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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.

An update from your HOPE team

Your HOPE team has been busy these last few weeks meeting weekly to continue to seek God's direction for the future of First Christian Church. We've been praying as a group as well as individually and we sincerely hope that each of you have been praying as well. A praying church is a growing, vibrant, exciting body of believers who seek to do God's work within and outside the walls of the church building.

We have developed a draft of our future story for FCC and it has been sent to Rick Morse and Cristie Sharpsteen. The work that many church members did to interview community leaders in order to learn the needs of our neighbors was reviewed along with all the notes from the two weekends spent working with Rick and Cristie. Throughout this review of data, we were praying, hoping, sharing ideas and asking God to use us to write the story that will direct the future of this congregation's work in Paris, TX. A story began to take shape! Prayers were answered!

We are waiting with lots of eager anticipation for the review, which Rick will send to us. He has been out of his office, but will return on August 7th and our story will be on his desk. Once the story is polished and refined, we will be ready for the implementation phase of the HOPE process. We have plans for a fun "reveal" when the story is approved and ready to share.

Please continue to pray with and for FCC as we wait with lots of excitement and anticipation for the next phase of doing God's work together.

Your HOPE team,

Martha Harrison, Donald Krayniak, Mary Lindsay, Kim Penrose, Bobby Scalf, John Smid, Barbara Wilson

Tuesday, August 1

10:30am – Lunch and Learn
11am – Summer Lunch Program

Wednesday, August 2

9am – Men's Coffee
2pm – Tech Rehearsal

Saturday, August 5

5:30pm – Mac's Birthday Party at Stillhouse

Sunday, August 6

9:30am- Prayer Team
9:50am – Sunday School
10:50am – Worship
5:30pm – Hamburger and Ice Cream Social

Coming Up

August 14 – Emmaus Group 6:30pm

Don't forget our summer challenge!
Pray for friends without a church home.
Commit to being here for the summer.
Invite someone to come with you!

Outreach Ministry Needs for Back to School

Teachers have asked for: crayons, #2 pencils, pens (red, blue, black), scissors, composition notebooks, Elmer's glue and backpacks.

School nurses have asked for: feminine hygiene products, new socks and new t-shirts (x-small – 3xl).

Join us for burgers, ice cream and an old fashioned hymn sing on Sunday, August 6th in the fellowship hall.



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

Servers for August 6, 2017

Elders: Ben Holland, Don Wilson

Deacons: Amanda and Donald Krayniak
Nancy Logsdon, Raylene Nutt

Lay Reader: Don Wilson

Homebound Communion: Nancy Logsdon

Communion Prep: Donald Krayniak



Scripture Text: Matthew 6:9-13
"Lead us not into temptation."

Join us for a party!!
Mac's 85th birthday and
belated 84th for Sue!

Saturday, August 5th from 5:30-6:30pm
Stillhouse Nursing Home



Prayer for our HOPE Transformation Journey:

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*)