour's) 2:00pm CWF Group 3 (405) 5:30-7:00pm CCF Training (405) 6:30pm Sr. Minister Search Cmte Mtg (310) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)  <b>Hebrews 13:1-8</b>	22 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 6:00pm Executive Council Meeting (310) 6:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/308/309)  <b>John 14:1-6</b>	23 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel) 9:00am CCF (Chapel) 12:00pm CWF Group 2 (405) 5:30-7:00pm Neighborhood to Faith Mission 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)  <b>Genesis 18:23-33</b>	24 Last Day of WFISD Classes  <b>Joshua 1:1-16</b>	25 9:00am CCF Spanish (220)  <b>Psalm 46:1-7</b>	26 9:00am CCF Spanish (220)  <b>Matthew 7:1-5</b>
27 Pentecost Special Offering  NO Sunday Evening Activities  <b>1 Peter 5:6-11</b>	 28 <b>CHURCH BUILDING, OFFICES &amp; ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED</b> <b>Jeremiah 17:5-8</b>	29 2:00pm Tea at Two (Parlor) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 6:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/308/309)  <b>Matthew 5:1-12</b>	30 7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel) 9:00am CCF (Chapel) 5:00-6:30pm Red River Hot Dogs 6:00-7:00pm The Neighborhood Worship 7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (402/403/Gym) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)  <b>Luke 11:1-13</b>	31 <b>Philippians 2:1-11</b>		