



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m

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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 from Keila Ochoa entitled Free from Fear

Fear sneaks into my heart without permission. It paints a picture of helplessness and hopelessness. It steals my peace and my concentration. What am I fearful about? I'm concerned about the safety of my family or the health of loved ones. I panic at the loss of a job or a broken relationship. Fear turns my focus inward and reveals a heart that sometimes finds it hard to trust.

When these fears and worries strike, how good it is to read David's prayer in Psalm 34: "I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears" (v4). And how does God deliver us from our fears? When we "look to him" (v5), when we focus on Him, our fears fade; we trust Him to be in control. Then David mentions a different type of fear-not a fear that paralyzes, but a deep respect and awe of the One who surrounds us and delivers us (v7). We can relax into His peace. "Those who fear him lack nothing" (v9), concludes David. How wonderful to discover that in the fear of the Lord we can be delivered from our fears.

Lord, I'm aware of my worries and fears, and I place them in Your hands.

Give me peace as I face the day.

Comfort in Mourning:

Healing Prayers:

Marsha Adkins
Amanda Bok
Thaniel Bulau
*Carter Cook
Kent Clark
Veronica Kromer
Kenny Santo
Pete Woods



Continuing Concerns:

*Kathy Daniels
*Helen & Paul Long
Chet Moore
John Young
Nursing Homes
Pastor Search Team

SPEAKERS FOR JULY

7/03 Patti Stoller
7/10 Chris Bowers
7/17
7/24 Mark Harris
7/31 Hymn Sing/Blanket Sunday

First Scripture Selections

07/03 Psalm 30
07/10 Psalm 82
07/17 Psalms 52
07/24 Psalm 85
07/31 Psalm 107: 1-9

Like a parent feels compassion for their children-that's how the
LORD feels compassion for those who honor him.
Psalm 103:13

Flowers:

07/03 Herm Guelde-In Memory of Jean
07/10
07/17 Dee & Denise Renollet
07/24 Paul & Helen Long-In honor of Helen's Birthday
07/31

ATTENDANCE

5/29 32
6/05 33
6/12 46
6/19 55



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman

Kingsbury Place*

*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert

Military:

Cameron Cramer
Casil Atkinson

JULY SERVERS

Elders

Charlie Simpson
Dan Workman

Worship Leader

Max Hibbard

Greeter

Sharon Cooper
Susan Knapp

First Scripture Reader

Tracy Gunderman



7/02 Carrie Lero
7/02 Milo Workman
7/08 Sandra Leslie
7/09 Lillie Hibbard
7/10 Anna Gunderman
7/12 Shirley Cramer
7/13 Corey Harris
7/14 DeLean Dotterer
7/14 Aden Lero
7/17 Denise Renollet
7/18 Kara Thompson
7/23 Michelle Mawer
7/24 Helen Long
7/26 Eternity Bassler
7/31 Sheryl Garza



Happy Anniversary

7/04 Josh & Carrie Lero
7/08 Roger & Jenifer Nicelley
7/10 Dave & Lori Clark

BLANKET SUNDAY

July 31st is designated Blanket Sunday at FCC. We have supported this Church World Service Project for many years. Please read the enclosed information and prayerfully consider making a donation. Envelopes are provided and may be placed in the offering tray on any Sunday morning. Many Blessings to you all.



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

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

August 7th

5 p.m.

The Worship & Membership Committees are planning a night of fun, food & fellowship. Hot Dogs and buns will be provided by the Men's Group. Brownies, Cookies and Drinks provided by the DWM, and we will be having homemade ice cream. Please sign up so we may plan accordingly.

Kids games are being planned by Donna & Tracy. Plus face painting by Susan Knapp. Adult games include a Corn hole contest (sign up your team with Denise), and other outside games. We also have bingo for those who wish to play.



CAMPERS



Camp Commissioning is July 3rd during worship.

Emily Hibbard will be leaving July 10th for Chi Rho Camp.

Zane Daniels, Emma Hoover and Aden Lero will be leaving July 17th for CYF camp.

Mail can be sent to the campers at Camp Christian 10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, Ohio 43040.



Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet at 5 p.m. on July 5th at the church. **We will be going to Bob's at Woodburn.** All women of the church are invited to attend but please sign up on the bulletin board so we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.

We are continuing to provide eggs for the food pantry. Leah Gunderman will be getting the eggs in July.

We still need kitchen monitors. The large refrigerator in the kitchen may need replaced. The trustees are exploring our options. We may need a fund raiser to help with the cost.

The Women will be providing drinks and brownies for the August 7th fellowship night.

Blanket Sunday is July 31st. The women have faithfully supported this Church World Service ministry for years.

Dear Jesus, sometimes I'm like Mary and sometimes Martha. Whether I'm quietly listening or busily serving, remind me that you are the "one thing" I need (Luke 10:42). Amen.

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.

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-





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.



FLAT ROCK FALL FESTIVAL

Flat Rock Fall Festival will be here soon. The "Pig Bank" will be out in July to collect donations for the purchase of the meat. This is our big fundraiser for the building maintenance fund. Please consider supporting this project.

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

7/03 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
7/10 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
7/17 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
7/24 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers
7/31 Charlie Simpson, Joan Tope, Dan Workman



Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee continues to review new ministerial profiles as we receive them. We have not received many lately, so we are waiting patiently and prayerfully.



Thank you to Alice Gerber for donating this wonderful children's kitchen set with all the needed supplies to make a great play time. The kitchen set was made by her parents, Dr. Kirkwood and Dr. Edythe Prichard.

Women Renewed Group

We meet the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. We start with food, you may bring something to share if you'd like. Usually we have around six women, we read a chapter and discuss it along with how it fits in our life.

Anyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Denise.

First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	117 Technology Fund	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	205 New Church Roof	700 MENS GROUP	Total
05/01/2022	2,057.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	2,062.00
05/08/2022	2,284.75	1,984.73	5.00	2,034.72	0.00	6,309.20
05/15/2022	1,176.53	250.00	5.00	135.00	0.00	1,566.53
05/17/2022	0.00	0.00	631.00	631.00	0.00	1,262.00
05/22/2022	1,093.25	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	1,118.25
05/29/2022	945.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	30.00	980.00
Total	7,556.53	2,234.73	676.00	2,800.72	30.00	13,297.98

Susan K. Simpson, Finance Sec. 6/7/22

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

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



July 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 CAMP COMMIS- SIONING	4 	5 DWM-NIGHT OUT MEET AT 5 P.M. At FCC	6	7	8	9
10 CHI-RHO CAMP	11 CHI-RHO CAMP	12 CHI-RHO CAMP	13 CHI-RHO CAMP	14 CHI-RHO CAMP	15 CHI-RHO CAMP	16 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M.
17 ELDERS-8:30 A.M. CYF CAMP	18 BOOK STUDY- 6P.M. CYF CAMP	19 BOARD MEET- ING-7P.M. CYF CAMP	20 CYF CAMP	21 CYF CAMP	22 CYF CAMP	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 BLANKET SUNDAY						

ELDERS: Charlie Simpson & Dan Workman
 WORSHIP LEADER: Max Hibbard
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Tracy Gunderman
 GREETERS: Sharon Cooper
 Susan Knapp

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Give thanks to the LORD,
 for he is good; his love
 endures forever.
 Psalm 107:1

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!



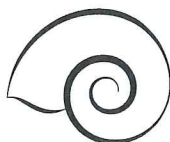
How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!



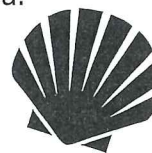
Were I to 15+6 them,

they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18 —

when I 13+4, I am still with you.



PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

?? Bible Quiz ??

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

The soul as soil



Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."

Nan's calling to stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on Earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100 percent of our membership participates."

Are you participating? You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

CWS BLANKETS

A seat at *The Master's Table*

Have you ever experienced a time when you felt invisible, insignificant or forgotten? That feeling is a daily reality for so many.

One church in Galveston, Texas is working to change that reality. And they're doing it *one person, one seat and one table at a time*.



Four years ago, God's Kingdom and Restoration Ministries began "The Master's Table," a ministry focused on helping people who are facing hard times. "It was always our vision to feed the needy, feed the working poor, feed the homeless," said Shiryln Thomas, co-pastor at the church.

Guests entering the church are taken to The Master's Table, to sit and enjoy a home-cooked meal. But a seat at *this* table isn't *just* about the food. CWS Blankets, and simple hand-assembled hygiene kits, provided by CWS Blankets supporters, help visitors feel comforted. The genuine fellowship they feel around the table helps them feel seen. "We want them to know that God hasn't forgotten them," says Thomas.

People leave the table with hope, knowing they are loved by God and by compassionate donors like you.

Because of you, ministries like The Master's Table have essential resources and a seat at the table for everyone to feel God's presence and abounding love.

Hope is powerful, especially in times like these. Will you answer the call to serve God's people and increase hope? Donate today.

*Donate today to provide CWS Blankets to warmth and comfort to people in need. Scan the QR code or visit **cwsblankets.org/bulletin** to make a secure donation and to see how your gift helps others.*



Scan Me!



CWS

cwsblankets.org

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16

In 2021, congregational gifts provided over 183,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty). Here's how your gift can make a difference this year:

\$10

Provides
one blanket

\$50

Gives blankets
to an entire family

\$250

Stocks shelves in a shelter with
blankets before wintry lows hit

Your gift supports two types of CWS Blankets:

HEAVYWEIGHT

These woolen blankets are water-resistant and flame-retardant. They are extremely durable, warm and great for frigid temperatures or other extreme weather conditions.



LIGHTWEIGHT

Appropriate for warmer climates, these fleece blankets are water repellant, durable, warm and soft. These blankets keep families covered without adding bulk.

You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making a donation. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to feel God's love in their lives. Give cash, by check payable to **CWS Blankets** or give safely online at cwsblankets.org/donate.



"To all the volunteers, the donors of Church World Service: God bless you! What you have done, you are touching people you will never see. You are bringing hope to people that are hopeless, people that feel so disenfranchised. That there are people still concerned, loving, and walking with the love of Christ - God bless you, God keep you! Keep doing what you are doing because you are making a difference."

- SHIRLYN THOMAS, CO-PASTOR
GOD'S KINGDOM AND
RESTORATION MINISTRIES
GALVESTON, TEXAS

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