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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.

As you are reading this, I am on my way out of town! For the next couple of weeks I will be taking time to rest and relax. I plan to read a bunch and take time to just sit outside and enjoy blue skies.

Too often we rush and rush and burn the candle at both ends. At least, I tend to do that! I tend to go for days and days and then I crash and burn. That isn't the way we are supposed to live life.

Over and over again Jesus would retreat to the mountains and spend the night resting and praying. And, if you pay attention to Jesus' words to the disciples after they've been preaching and teaching and ministering, he often tells them to get in a boat or go off so they can rest and relax and refuel.

As we get closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the activities and events that surround them, decide to take some time to simply enjoy life. Take time to smell the roses and savor the moments.

You will find more peace, more joy, more hope, more delight if you will take time to stop and just be in the moment.

Resting and relaxing,

Pastor Lory

Wednesday, October 18

9am – Men's Coffee
4pm – Little Lights
6pm – Tech Rehearsal
6:30pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19

6pm – Good Timers

Saturday, October 21

6pm – Emmaus Group to
McKinney

Sunday, October 22

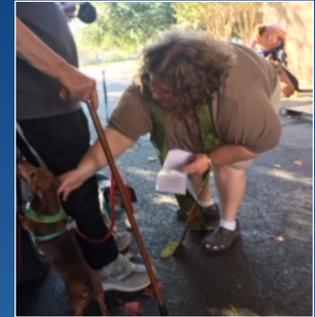
9:30am- Prayer Team
9:50am – Sunday School
10:50am – Worship

Oct 27 – Game Night

Oct 31 – Trunk or Treat

Pastor Lory on vacation
through October 29

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but
their echoes are truly endless. ~ Mother Teresa



Pictures from Blessing of the Animals 2017



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 and LV Morrow, Tony Guymon, Karen Lodes, Ronnie Nutt

Servers for October 22, 2017

Elders: Lynn and Sue Sloan

**Deacons: Mary Ann Beard, Bob Guymon
Ethan Krayniak, Vickie Perry**

Lay Reader: Ruth Modl

Homebound Communion: Mary Ann Beard

Communion Prep: Vickie Perry



Come pop your trunk, dress up in your costume and hand out candy at Trunk or Treat!

SUNDAY SERMON

**Scripture Text: Mark 6:30-43
Rev. Dr. Larry Ross preaching**

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*)**