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The Newsletter of First Christian Church

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Our Stewardship Emphasis, “**Every Gift Becomes a Story,**” is off to a great start! We continue this Sunday, February 18, with a few lay-testimonies and another stewardship-based sermon, plus the unveiling of our 2018 Narrative Budget. This is so much more than line-items and numbers! You will enjoy reading so many stories from church members, of how our gifts to this church become stories of ministry and lives changed. Also please make every effort to be present on Commitment Sunday, February 25. We will enjoy an All-Church Brunch in the Discipleship Center at 10am, between our worship services—with breakfast tacos, kolaches, fruit and more! On that day we will also bring our Estimate of Giving cards to place in baskets as an act of worship, in both the 9am and 11am worship services. **Every** gift becomes a story!



It Don'd On Me

I want to give a mid-week Shout Out to this church’s AMAZING youth, and their parents and sponsors, who put on a wonderful Valentine’s Banquet & Talent Show last Sunday evening. And to the generosity of this congregation in supporting their annual Mission Trips. The youth raised over \$6,000 toward this year’s mission trip! And their singing, instrument-playing, dancing, story-telling.... What a wonderful group of talented and dedicated young people. I usually cringe just a little when I hear someone say “The youth are the church of tomorrow.” That sentiment is well-intentioned, and it’s actually true—but I like to emphasize that the church’s youth are the church of TODAY! Active, involved, committed, heart-searching, faith-growing, community-serving, energy-producing... these youth ARE the church and they are INSPIRING!

If you haven’t yet made a gift to this year’s Mission Trip, here’s some exciting news: a church member (to remain anonymous) has offered to **match all giving toward the mission trip**, beginning after the Youth Valentine Dinner, up to \$1,000.00. So your gift to this work now will be doubled! (If you gave *before* this matching gift offer, you can certainly give again if you like....) What a generous offer and fun challenge for the congregation. The leaders estimate needing just over \$11,000 to cover all trip expenses for the week, secure the supplies, and do the repair work to a home badly damaged by Hurricane Harvey. I am inspired by our progress toward meeting that goal.

I can’t wait to hear the Stories that these Gifts will become in the lives of these youth and adults, as well as in the lives of those they go to serve. “For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:12

Yours in Christ, Don



Mission Trip 2018

Sunday March 11 - 16 Texas City, TX

~ Helping rebuild a home damaged by hurricane Harvey.

~ Currently 30 participants

Final Sign-up February 14th! Contact Cathy Buchfink if you haven't signed up or provided T-Shirt size

Youth: new Permission Forms need to be filled out and returned by March 4th. Kayla or Cathy have copies

Make sure and **connect to Remind** for info & updates <https://www.remind.com/join/cbuchfi> or text @cbuchfi to 81010.

Mission Trip Meeting: Sunday March 4th during Sunday School Hour – Youth Lounge

For all participants and youth parents

Details provided and questions answered

Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the youth and the congregation on this year's mission trip. Our Valentine Dinner Fundraiser was wildly successful! The talents were amazing, the youth stepped up to donate services and others stepped up to claim those services, and more than a few adults helped with cooking, decorating, organizing and planning the whole event. And even some of those who couldn't attend the dinner have contributed monetary gifts to support the endeavor. To date, we have raised \$8,694.00 toward our \$11,000 goal. This money will go toward paying for the trip itself (food, transportation, etc.) as well as toward the supplies required to complete the project.

When I think about the number of people who have contributed time, talent and money, I am overwhelmed with gratitude toward this congregation. Our youth can know you support them, and the larger community will know of your generosity and care as the group embarks on this trip. I give thanks to God for all of you. Much love, Kayla

YOUTH NOTES

Midwinter Retreats

This last weekend we sent our Chi Rho (middle school) youth along with several adults to Disciples Crossing for Midwinter Retreat. This coming weekend our CYF (high school) will be at retreat. Please remember them and their spiritual growth in your prayers this week.

Camp Registration

Summer camp registration opens February 18th! Visit www.disciplescrossing.org to check out the dates, info about each camp, and to register online. FCC McKinney will go to Chi Rho Camp I this year. If you would like to go to camp but are worried about finances, please come talk to us in the church office. We will do prevent money from being a roadblock!



VBS

Save the date! We'll host Vacation Bible School this summer from July 9-13.

DISCIPLES MEN

Disciple Men's group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Discipleship Center. Join us for studies, mission planning and fellowship with other men in the church. **February's meeting will be on February 18 & 25 due to Mission Trip fundraiser.**



DISCIPLE MEN'S FACEBOOK SITE

Join the Disciples Men's Facebook page for all the newest studies, events, etc. Log into your Facebook and search for **FCC McKinney-Disciples Men** click join group. This is a closed website; we will approve access upon your request.



WOMENS PRAYER & COFFEE TIME

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the church library.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLOCK ACTIVITIES

- 5:15 pm — Junior Choir (1st–6th)
- 5:15 pm — Youth Handbells (6th–12th)
- 5:45 pm — Snack Supper
(\$3 person/\$10 family)
- 6:30 pm — JYF (3rd–5th)
- 6:30 pm — Youth Group (6th–12th)
- 6:30 pm — Adult Study
- 6:30 pm — Adult Handbells
- 7:30 pm — Chancel Choir

Snack Supper Sign-Up

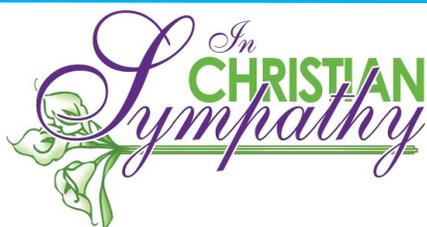
We need people to sign up to cook/bring snack supper. The sign up is on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also sign up by calling the church office or emailing Kayla at kayla@goodnewsfcc.org.

Faithful Families Workshops

Three workshops will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm on February 21, March 21, and April 18. We'll look at ways to incorporate faith practices into family life, including developing practical plans to implement. We'll also take some time to engage several prayer practices together so that we can feel confident taking them home to our families. The first workshop will focus on daily practices, the second on occasional practices, and the third will be an opportunity to engage these practices together. If you'd like to attend any or all of these, please RSVP to the church office so that we can reserve a copy of the book for you (*Faithful Families* by Traci Smith). We will have special programming for younger elementary children (Kinder-2nd grades) on these evenings during the workshop.

Adult Handbells & Chancel Choir

First Christian Church offers opportunities for Adults to show their support for music as an important part of the church's ministry. Both groups are non-auditioned; open to any willing participant.



We express our Christian sympathy to Kari Thompson for the passing of her husband, Jerry Thompson, on February 12, 2018.

A memorial service will be held at FCC McKinney on Friday, February 23 at 2:00 pm.

Please keep this family in your prayers.



02/15	Catrina Jones
02/16	Mac Hendricks
02/17	Matthew White
	Addie Westbrook
02/18	Charles Holubar
02/19	Courtney Claborn
02/22	Walter Newman
	Josh Buchfink
02/24	Kayla Gallatin
02/26	Mary Ann Baltzer
02/27	Colton Jones
02/28	Sam Mott
02/28	Matthew Guerra, Jr.



Congregation Family and Friends: Mary Holley (Linda Lundstrom's mother), Geraldine Holubar (Charles Hulubar's mother), Ashley Beane (Penny Welch and Sarah Hall's cousin), Evelyn (friend of Nancy Probst), Lorri Moon (friend of Penny Welch), Joel Syzyk (Don and Charlotte Whitten's nephew)

Church Staff

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Don Wilson

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Contemporary Ensemble
Steve Stark

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Crossing Point Christian School
Ricki Slatten



FEBRUARY 18, 2018

WORSHIP @ 9 am

WORSHIP SETUP: The White Family
BREAKFAST BAR: Carol King
VIDEO/AUDIO: Daniel White/Brian White
COMMUNION: David & Elisa Canfield
SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Mac & Sherry Hendricks

WORSHIP @ 11 am

AUDIO: Robert Guthrie
USHER: Sharon Gotcher
FOYER GREETERS: Carolyn McCarley/Steve Wilson
ALCOLYTE: Luke Hall
CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Kim Guthrie
MEDITATION/LITANY: Connie Hodson
ELDERS: Mike Livezey/John Chunn
DIACONATE: Michael & Cheryl Billings, Larry & Margaret Collins

BANKING: Tom Kirby
COMMUNION PREP: Kerry Kirby/Kathi Livezey
HOUSEKEEPERS: Larry & Margaret Collins

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

WORSHIP @ 9 am

WORSHIP SETUP: The Scouts
BREAKFAST BAR: Bonita Beckham
VIDEO/AUDIO: Cindy Gallatin/Brian White
COMMUNION: Jim Couperthwaite/Boyd Gallatin
SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Robert & Kim Guthrie

WORSHIP @ 11 am

AUDIO: Brian White
USHER: Sharon Gotcher
FOYER GREETERS: Larry Collins/Sarah Hendricks
ALCOLYTE: Evie Guthrie
CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Heidt Matthews
MEDITATION/LITANY: Doug Holt
ELDERS: Steve Dixon/Wes Hendricks
DIACONATE: Heidt Matthews, Cliff Parsons, Cathy & Chuck Buchfink

BANKING: Heidt Matthews
COMMUNION PREP: Kerry Kirby/Kathi Livezey
HOUSEKEEPERS: Larry & Margaret Collins

FEBRUARY 4		FEBRUARY 11	
Tithes & Offerings	\$10,095.50	Tithes & Offerings	\$5,645.00
Capital Campaign	\$550.00	Capital Campaign	\$0
<i>Worship Service:</i>		<i>Worship Service:</i>	
Contemporary	9 am 109	Contemporary	9 am 98
Traditional	11 am 63	Traditional	11 am 93
Worship Total	172	Worship Total	191



GREAT MUSIC AND GOOD TIMES AT FCC!

Put Sunday evening, March 4 on your calendars. We will host "The Sweet Potatoes" live and in concert in our Discipleship Center at 6pm. If you have ever watched "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" on TV, you have seen Laura Hall, the pianist who provides all of the music for all of that improvisation. Laura, her husband Rick and their friend Kelly share music, faith and fun as "The Sweet Potatoes," and we are adding FCC McKinney to their Spring concert tour!

Laura Hall is an active Disciples of Christ church member in the Los Angeles area, and has played keyboard for the General Assembly of the Christian Church. She has written and published Children's Musicals and leads workshops on improvisation for college drama departments. In fact, the Sweet Potatoes are heading from our church to Texas State University to do just that.

Come enjoy great music and use this event as your opportunity to invite some friends, family, neighbors, work associates, etc. to come enjoy some time at our church with you! The Sweet Potatoes are not charging us for this concert—we will receive a love offering in gratitude for their sharing themselves with us.