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First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FCC's Vision Statement

First Christian Church seeks to be a family of disciples, growing with God's grace and serving others in faith, hope and love.

This past week, I listened to a conversation with Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. The title of the podcast was "Power of Words." She shared her life story from the poorest, most dangerous part of the Bronx to the bench of the highest court in the land.

I found her story fascinating. She talked about realizing in high school that education was her key to getting out of poverty. She began to study and eventually was accepted at Princeton and later Yale Law.

What impressed me most though was her understanding of the power of words. Her love and respect for words began with a love for reading. Now, she realizes that her words, in a professional setting, have lots of power and affect many people.

Isn't that true? Our words have power. We can offer life or destruction with our words. Sometimes we say things that have the best of intentions but they either come out wrong or are heard in ways we never meant. Communication is hard work.

I want my words to always speak life. Sometimes I fall short and my words cause harm. I hope that when I say things that hurt or offend, people will come to me and let me know. I hope when I am hurt or offended, I can speak with the person in grace and love.

Our words are important. Our words have power. May our words always be full of grace. (Colossians 4:6)

Pastor Lory

Tuesday, May 16

11:30am – DWM Luncheon

Wednesday, May 17

9am – Men's Coffee

4pm – Little Lights Tutoring

6pm – Tech Rehearsal

6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18

6pm – Good Timers

Sunday, May 21

9:30am- Prayer Team

9:50am – Sunday School

10:50am – Worship

12pm – Potluck Luncheon

1pm - Board Meeting

Coming Up

May 26 – Game Night 6pm

Prayer Ministry

Our Prayer Team meets each Sunday morning at 9:30am in the sanctuary to pray for our church and our worship service. All



Last summer FCC was part of PISD's summer lunch program for kids age 0-18. In the state of Texas there were 4200 lunch sites and over 13 million meals served. We were part of that!

This year our day to deliver lunches is Tuesday and we start on May 30th. We meet at the church at 10:30am and return around 1:30pm. A sign up sheet on the bulletin board!



Dick Towers, Robyn Jackson, Patrick Whalen, Sue McAulay, Lois Bueker, Linn Scalf, Jean Campbell, Leanne Bueker, Greg Lindsay, Gerald Hutchings, Nancy Bailey, Eulice Howell, Ted and Norma Porter, Natalie Hutchison, Connie Gates, Charin Clayton, Don Cook, Robbie Morrow, Karen Lodes, Charles Purvis

Prayer for our HOPE Transformation Process:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel through HOPE for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from Book of Common Prayer)

Please pray daily for our church!



Sermon: The Grace of Giving
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-12



Good Timers will meet this Thursday night at 6pm at The Fish Fry. Join us for good food and better fellowship!

Servers for May 21, 2017

Elders: Bill George, Fran Neeley

**Deacons: Barbara Wilson, Renee Harvey
Kim Penrose, Annette Caviness**

Lay Reader: Don Wilson

Homebound Communion: The Sloan's

Coffee Fellowship: ??

Nursery: Lynn Clem