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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m

JUNE 2022

Happy
Father's
Day



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MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The mission of this Congregation shall be---

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

A devotion by Alyson Kieda entitled Remembering My Father

When I remember my dad, I picture him best outdoors hammering or gardening or downstairs working in his cluttered workroom, stuffed with fascinating tools and gadgets. His hands were always busy at a task or project-sometimes building (a garage or a deck or a birdhouse), sometimes locksmithing, and sometimes designing jewelry and stained-glass art.

Remembering my dad prompts me to think of my heavenly Father and Creator, who has always been busy at work. In the beginning. "(God) laid the earth's foundations ...(and) marked off its dimensions...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy" (job 38: 4-7). Everything He created was a work of art, a masterpiece. He designed a breathtakingly beautiful world and pronounced it "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

That includes you and me. God designed us in intimate and intricate detail (Psalm 139: 13-16); and He entrusted us with and instilled in us (His image bearers) the goal and desire to work, which includes ruling and caring for the Earth and its creatures (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15). No matter the work we do-in our job or in our leisure-God empowers and gives us what we need to work wholeheartedly for Him.

In everything we do, may we do it to please Him.

What has God worked out in your life recently?

How does it change your view of even mundane tasks to see them

As opportunities to serve and honor Him?

Dear God, thank you for equipping us to do the work You've called us to do.

Comfort in Mourning:



Healing Prayers:

Marsha Adkins
*Carter Cook
Kent Clark
*Helen Long
Chet Moore
Olivia Rode

Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens
*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman



6/01 Lucas Grace
6/02 Emily Thielbar
6/03 Karen Dotterer
6/03 Jolene Smith
6/04 Gail Stoller
6/09 Velma Albert
6/09 Dave Clark
6/12 Caia Cook
6/12 Grace Laney
6/13 Dee Fraley
6/14 Angie Coak
6/15 Darwin Riley
6/18 Stella Bandy
6/18 Julie Knapp
6/19 Lisa Cline
6/19 Randy Short
6/24 Mike Workman
6/28 Bonnie Sherland
6/29 Gerry Fraley
6/30 Larry Grace

Continuing Concerns:

*Kathy Daniels
John Young
Nursing Homes
Pastor Search Team
Ukraine



Kingsbury Place*
*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne
*Velma Albert

Military:
Cameron Cramer

*Denotes Members

JUNE SERVERS

SPEAKERS FOR JUNE

6/05 Paul Long
6/12 Pastor DeWayne Richardson
6/19 Pastor DeWayne Richardson
6/26 Cheri Estle

Elders

Gary McClure & Sue Simpson

Worship Leader

Matt Strayer

Greeter

Kenny & Marsha Adkins

First Scripture Reader

Larry Grace

Happy Anniversary

6/02 Corey & Olivia Mendez
6/11 Lisa & Pete Cline
6/13 Brett & Michelle Mawer
6/21 Gerry & Dee Fraley



First Scripture Selections

06/05 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35
06/12 Psalm 8
06/19 Psalms 42 and 43
06/26 Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20



Pentecost

Pentecost is June 5th.
The Worship committee are asking everyone to bring in geraniums to decorate the sanctuary and don't forget to wear red. Cupcakes will be served following worship.

Flowers:

06/05 Linda Reinhart
06/12 Sharon Cooper-In Honor of Rollin's Birthday
06/19 Chris Hoover Family-In Memory of Paul & Isabelle Ringler
06/26

ATTENDANCE

5/01 45
5/08 69
5/15 38
5/22 42



Thank You

To The First Christian Church Family,

Thank You for sharing your beautiful fellowship hall for our meeting & luncheon. We so appreciate you!!

The Bargain Bin Babes

Thank you

First Christian Church-

Thank you very much for the generous donation to the Dog Kennel from your Easter Lily promotion. I am grateful & appreciative that you selected our kennel, and be assured that we will put the money to good use!

Best Wishes & God Bless.

David

PCDK Warden



Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet at 10 a.m. on June 7th at the church. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Eight women enjoyed a night out in May.



Outreach

We are in a quiet time right now. We will be serving the kids the lunch program for summer at LaFountain Park June 6-10. Anyone wanting to help talk to Genelta or meet at the Park June 6th at 11:15 a.m. It is an easy job.

If you know of someone needing a helping hand please let us know.

Blessing,
Genelta, chair of outreach

Mowing Schedule

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing the church property. It is for 2 weeks at a time and starts on Mondays. If you would like to sign up but pay someone to mow for you, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

May 23-June 5th-Gary McClure
June 6th-June 19th-Matt Strayer
June 20th-July 3rd-Genelta Levos
July 4th- July 17-Gary McClure
July 18th-July 31st-Genelta Levos
Aug 1st-August 14 th-Gary McClure
August 15th-August 28th-
August 29th-Sept 11th-Clint Reinhart
Sept. 12th-Sept. 25th-Gary McClure
Sept 26-Oct. 9th-
Oct. 10th-Oct. 23-



Memorial Scholarships

There were no high school seniors this year. We are now planning for next year. If you will be a Senior next year and are interested in applying for the Cloyce & Elizabeth Vance Scholarship or the Memorial book Scholarship if funds are available, the criteria is that you must be a member of the church and have been attending worship at least once a month. If you have questions, please contact the committee.

Ursula Riley, Betty Ganger, Denise Renollet, Joan Tope and Angela Bowers



Paul Long welcomes Ross Myers, Reese Lero, Carlie Lero, Aden Lero, Melanie Bandy and Vivi Myers as they come forward with their Confessions of Faith



The Baptism of Zane Daniels, Ross Myers, Aden Lero, Reese Lero and Carlie Lero took place on May 8th.



Special Music

If you or someone you know would like to provide special music during worship on a Sunday this summer please check available dates on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Donna Hibbard.

Bell Choir will be taking the summer off and will start again in the fall.

Children's Sunday School



We will not be having Sunday School in the summer. We will resume in the fall. However the kids have been given a summer reading paper with coloring pictures. As they read the scriptures and travel the path they can color the pictures and bring it in to be displayed on a special board. If you would like to participate and didn't make it to Sunday School please contact Denise in the office.

If parents are available to help with a summer activity night once a month please contact the office. Planning can only move forward with help.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
15TH OF EVERY MONTH**



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10270.42 per month.



COUNTERS

- 6/05 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 6/12 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 6/19 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 6/26 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers

Grateful

The church has received a bequest left to us by Mary Frank. The funds will be divided between the New Roof Fund and the Technology Fund.

Mary was a very faithful member of FCC participating in many of the church ministries. We appreciate her love for the church.



First Christian Church Fund Summary

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APRIL 2022

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	104 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-EAS TER	115 Pass-Through	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	205 New Church Roof	Total
04/03/2022	2,308.17	120.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	2,443.17
04/10/2022	1,632.75	10.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	1,667.75
04/17/2022	1,458.00	20.00	200.00	10.00	25.00	1,713.00
04/24/2022	998.00	65.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	1,068.00
Total	6,396.92	215.00	200.00	30.00	50.00	6,891.92

Susan G. Simpson 5-6-22
Financial Secretary

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH




WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-THURS-8 a.m.-12 p.m.

June 2022

“Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself... keeps you feeling young.” Betty White

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Worship Meeting-6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting-7 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Pentecost	6	7 Disciples Women's Meeting-10 a.m.	8	9	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday 	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Men's Group-9 a.m.
19 Father's Day Elders- Meeting -8:30 a.m.	20 Book Study-6 p.m.	21 Board Meeting--7 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

“The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at some one and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises.” Leo Buscaglia

ELDERS: Gary McClure & Sue Simpson
WORSHIP LEADER: Matt Strayer
1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Larry Grace
GREETERS: Kenny & Marsha Adkins

SPEAKERS:
6/05 Paul Long
6/12 Pastor DeWayne Richardson
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6/26 Cheri Estle

“ I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds” (Psalm 77: 11-12)



PENTECOST

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

The church hive



Bees live in a cooperative way described as "eusociality," or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts "but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect "living illustration of how to walk in unity." He wrote, "Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we 'may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ'" (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church "hive"?

Summertime splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

Summer Reading for Kids

RUNNING THE RACE



Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

We did it!

<p>1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p>	<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>	<p>Revelation 22:20 Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:1-3 Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p>	<p>Jeremiah 10:23 Pray that God always directs your steps.</p>	<p>Psalm 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>	<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>	<p>2 John 8 Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:7 Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>	<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>
<p>Psalm 18:32 Memorize this verse.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>	<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>	<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>	<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>
<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>Great JOB!</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: right;"> <p>GO!</p> </div> </div>			

Summer Reading for Adults

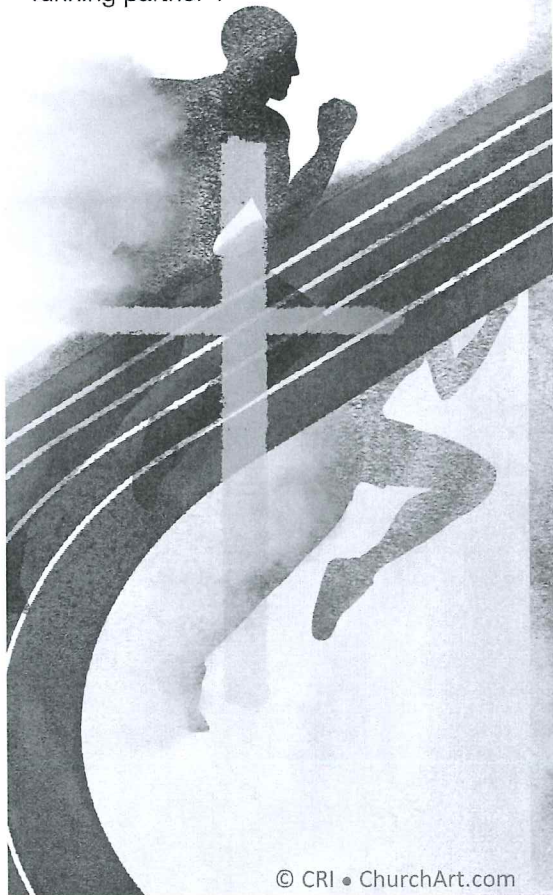
RUNNING the RACE

SUMMER Reading Plan

Life — and exercise — move at different paces for different people.

Some enjoy leisurely walks, strolls or rolls, while others speed-walk, jog or even sprint. Some people have a 26.2 sticker on their vehicle, indicating they've run a marathon, while others boast of running a half-marathon (13.1) or no marathon (0.0)!

Thankfully, you don't have to be an athlete of any kind to run the Christian "race." The Bible uses running metaphors, however, to encourage followers of Jesus to train, focus, persevere and attain the heavenly prize. Use this Summer Reading Plan to strengthen your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Complete one square each day or every other day, and you'll journey through significant chunks of the New Testament this summer. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you as a "running partner"!



Mile 1 Read *Philippians 1*

Re-read verse 6 and consider how your faith journey is a work in progress.

Mile 3 Read *Philippians 3*

Look back at verses 13 and 14, and brainstorm a list of ways to keep your eyes on the heavenly "prize."

Mile 5 Read *Colossians 1*

Re-read verse 11. Name three specific ways God gives you strength and endurance.

Mile 7 Read *Colossians 3*

Look back at verses 23 and 24. What keeps you running for God, not for other people or for personal accolades?

Mile 9 Read *1 Timothy 1*

Doodle about how God's law keeps you from wandering away from him.

Mile 11 Read *1 Timothy 3*

What aspects of staying "above reproach" are most challenging for you as a follower of Jesus?

Mile 13 Read *1 Timothy 5*

Anonymously perform a kind deed for someone in your family or community.

Mile 15 Read *2 Timothy 1*

Describe specific ways your life reveals a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a spirit of self-discipline.

Mile 17 Read *2 Timothy 3*

Add a daily Bible-reading time to your spiritual training regimen.

Mile 19 Read *James 1*

Look back at verse 12. Reflect on how God has kept his promises to you. How does that help you during times of trial?

Mile 21 Read *James 3*

Re-read verses 17 and 18. Pray for godly wisdom as you continue your faith journey.

Mile 23 Read *James 5*

After re-reading verse 19, think of ways to reach out to people who have wandered away from God.

Mile 25 Read *John 20:1-18*

Consider how the good news of Jesus' resurrection gives you reasons to run and share the Gospel message.

➔ Mile 2 Read *Philippians 2*

Re-read verse 5 and pray to have the same attitude as Jesus.

Mile 4 Read *Philippians 4*

Write verse 13 on a sticky note and place it where you'll see it daily.

Mile 6 Read *Colossians 2*

Review verses 6 and 7, make a gratitude list and say a prayer of thanks to God.

Mile 8 Read *Colossians 4*

Write a note or letter to someone who needs spiritual encouragement.

Mile 10 Read *1 Timothy 2*

Re-read verses 5 and 6. Offer praise to Jesus for being our mediator and ransom — and for running the race perfectly for us.

Mile 12 Read *1 Timothy 4*

As you exercise, ponder verse 8 and brainstorm ways to build your spiritual muscles.

Mile 14 Read *1 Timothy 6*

Review verses 11 and 12. In what ways might faith be viewed as a fight? To whom have you made bold profession of your faith?

Mile 16 Read *2 Timothy 2*

Re-read verse 5. The next time you participate in or watch a sporting event, compare the value of God's "victor's crown" to earthly achievements.

Mile 18 Read *2 Timothy 4*

Memorize verse 7. Think about people you know who have already "finished the race." How can their example strengthen you?

Mile 20 Read *James 2*

Put your faith into action today by meeting someone's needs.

Mile 22 Read *James 4*

Review verse 8. Confess your sins to God and ask him to come near you.

Mile 24 Read *Luke 15:11-32*

When have you run away from God? What brought you back? When have you seen proof of God running toward you (see verse 20, as well as James 4:8)?

➔ Mile 26 Read *1 John 1*

Re-read verse 7. Write "Walk in the Light" on a sticky note, and place it by a lamp or light switch.

Mile 26.2 Read *Revelation 2:10* Praise God aloud: "Come, Lord Jesus!"



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



PUZZLE

A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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☪	T	N	E



“But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____.”
 ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

Bible Quiz

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?



- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle

Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34)

Parents are stewards

Striving to raise happy, well-rounded children isn't wrong “unless those successes become the goal,” writes Jeffrey Reed in *ParentLife* magazine. For Christians, he says, the driving force of parenting should be helping kids follow God's path.

“What if we parented as if we were temporary stewards of the greatest containers of godly potential?” Reed asks. “What if our goal for our children was to continually seek God's guidance on what it is that he wants for them and to help them pursue that goal on a daily basis?” He concludes: “In a hundred years, nothing we do will matter apart from the impact we've made in God's kingdom on earth. Perhaps your children will be that legacy.”

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