



# Christian Challenger

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## Benders on the Move!



Jodi, Mark, Abby and Chelsea are all smiles after their first day of moving into their new home!



Join us this Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>,  
for our  
"Nacho Ordinary Back to School Bash"  
6:00-8:00 pm outside the Fellowship Hall

There will be nachos, hotdogs and outside games!  
There will be a water slide, so make sure you are wearing something that you don't mind getting wet!  
We hope to see you there!

## 2018-2019 Acolyte Training!



For children entering 3rd-5th grade! If you would like to be an acolyte for the 2018-2019 school year, there will be an acolyte training this Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. This is a great refresher for all acolytes old and new!

This past year was a little crazy with all of our different and wonderful worship services, but it is definitely time for a brush up on acolyte duties!

If your child would like to be an acolyte but cannot attend the training, please contact Claire at 692-2282 or [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com).



Volunteers Kerry Roach, Mike Spiller, Jerry Johnson, Ted Lively, and Craig Reynolds helped Dave (Mark's dad) and Mark Bender unload a moving van. Next week....the professionals show up with the BIG van!

## International Students Baskets



Baskets of items for International Students at MSU may be turned in through Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a cart located across from the office to assist in moving the baskets to Room 312 (the small classroom next door to the old parlor). Outreach volunteers will count and do last minute shopping on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Cash donations are always welcome for people who can't shop.



# Youth Ministry News!

by Josh deSteiguer

Greetings FCC Family!

I hope the end of summer and start of the school year finds you all well! This time of year is always busy for families and for the church as well. Stay tuned for all sorts of fun youth and children's outings and activities as we head into fall, including some great ecumenical (multi church) youth events right around the corner in September.

As we move into fall one of the exciting aspects of this season is children and youth moving up to the next grade. For many this may mean moving to a new school, from elementary to junior high, or finally on to high school. The same is true within the church as well. This year we have three awesome kiddos who are moving up from the children's program into the fun filled and kind of crazy youth group! On behalf of the youth group I would like to welcome Hailey Wineinger, Michael Stewart, and Bentley Ware. We are super excited that they are joining the youth group, and are looking forward to all of the fun we will have with them this year. This past weekend Bentley and Michael attended their first official youth group event.

We started off with a swim party and pizza at the Ross's House (a huge thanks to Dwight and Sandra) and then headed to the church for an all-night lock-in. The night consisted of the usual lock in shenanigans. Snacks of junk food and soda in abundance, an intense game of noodle ball, multiple rounds of sardines, and a nerf war. P.S. If there are nerf darts or glow sticks found in any classrooms my apologies. We then loaded up the van at midnight and headed to Walmart where we filled two of the baskets for the international students in a super fun scavenger hunt/race. The high school team led by my fiancé, Elizabeth, soundly defeated the junior high team led by yours truly, but a great time was had by all!

The lock-in was a great kick off for the Fall season and the new additions to the youth group held their own and fit right in. I am super excited for what this school year holds for the youth here at FCC and I am beyond blessed to have such a great group of youth who put up with me! Stay tuned for many more adventures to come!



# FCC MINISTRY NEWS AND CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

The **Pulpit Supply Committee** is excited to announce the following all-star line-up of our own & guest ministers for August & September!

August 19<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Paul Goodrich  
 August 26<sup>th</sup>: Josh deSteiguer  
 Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Dave Hartman  
 Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Mark Bender's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**Benevolence Committee:** For those of you who might not know, FCC has a Benevolence Committee that serves a meal for family members after a death, or hosts a reception before or following a memorial service. To help us continue this blessed service, we would like to gather a list of members who would be willing to be called on to help provide a side dish or help with the actual event. If you would be willing to help, please sign up in the church office, or in Sunday School. Thanks in advance for being a blessing to others in their time of grief.

Susan Buckley, Membership Ministry Chair & Benevolence Committee Chair

**JTS Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>!** "Great Themes of the Bible" will be the series for Journey Through Scripture starting Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Parlor at 9:45 am. This will be a study of the Bible's most important themes by looking at key themes through the Old and New Testament. Such themes will include God, covenant, sin, and more. Larry Spradley will be leading this study which is open to all adults. Individuals are invited to take this "Journey" as we seek to better understand the Scriptures of our Faith.

**Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)** begins a new year of fellowship and service in September with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am. Our theme this year will be "Women of Faith and Their Influence in Our Community." Our speaker will be from First Step, an organization that provides support for survivors of domestic abuse.

In addition to good fellowship, good food, and inspirational speakers, CWF provides many services for our church and our community. Each month at our luncheon we collect a love offering. Last year, since our theme was "The Arts in our Community," these offerings were donated to the Wichita Falls Youth Symphony, the Museum of Art at MSU, the Multi-Purpose Events Center, Kemp Center for the Arts, Backdoor Theatre, Wichita Falls Ballet, and the River Bend Nature Center.

During the past year, CWF has also purchased needed utensils and supplies for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, purchased a TV/DVD player for the Children's Ministry, helped fund the youth mission trip, helped fund Common Ground Recovery Ministries, contributed to Pennies for Prescriptions (Interfaith Outreach Services) and contributed to Disciples' Mission Fund.

All women of this congregation are invited and encouraged to become part of this effort to serve our church and our community as disciples of Christ.

**"Thank You" CMF!** We are happy to report that recently nine stalwart members of CMF greatly assisted in Galen Wells' move from his trailer house near City View Lane to his new digs in a duplex unit on 8th Street. The move was accomplished on a Sunday and Monday through the efforts of Jim LaValley, Glenn Tole, Larry Carr, Craig Reynolds, Curtis Sullivan and Kerry Roach on Sunday; and Eddie Tucker, Josh deSteiguer, J.J. Johnson and Kerry Roach on Monday. CMF provided the boxes and a U-Haul trailer-truck and Craig Reynolds provided a second, much needed, truck. Galen

generously contributed his 15 year old, two piece sectional to Faith Resale Services in recognition of CMF and its generosity. Most of all Galen sends his thanks to his church and his church friends in Christian Men's Fellowship!

## Member News:

♥**Hospitalized:** in Rehab at Dripping Springs TX is Kevin Coleman. Released and back home are Opal Noble, Richard Phillips, Gayle Salazar, and David Wyatt.

♥Our condolences are extended to Joanne Williford & Debbie Eddins and Families on learning of the death of their mother, Ann Cocke, on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Graveside services were held on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

♥Our sympathies are extended to Nancy Roberts, Matthew Roberts & Bryan Roberts and Families on learning of the death of their husband and father, Weldon Roberts, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services were held in the Chapel on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

♥We extend our condolences to former FCC members Bobby Hawley, Tom Hawley & Susan Hawley Butler on learning of the death of their mother and former FCC member, Gwen Hawley, on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Breckenridge TX. Services were held on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

♥We also extend our sympathies to Diane & Bobby Hawley & Family on learning of the death of Diane's mother, Gail Ackall, on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fort Worth. Services were held on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

♥Congratulations to Jon Hartman and Lindsey Holly, who were married on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Florida by Jon's father, Dave Hartman.

**First Time Guests!** We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Stacey Brown, Amber Daulton, Marta Smelley, and Robert Vincent.

## From the Mailbox. . .

Dear FCC Family,

We would like to thank the Elders for their weekly visits with communion and fellowship during these 7 plus years. Thank you to the congregation for your loving comfort, support and prayers.

Also, thank you so much for providing a meal for our family after Bea's funeral. It was wonderful to be able to visit with family over a lovely meal with beautiful flowers. We are very grateful.

Blessings,  
 Robert Hernandez  
 Robert & Cindy, Allison and  
 Melanie Hernandez  
 Dianna & Kevin O'Donnell

## FOR THE RECORD. . .

CGRM: (Tues., Aug. 7) . . . . .	21
The Neighborhood (Wed., Aug. 8) . . . . .	22
8:40 Worship. . . 37	10:45 Worship. . . 160
Total Worship . . . . .	219
Sunday School . . . . .	69
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week	\$16,215.67
Sunday Receipts for 8/12/18	\$8,327.00
Through Aug. 6: Income	\$471,290.02
Expenses	\$482,407.07

## This Sunday:

"If You Don't Grab It Coming,  
 You Can't Grab It Going"  
 Ephesians 5:15-17  
 Dr. Paul Goodrich

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:40 Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)  
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:00-7:00 Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
5:30-7:00 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Rm 402)  
6:00 Congregational Back-to-School Party (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, August 20, 2018

7:30-6:00 Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)  
9:00 Young Ages School Teacher In-Service (M-F)  
9:00 CCF Music  
10:00 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)  
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

2:00 Library Committee (Library)  
Delivery of International Student Baskets  
6:00 Stewardship Ministry Meeting (Rm 310)  
6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:  
Anger Management (Rm 309) Parenting (Rm 305 & 306)  
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships (Rm 307)

### Wednesday, August 22, 2018

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)  
9:00 CCF Chapel (Chapel)  
5:30-6:00 The Neighborhood Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5th) (Rm 402)  
7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
7:00-9:00 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

### Thursday, August 23, 2018

Young Ages School Visitation Day (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday, August 24, 2018

3:00pm Discovery Class Hosting HHH Bike Riders Begins (Gym)

### Saturday, August 25, 2018

6:00pm Discovery Class Hosting HHH Bike Riders Ends (Gym)

### Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:40 Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:00-7:00 Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
5:30-7:00 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Rm 402)

### Monday, August 27, 2018

7:30-6:00 Children Come First "CCF"(M-F)  
9:00 CCF Music (Rm 220)  
10:15 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)  
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, August 28, 2018

2:00 Library Committee (Library)  
6:00 Executive Council Meeting (Rm 310)  
6:00 Young Ages School Parent/Teacher Orientation (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:  
Anger Management (Rm 309) Parenting (Rm 305 & 306)  
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships (Rm 307)

### Wednesday, August 29, 2018

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)  
9:00-12:00 Young Ages School Begins (W-F)  
9:00 CCF Chapel (Chapel)  
5:00-6:30 Red River Hot Dogs (Outside Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5th) (Rm 402)  
7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
7:00-9:00 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

### Friday, August 31, 2018

9:00 CCF Spanish (Rm 220)

## SERVING SUNDAY ELDERS

8/19: Doug Thompson, Alice Gordon; Woody Gossom, Presiding  
8/26: Polly Tonemah, Sally Hastings; Ricky Scales, Presiding

### DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

8/19: Larry Ballard, Debi Ballard, Kris Gossom  
8/26: Hannah Earley, Ann Kable, Alan Freeman

### DIACONATE COMMUNION PREPARATION

8/19: Lee Bybee & Sandra Ross  
8/26: Debi & Larry Ballard

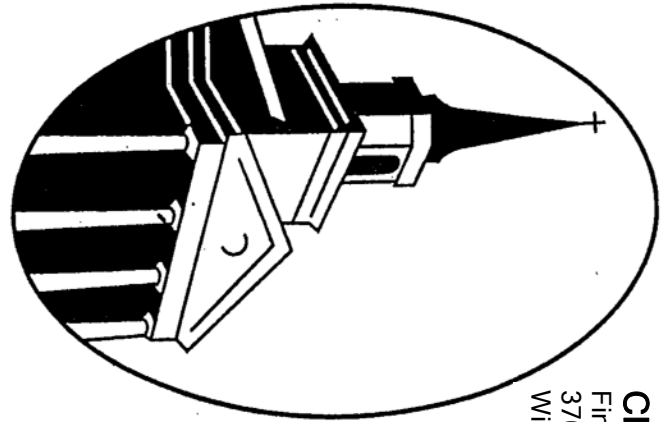
### AUGUST DIACONATE SERVERS

Sandra Ross & Sherry Martin, Co-Captains

Lee Bybee, Jon Hartman, Sharon Roach, Debbie & Mark Turnbow, Sarah Cook,  
Sally Wilson, David Wyatt, Debi & Larry Ballard, Alan Freeman, Kris Gossom, Ann  
Kable, Hannah Earley, Hannah Ward.

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