

THE SUNDAY EDITION

Welcome! We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God.

Disciple Women's Project - July 2017



"STUFF THE BUS"

Summer is on the move and so are we. We're getting ready to board the bus – the big, yellow school bus, that is. We have to plan ahead to be ready when the school doors open. We're going to stuff the bus with school supplies for children of struggling families.

Times are stressful with the new national administration – lost jobs or low pay make it hard to put food on the table, pay medical bills, provide clothes for growing children, keep up with high utilities – need we say more?

We are a mighty congregation – you've proven that. We love children!

A box will be placed in the Narthex for supplies – or donations can be given on Sundays and we'll buy them for you. Deal? Let's put some fun in returning to school days.

Items needed: Backpacks; binders; pocket folders; wide-rule and college-rule spiral notebooks and loose leaf paper; blue, black and red ink pens; #2 pencils; washable markers; highlighters; pink erasers; expo markers; safety scissors and pointed scissors; 3" x 5" index cards; rulers; calculators; crayons and colored pencils; glue sticks and bottle glue; Kleenex and hand sanitizers.

Monetary donations are needed to fill in the gaps of needed supplies not received.



SUNBEAMS PRESCHOOL

Preschool enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is going on now. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 am – 11:30 pm. Children must be 3 years old before August 31, 2017 to enroll. There will be an open house on August 28th from 5 – 8 pm. Classes begin August 30th. For more information or to enroll please call or come by the church office during regular office hours.

We need at least one new board member for the Sunbeams Preschool. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Laurie or Jean Reeves. Board meets at noon on the first Monday of the month during school.



Music Ministry Opportunity

We are looking for more choir members. Please give prayerful consideration to the possibility of joining your chancel choir. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:45 pm in the church choir room. Please contact Warren Townsend at 620-423-3994 or cell: 620-778-3754 for more information, or just come to the next rehearsal.

Attendance & Offering Report

July 23, 2017 Attendance 62 Offering - \$1,385.00
2014 Budget: \$196,159.00
(monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.29)

Stewardship: Careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

July 30, 2017

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father."



Matthew 10:29. NRSV

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost **July 30, 2017 9:30 a.m.**

During worship, we offer a nursery for infants and toddlers, and extended session for pre-schoolers (ages 3, 4 & 5).

The nursery rooms are in the northeast hallway of the church.

*All hymns are from the Blue Hymnal
(Unless otherwise noted)*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Words of Welcome Rev. Laurie Lewis
Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" - Phoebe P. Knapp
organist: Carol Anne Smock

Bringing in the Light

Invocation:

*Praise Hymn:

"Be Thou My Vision!" (vs. 1,4) #595

Call to Worship Alissa Fearmonti

L The world belongs to God. The earth and all its people.

P How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.

L Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

P If the Lord's disciples keep silent these stones would shout aloud.

All: Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

(Congregation may be seated)

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-33 NTp.10

Passing of the Peace

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayer Hymn:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #305

Community Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 10:34-39 NTp.10

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Anthem: "The Magnificat" -John Michael Talbot

trumpet: Jerry Cruz

Sermon:

"The Fighting Okra of Delta State"

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

*Invitation Hymn:

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" #354

If you would like to join this church, either by making a confession of faith prior to baptism or by transferring your membership from another church, please come forward during the hymn and the minister will welcome you.

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: "Revelation Song" – Jennie Lee Riddle

*DOXOLOGY

Prayer of Dedication: Dean Cramer

Communion Hymn:

"Here at Thy Table, Lord" #384

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing Steve Fincher

We believe that every person who confesses faith in Jesus Christ, whether he/she is a member of this congregation or not, is welcome to join us as we break bread at the Lord's Table.

Please take the bread and cup as they are passed, and use this time as an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving:

"I Am Thine, O Lord" (v.1)

#601

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise
in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

GOING FORTH

*Benediction

Postlude: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Rick Founds – arr. Ed Boldue

(*Indicates "please stand if able")

SERVING TODAY (July 30)



DEACONS: Elaine Harris, Val McElroy, Jeanette Horton, Peggy Cramer

Sound Board: Dean Cramer

Narthex Kids: Barbara Robbins

SERVING NEXT WEEK (August 6)



ELDERS: Marian Johnson, Dean Cramer

WORSHIP LEADER: Lori Ray

DEACONS: Marlene Wegner, Sandy Womeldorff, Elaine Hudson, Dori Howerter

Sound Board: David Austin

Narthex Kids: Jared Hawks