



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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DISCIPLE DIGEST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ISSUE NO. X-2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m

Adult Sunday School Class 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.



FROM THE ELDERS

A Devotion by Jennifer Bensen Schuldt
Entitled Accepting Guidance

The air smelled of leather and oats as we stood in the barn where my friend Michelle was teaching my daughter to ride a horse. Michelle's white pony opened its mouth as she demonstrated how to place the bit behind its teeth. As she pulled the bridle over its ears, Michelle explained that the bit was important because it allowed the rider to slow the horse and steer it to the left or right.

A horse's bit, like the human tongue, is small but important. Both have great influence over something big and powerful—for the bit, it's the horse. For the tongue, it's our words (James 3: 3-5).

Our words can run in different directions. "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings" (V.9). Unfortunately, the Bible warns that it's very hard to control our speech because words spring from our hearts (Luke 6:45). Thankfully, God's Spirit, who indwells every believer, helps us grow in patience, goodness, and self-control (Galatians 5: 22-23). As we cooperate with the Spirit, our hearts change and so do our words. Profanity turns to praise. Lying gives way to truth. Criticism transforms into encouragement.

Taming the tongue isn't just about training ourselves to say the right things. It's about accepting the Holy Spirit's guidance so that our words generate the kindness and encouragement our world needs.

Dear God, please change my heart so that my words encourage others and honor You.



Nursing Home Residents..



Comfort in Mourning:

The Family of Ross Myers
The Family of DeLeane Dotterer

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy

Healing Prayers:

Marsha Adkins
Deb Bashore
Sharon Cooper
Bryce, Delaney & Brogan Verfaillie
Lorean McCollum
Tim Santo
Kylie Whitson

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert

Military:

Cameron Cramer

OCTOBER SERVERS

- 10/01 Kenny Adkins
- 10/01 Gabriel Reinhart
- 10/02 Joan Tope
- 10/03 Deb Santo
- 10/04 Dorrean Vance
- 10/04 Waldean Webber
- 10/05 Penny Clippinger
- 10/08 Megan Monnier
- 10/08 Derik Vance
- 10/10 Linda Kadesch
- 10/10 Ryan Nicelley
- 10/12 Adrian Daniels
- 10/14 Samantha Cramer
- 10/16 Dune Renollet
- 10/17 Sarah Knapp
- 10/20 Dan Smith
- 10/25 Gary Kadesch
- 10/29 Lily Knapp
- 10/29 Marilyn Stevenson
- 10/30 Charles Simpson

Continuing Concerns:

Thaniel Bulau
Dave Foltz
Jerry Price
Leslie Santo
Raegan Wonderly
Hawaii
Nursing Homes
Ukraine

Elders

Bruce Gunderman

Jan Commers

Worship Leader

Sharon Cooper

Greeter

Paul Long

First Scripture Reader

Jan Commers

First Scriptures

- 10/01 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
- 10/08 Psalm 19
- 10/15 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
- 10/22 Psalm 99
- 10/29 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

OCTOBER SPEAKERS

- 10/01 Cody Etter
- 10/08 Patti Stoller
- 10/15 Cheri Estle
- 10/22 Jan Commers
- 10/29 John Kromer

HAPPY Anniversary!

- 10/09 Brian & Julie Knapp
- 10/10 Roland & Betty Ganger
- 10/10 Jeannine & Chris Hoover
- 10/10 Chris & Barbara Walker
- 10/16 Deb & Tony Santo
- 10/23 Shane & Julie Pack
- 10/24 Brian & Angela Bowers
- 10/28 Corey & Nicole Harris

Flowers For Worship:

- 10/01 Blessings for Fall
- 10/08 Jacque Walker-In Honor of Family
- 10/15 Susan Knapp-In Honor of Sarah's Birthday
- 10/22 Herm Guelde-In Honor of Jean's Family
- 10/29 Corey & Nicole Harris-In Honor of our Anniversary

ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor
8/27	56	41	6	8	1
9/03	53	39	7	5	1
9/10	48	36	6	5	1
9/17	59	40	8	10	1





In Sympathy

Please keep the family of Ross Myers in your prayers.

“The world lost an amazing person far too soon”

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Thank You

Thank you for all you've done to show your love and concern for us and for the memory of our Ross. You are these for us as you were for Ross when he was here. For that we are eternally grateful. “May God's blessings be with you all.

Sandy, Melanie & Vivi



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is going well.

- If you would like to help teach for a Sunday or two please contact Paul Long.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Gary McClure.

Proverbs 22:6 ESV Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.



Men's Group

The Men's Group continues to meet the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at the church.

All men are invited to attend.
If you have questions, please contact Paul Long.



Chili Cook Off

October 8th at 5 p.m.

Sign up on the bulletin board to enter the chili cook off.

There will also be a sign up sheet for desserts.
(Because we can't have chili without desserts)

Bingo to follow the meal. If you have anything we can use for prizes there will be a box in the narthex.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's group will be meeting October 3rd at 10 a.m.

We served two funeral lunches in September. Thank you to those who donated and worked.

Plans are being made to host a Chicken Pie Dinner on November 2nd.

It has been brought to our attention that the parsonage needs a new sweeper. We will be looking into purchasing one.

We are the host of the Ecumenical Dinner on December 7th.

SPEAKERS

We have scheduled speakers for Sunday Worship through the end of the year. If you know of someone you would like to have come on a Sunday please contact the Pulpit Fill Committee with contact information. The board appointed committee is Denise Renollet, Tracy Gunderman and Paul Long.

November Speakers

11/05	Pastor DeWayne Richardson
11/12	Chris Bowers
11/19	Eileen Kochensparger
11/26	Traci Koenig

December Speakers

12/3 TO 12/24	FCC Elders
12/31/2023	Pastor DeWayne Richardson

Childrens Moment



We are looking for people to provide children's moment during worship. If you feel you would like to help please contact Paul Long or the office.
Thank You!

Looking toward the New Year

Does the church have the correct contact information for you? Would you like to be on the call prayer chain or receive emails concerning prayer request? Turn your info into the office.



Chair picture found!



Not only do we have a picture of the chairs but we also have a picture of the Valentine Queen Emily Allspaugh (Mrs. Earl). Emily joined the church on October 3, 1905. She passed on December 26, 1966. I am told she could sing "O Tanenbaum" in German. In the first picture Mooneen Ringenberg is seated on the piano bench. Does anyone recognize any of the children?

Max Hibbard & Deb Santo

Thank you for sharing your talents during worship.

Bruce Gunderman





OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies. We are happy we were able to assist children in need. Soon we will be working to provide Christmas gifts to families in need.

Outreach Committee



Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

- Needed by the pantry for October:
 Canned fruit and baking items like:
 · Mixes are great - muffin, cake, cookie, brownie
 · Small bottles of oil
 · 1lb bags of flour, white sugar
 · cans of frosting



The builders are working on the new building foundation. Everyone is excited that the project is finally underway!

Dan

People can sign up for C&S emails using this link: <http://eepurl.com/ighENZ>



Thanks for Your Support!

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10385.50 per month.



Mowing Schedule

Thank you Mowers. Your help with mowing the property is very much appreciated.

- Sept. 18- Oct 1 Gary McClure
- Oct. 2-Oct. 15- Corey Harris



COUNTERS

- 10/01 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 10/08 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 10/15 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 10/22 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers
- 10/29 Charlie Simpson, Dan Workman, Joan Tope

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

First Christian Church Fund Summary

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	111 CWS-BLANKE TS	115 Pass-Through CAMP CHRISTIAN*	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	205 New Church Roof	700 MENS GROUP	900 LOCAL MISSIONS 3% DONATION		Total
08/06/2023	1,991.00	20.00	6,815.07	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	150.00	08/06/2023	10,976.07
08/13/2023	1,609.63	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/13/2023	1,654.63
08/20/2023	1,903.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	08/20/2023	1,928.00
08/27/2023	1,917.40	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/27/2023	1,927.40
Total	7,421.03	20.00	6,815.07	55.00	2,000.00	25.00	150.00	Total	16,486.10

*DONATION

*Susan K. Simpson
Financial Secretary
9/1/23*

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M. CHILDRENS SUNDAY
SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDRENS MOMENT
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9 A.M.
BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY
SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



October 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MEETING-10 A.M.	4 WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/ TECH-6:30 P.M. TRUSTEES-7	5	6	7
8 CHILI COOK OFF- 5 P.M. BINGO FOLLOW- ING	9	10	11 STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE-6:30 P.M.	12	13	14
15 ELDERS MEET- ING-8:30 A.M.	16	17 BOARD MEET- ING-7 P.M.	18	19	20	21 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 	"			

ELDERS: Bruce Gunderman & Jan Commers
WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Cooper
1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Matt Strayer
GREETERS: Paul Long
CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Jan Commers

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Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

--- ○ ---

I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

--- ○ ---

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

--- ○ ---

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

--- ○ ---

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

--- ○ ---

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

--- ○ ○ ---

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

--- ○ ---

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

--- ○ ---

PROPHETS ARE ---

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers



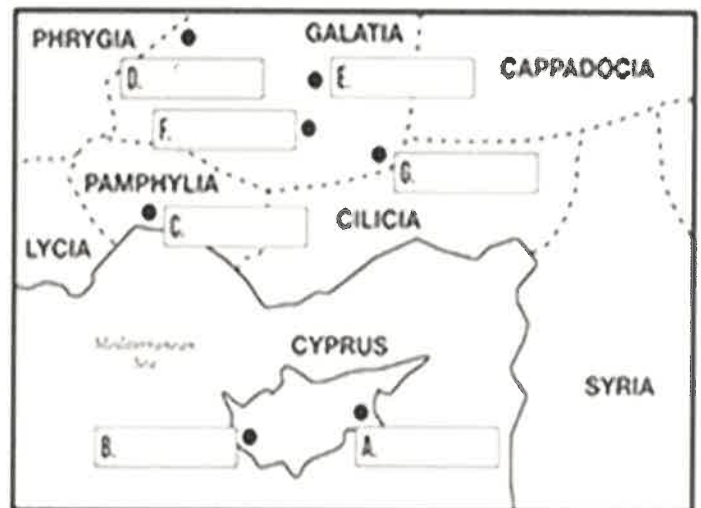
PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

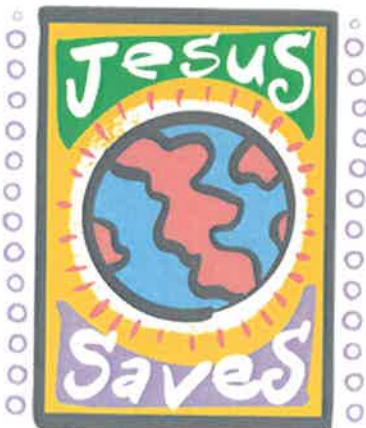
Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



- A. (ACTS 13:5)
- B. (ACTS 13:6)
- C. (ACTS 13:13)
- D. (ACTS 13:14)
- E. (ACTS 13:51)
- F. (ACTS 14:6)
- G. (ACTS 14:6)



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe



Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to _____ the world, but to _____ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to

Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)

**Sound the Trumpets:
Unmuted Ministry:
Uncommon Love;
United Service**
Numbers 10:4-7

**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING**

SEPTEMBER 24th - OCTOBER 1st



www.reconciliationministry.org



*Sound the Trumpets: Unmuted Witness;
Uncommon Love; United Service*

Number 10:4-7

Reconciliation Ministry is an invaluable part of our church as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we encounter the perils of systemic racism, we sound the trumpet. In every expression of the Church, we sound the alarms so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the face of racial inequity and injustice. Just like the camps of the east and south in Israel, called together at the sound of the trumpets in the book of Numbers, Disciples are called together as an anti-racist and pro-reconciling faith movement.

For example, some of our congregations host “Be the Neighbor” programs that invite youth and young adults to witness to Christ’s love through anti-oppression education and community service in support of neighbors in need.

Your generous giving to our shared ministry of Reconciliation, allows us to join the cacophony of trumpets sounding the alarm to unmute our witness on behalf of the voiceless, to shine the light of Christ’ uncommon love, and to advocate for justice through our united service and ministry of reconciliation. Will you join Reconciliation Ministry as we seek to extend the reach of Christ’s invitation to abundant life for all of God’s children.

Thank you for your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry!

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