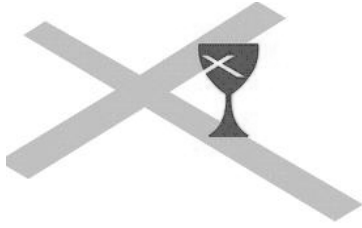



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RETURN SERVICE CORRECTION

NEXT WEEK

 <p>Independence Day</p> <p>SUNDAY, JULY 4 One Hour of Worship 10:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary Donuts & Coffee at 9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Monday, July 5 Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, July 6 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group No 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group in July</p> <p>Wednesday, July 7 NO Youth Groups in July 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>
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Church Staff
 Senior Minister
 Neill Grimes
 Associate Minister
 Susan Gary
 Student Youth Minister
 Chris St. Clair
 Administrative Assistant
 Penny Welch
 Financial Secretary
 Kathryn Knight
 Minister of Music
 Larry Neel
 Organist
 Woong Hee Lee
 Director of
 Contemporary
 Ensemble
 Steve Stark
 Director of
 Crossing Point Christian School
 Debbie Dodson

PASTORAL

This summer, two years after our last tuition payment, Virginia and I have taken a deep breath and finally decided to address a couple of projects around the house that have been on hold. Just last week, we had two chairs recovered; the younger chair was 11 years old; the other was 75+ years old. Let me digress.

Thirty-one years ago we walked into First Christian Church of Aubrey for our usual duties of teaching Sunday School, preaching the 11:00 a.m. service, and then going to lunch. As the crowd of a dozen or so people filed out of worship that day, we were invited to a home where a couple was relocating to an independent living community in Kansas. There was furniture left that none of the children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews wanted; furthermore, the furniture could not make the trip north. Would the preacher like a piece or two of furniture? For \$100 we purchased a Duncan Phyfe sofa and side chair. The sofa now sits in the front room of Janie's home in Memphis; it is easily 75 years old, structurally sound and being recovered for the third time this summer. The chair, equally sound and comfortable, has just been recovered for the third time as well and sits in our den. In earlier days, Jane and Ben used to fight over who would sit in this particular chair.

Now, you may think that I'm overly attached to some 'things' in my life. I beg to differ; I do have different perspective. Some 'things' in life should be quality, lasting, functional, and passed on to another generation. Such is the chair and sofa described above. In the next 20 years when that day of real downsizing arrives at the Grimes' household, that chair (at almost 100 years old) will go with us into our final living quarters. It will go with us not because of sentiment or nostalgia, but because of its original quality; it's got great bones and will always have great bones.

I fear with each day that we are building a world where there is less and less to pass along. So many things are simply disposable; so much is becoming virtual; we allow trends and technology to render things obsolete—relationships included. The direct by-product of all this is that we are losing our foundations in this life; our 'groundedness' is slipping out from under our feet. In short, that chair is far more than a chair; it represents my values that we should create a world and life that can be shared and should be passed to the next generation. That's what it means to have core values, genuine beliefs, and vision.

Such is our faith and the gift of the church known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is a simple and valuable way of being God's people in this changing world and it is more than worthy of being passed along. Be in church these summer days; treasure and live your faith—it is God's path of life and salvation; invite someone to church and pass the grace and mercy you've received to the younger generation. Peace. Neill

SERVING SCHEDULE

July 4, 2010

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Robert & Kim Guthrie; Allen Knight/Louise Hollubar

WORSHIP @ 10 a.m.

AUDIO: Brad Peters

FOYER GREETERS: Betsy Newman/Sarah Hendricks

MEDITATION: Neill Grimes

COMMITMENT REPORT

June 20, 2010

Offering Received	\$7,655.22
Capital Campaign	\$505.00
Attendance:	
Contemporary Worship	91
Traditional Worship	7
Nursery Care	117
Worship TOTAL	215

Congregation Members:

Tom Crump, Kevin Collins, Janelle Coleman, Willie Clayton, Debbie Smith, Marie Ryan, Robbie Bynum, Tiny Grimes, Barbara Stark, Nadine Wysong, Nita Christopherson, Pete and Elizabeth Powell

Congregation family and friends:

Horace Homer, Fred Kolhouse (relative of Jennifer Tarver), Heather Noblitt (sister-in-law of Alan and Tonya Noblitt), Gerry Hodson (mother of Les Hodson), Holly Manna (sister of Dee Anna Chappell), Shirley Mathis (mother of Nancy Mathews), Judi Tripp (mother of Stacy Hobbs), Sylvia Allen (mother of Jason Dove), Dale Bruer (father of Randy Bruer), Edith York, George Family (friends of Mathews family)

Military:

Cody Hall serving in Afghanistan (husband of Sarah Hall)

Employment Needs:

Sarah Hall, Bruce Barton, Michael McCarley, Richard Helland



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

May 28, 2010

Ladies of the First Christian Church:

I would like to take an opportunity to apologize for the disturbance you experienced with your event on May 13, 2010. It was unfortunate that the events collided with each other and ultimately caused a less than satisfactory experience for you. I have met with Stacy Edwards and Rev. Susan Gary, and assured them that we will avoid scheduling events of that nature on the same night should you decide to return to Eldorado. We have enjoyed the relationship that First Christian Church and Eldorado have shared and hope to be able to salvage that going forward.

Thank you for taking time to read my apology and I hope to continue doing business with your organization.

Sincerely, Jayson Peterson/General Manager—Eldorado Country Club

DISCIPLES CROSSING IN ATHENS

A number of children and youth from FCC, McKinney are spending some of their summer at Disciple's Crossing:

Discovery Camp: Michelle and Bryanna Britton

CYF Camp: Jeffrey Reiting, Alex Crump, Chase Hames, Kendall Edwards, David Mathews, Abby Gary, Julia Minnis, Rebekah Gary, Christina Shafer, Lindsey Savelsbergh, Katherine Wright, Rachel Beckham, Lindsay Dixon, Meegan Alexander, Tori Brandenburg, Lacy Hanlon, Laura Bailey, Sam Baxter, Virginia Billings

8'ers Camp: Jenna Reiting, Kristen Chunn, Christina Wright, Rowan Cooper

JYF Camp: Julia Hannegan, Hunter Westbrook, Regan Cooper



Many of these campers received scholarship aid from the FCC budget. Thank you for making sure our kids have the opportunity to participate in church camp.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1— Cindy Dixon | 16— Gunner Tarver |
| 3— Chase Hames, Debbie Smith | 18— Holli Turrentine |
| 4— Bruce Bourland, Sue Hoadley | 19— Hank Dres, Maurice Foster |
| 6— Olivia Baxter, Luke Hall | 20— Becky Rasor, Steve Thompson |
| 10— Sharon Bourland, Mark Cypert, | 21— Pam Knight, Emma Woods |
| Dylan Shulenberg | 22— Penny Welch |
| | 23— Faye Marshall, Emily Westbrook |
| | 24— Grant Browne |
| | 25— Randy Bruer |
| | 26— Cindy Peters |
| | 27— Bea Shafer |
| | 29— Bill Turrentine |
| | 30— Brad Peters |
| | 31— Leland Swanson |

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Capital Campaign: In memory of Roger McCracken by Mildred Huddleston, Chris and Layne Haga, Maurice and Mary Foster, Don and Charlotte Whitten, Couples/Spares Sunday School class, Janet Crice, Joyce Smetzer.



The time has once again arrived for our church's semi-annual food collection for the Community Food Pantry.

The pantry is asking that we collect **AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE** of **ONLY 18oz Boxes of Oatmeal**. Please drop your donations on the table by the church office door through the month of July. In an average month the Pantry uses 500+ boxes of oatmeal. Let us give graciously!



Newsletters will only be published on the following dates this summer:

- ⇒ July 8, 22
- ⇒ August 12, 19, 26



Thanks to all of our volunteers and everyone who donated supplies for VBS last week! We had 95 children and appreciate all your help in donating needed items.

June Browne