

# GoodNews@FCC

The Newsletter of First Christian Church

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## It Don'd On Me

Holy Week is just around the corner, arriving this Sunday with Palm Sunday. We will open both worship services with our church's children waving palm branches in the air as we sing "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" If you have elementary and younger-age children, please arrive just a few minutes early to either worship service so that we can include

them in our joyful children's palm processions. And remember their Easter Egg Hunt at 10am!

At the 11am traditional service, our wonderful Chancel Choir will present the sermon-in-song with their Palm Sunday Cantata, "Sanctuary." This offering of worship includes stirring songs, beautiful accompaniment, another song by our Junior Choir, and narration that leads us through the week between Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the pain and disgrace of his crucifixion at the hands of worldly powers on Good Friday.

As a church, we will make the same journey together through Holy Week. On Thursday, please plan to attend our Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This service features a Call to Discipleship for our young people planning to be baptized (in the "Service of Salt and Light"), and a special Communion service for all of us, on the very night that Jesus had his Last Supper with his disciples in an upper room.

Then Sunday April 1 is EASTER! We will have Easter Celebrations at both 9am and 11am. The 11am worship will begin with a Celebration of Baptism for our young people who have completed the Pastors Class and chosen to follow Jesus in faith and in baptism.

I look forward to sharing this holiest of weeks with you as we worship the Risen Christ together, journeying with him from Jerusalem Gate to Upper Room Table to Calvary's Cross, to the Empty Tomb of Easter Sunday. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! – Don



Our  
**Interim  
Associate Pastor**

Dear First Christian Church,

Last week I had the opportunity to join up with the youth mission trip for a couple of days. The trip was incredible. We were in Texas City working on a house that was damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The youth worked hard. The work Les lined up was substantial and meaningful. Everyone had a place to contribute, and the woman whose house we worked on will see a quality of life increase thanks to the work we did.

The adults who went on the trip encouraged the youth, taught the youth, cooked for the youth, and provided much needed skilled labor. The youth themselves: they maintained great attitudes, they worked on the projects at hand, and they found new projects when there wasn't an obvious spot for them. They also brought the fun with music and dance parties—not to mention spiritual leadership as they led us in worship each evening.

In addition to all the people who went down to Texas City, we leaned heavily on all the people supporting us back home. You contributed financially to the trip. You helped coordinate fundraisers. Many of you have given time and energy to supporting the youth group over the years. That support has allowed us to maintain such a strong group ready for missional work. All of which is to say, this entire congregation worked together on this project, this entire congregation took this mission trip together.

This is so important. I know you know this, but it bears saying again. Not only did we do substantial physical work together, but our work was even bigger than we might see. We looked at our young people and told them that their contributions matter. We told them that we trust them to be the church. We relied on them to be the church in the world on our behalf. And they lived up to that call! Because that's what young people do. Especially young people who know they are loved and valued and trusted. You did that. You are doing good work here, church. I thank God for you.

God's Peace and All Good, Kayla

## YOUTH NOTES

### Camp Registration

Summer camp registration is open! Visit [www.disciplescrossing.org](http://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 don't want money being a roadblock!



### Youth Sunday

April 8, both services

### BLOCK + Snack Supper

We have 5 weeks left in this season of BLOCK (our Wednesday night programming). Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far this season! We have some great home cooks and teachers and musicians and adult sponsors for our youth and children who make these Wednesday nights a success. We still need someone to provide dinner on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. All of the other weeks are accounted for. If you would be able to provide dinner that week, you can contact Kayla or the church office. Thank you!

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### New Adult Sunday School Class

Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth finds him confronting problems in that distant time and place that might seem of little consequence to a Texas church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but the challenge of how a group of believers with different faith backgrounds, customs, beliefs, and politics truly can and must become a unified body in Christ is no different today than it was then. Come explore with us how these burning questions are just as relevant as ever (really!):

1. May a Christian have Christian brothers and sisters as slaves?
2. Why must women wear head coverings in church? Can men?
3. Is it important that new believers get circumcised?
4. Can we eat meat that has been sacrificed to idols?
5. What's the best way of speaking in tongues?
6. How might we humiliate others while taking the Lord's Supper?
7. Why is it not important to be wise?
8. Are women allowed to speak in the assembly?

Facilitated by Russ Mitchell. This class will begin to meet on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.



## 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.



## COLLECTING BABY CLOTHES

We are collecting NEW items to be given to our local hospitals to help new mothers. Baskets are in both buildings for these items



## WOMEN'S PRAYER & COFFEE TIME

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the church library.



Dear FCC Family,

*Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to my father's memorial service. Knowing your love and care was present was a great comfort. I am deeply grateful to you for the cards, texts and cards. My father loved this church, and you are an example of what a church family is about.*

*With Love, Virginia Grimes.*



## Birthday Blessings

- April 1 Jenna Reitingner
- April 2 Kalia Dalley
- April 6 Mieke Billings
- April 7 Peggy Polk  
Carolyn McCarley



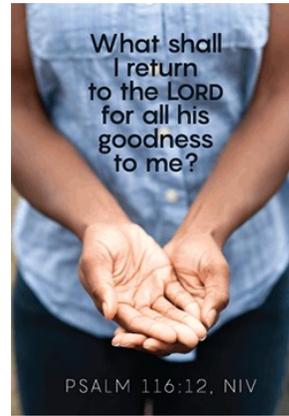
*Congratulations to Matt and Deseray Smith  
on the birth of their son,  
Caden Lee Smith  
on March 10, 2018*

*Vickie Williamson is the proud grandmother*



**Congregation Members:** Dana Underwood

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



### MARCH 11

Tithes & Offerings  
\$5,184.00

#### Worship Service:

Contemporary 9 am 70  
Traditional 11 am 117  
**Worship Total 187**

### MARCH 18

Tithes & Offerings  
\$5,765.00

#### Worship Service:

Contemporary 9 am 82  
Traditional 11 am 94  
**Worship Total 176**

## Church Staff

**Interim Senior Minister**  
\*Don Wilson\*

**Interim Associate Minister**  
\*Kayla Coffee-Prose\*

**Student Youth Minister**  
\*OPEN\*

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Secretary**  
\*Penny Welch\*

**Minister of Music**  
\*Larry Neel\*

**Organist**  
\*Andy Rose\*

**Director of**  
**Contemporary Ensemble**  
\*Steve Stark\*

**Director of**  
**Crossing Point Christian School**  
\*Ricki Slatten\*