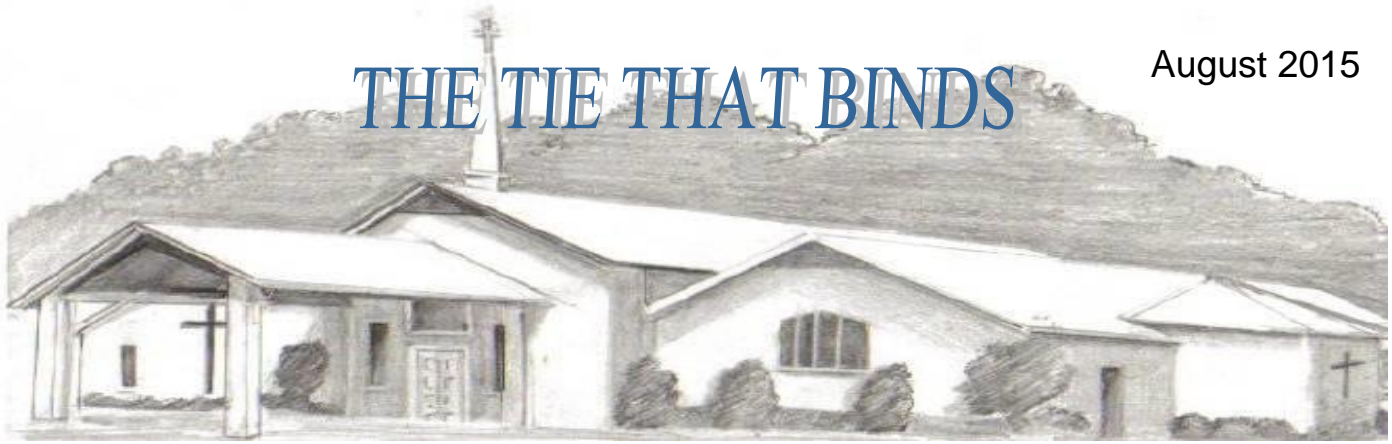


THE TIE THAT BINDS

August 2015



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From the Pastor . . .

7/22/15

Grace and Peace from Columbus, Ohio and the 2015 General Assembly!

As I write this newsletter article, I am waiting for the third, and final, business session of the Assembly to begin as we continue to do the difficult work of the Church. I must say that this has been a restorative week for my soul as I have reconnected with former classmates, former professors, and old friends and making new friends.

There have been wonderful workshops, difficult conversations about what direction we want to move as a denomination and what that might look like. We have taken a stand that we will work for Justice and Reconciliation in race relations in this country. We have uplifting worship services during which gifted pastors have brought messages of Comfort, Calling, Challenge, and Soaring from the Isaiah 40 passage that is our theme.

I had never looked at the Isaiah 40 passage in the light of this idea of comfort, call, challenge, and soar; I have only every thought of this passage through the lens of Advent when it is one of the passages used to prepare our hearts for the coming Christ Child. However, this passage contains a much broader message.

It calls us to receive the comfort that comes only from God realizing that with God's comfort comes conviction to not get too comfortable but rather to go and spread that comfort to those who are oppressed, persecuted, afraid, impoverished, and craving God's peace and comfort.

This passage calls us to shout, especially when we feel like we can't or when we have no clue what we should shout; we should shout all the more. This passage challenges us to stand up for those who cannot stand for themselves. It challenges us to seek out and eliminate injustice anywhere we see it. This passage also challenges to recognize God's comforting call no matter how dark the wilderness of our lives becomes.

Finally, Isaiah 40 completes its message with the affirmation that once the people are comforted, called to action, and challenged to do the difficult work of loving God, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves, we will soar on wings like eagles, we will run and not grow weary, for all who hope in the Lord will have their strength renewed.

I am looking forward to coming home and sharing with my church family all that Ron, Marilyn, and I have been learning this week.

Grace and Peace,

Building Relationships, Growing Faith, Welcoming All in Jesus Christ

Letter from the Knight's

A big hello to all our church family. We really miss each and every one of you. I don't think we will find a church we like as yours, but at least we have the memory of all our friends and all we did. We do not have addresses to write each of you but God bless you all. Miss my hugs.

Love,
James & Ann

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

May 30, 2015 Balance		\$40,764.31
June 2015 Deposits		
General Fund	\$6,745.08	
Designated	\$1,735.59	\$8,480.67
June 2015 Disbursements		
Budgeted/General Fund	(\$9,467.32)	
Other Fund/Pass-Through	(\$1,372.63)	(\$10,839.95)
June 30, 2015 Balance		\$38,405.03

Driving Ministry

Have you ever needed someone to drive you for a doctor's appointment? The Elders are recruiting volunteers who would be willing to join a rotation to drive folks to doctors' appointments on an as needed basis. Pastor BJ will coordinate the needs of our members and find drivers who are available to drive to Austin and other surrounding towns. If this is a ministry you would like to be a part of, please email BJ at revbjtapley@gmail.com or the church at fcburnet@verizon.net and let us know. Also, if you are in need of this ministry, please let BJ as early as possible and he will work to find someone available to help.

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2015 Leadership Team

Moderator.....Grover Howell
Vice Moderator.....Michele Darling
Secretary.....Teri Howell
Treasurer.....Bennie Clark
Historian.....Kay Snyder
Education.....Brenda Williams
Faith-Sharing.....Ron & Marilyn Petrick
Membership.....Harriett Reed
Outreach.....Michele Darling, Lisa Nance
Property.....Richard Dunegan
Worship.....Susan Clark
Disciples Men Rep.....Ron Petrick
Disciples Women Rep.....Marilyn Petrick

Pastoral Relations Committee:

*Ron Petrick Walter Selcer Susan Clark
Art Johnson Ronda Hostetter Charolette Collie

Trustees:

Lisa Nance
Auda Ross
Walter Selcer

Elders:

Michele Darling
Hank Holt
Ron Petrick
*Harriett Reed
Walter Selcer
Grover Howell
Bennie Clark
Susan Clark

Jr. Deacons:

Alayna Engen
Cheyenne Steve

Deacons:

Paula Harris
Teri Howell
Art Johnson
Brenda Williams
Susan Selcer
Yvonne Evans
Celeste Bruton
Jerry Hostetter
Ronda Hostetter
Karol Shepherd
Cricket Branon
Charolette Collie
Linda Guess
Terry Matlock
*Marilyn Petrick

* chairperson



“Why does FCC host Worship Arts Camp?”

This is a good question and one that I hear voiced every year. Answers could vary by person, of course, but I thought I would provide my view as our seventh WAC quickly approaches.

Worship Arts Camp is an event that encompasses all the characteristics that our board has felt are important over the years. WAC offers the opportunity to:

- creatively educate young minds as they are taught about the good news of Jesus Christ
- reach out to the community to draw visitors into our church home
- share our faith stories about our daily walk with God by word and example
- empower our membership, both young and old, to experience leadership, provide service and extend hospitality
- utilize almost every square inch of our property as the grounds are filled with children
- experience worship in new, exciting and innovative ways

If you have a chance, I urge you to be a part of this special week either physically or through prayer for the volunteers and the children attending. And, mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9th as the WAC participants lead worship.

Blessed to serve with each of you,
Michele Darling, Vice-Moderator

Bible Basics Sunday School Class

In light of summer vacation and school being out our Adult Bible Basics Sunday School Class will be taking the summer off. Class will resume on **Sunday August 30th**. We will be studying the Book of Genesis in preparation for Bible Olympics which will be held here at First Christian Church in October. We welcome anyone who would like to join our study in August and be on our team.

Greg Williams

Adult Sunday School Class



The Adult Sunday School Class will be meeting during the summer months. All are invited to join us as we continue our study in the Old Testament books of Amos, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Malachi. Our lessons this quarter challenge us to consider not what we mean when we say “justice,” but what God means. Not only to talk about justice but to pursue it and work with God to make it a reality. When we speak the word justice into sentences it should be through transformative, redemptive actions. “Do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). So come join in this very interesting study.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Your choir will begin practice again on Wednesday, August 26th, at 5:30 p.m. We would love to have some new voices, some old voices and some that are in-between, including young voices. If your child or grandchild is old enough to be taking a music class in school (or privately), they are welcome to join the church choir.

Music touches people, and we hope you will be “touched” to join in the singing.

Susie Rodgers



Disciples Women's Ministries

At our July meeting Susan Selcer presented the lesson on Sarah and Hagar. It was great to have her back with us! Two disbursements were authorized –

a \$100 donation to defray expenses for Worship Arts Camp, and \$100 donation to purchase new school clothes for Foster Children. We also signed up to be responsible for the Wednesday meal for Worship Arts Camp. It was decided the outreach project for both the August and September will be a collection of items to be given to Inman Christian Center.

The following items are needed:

Child Care needs: Diapers sizes 2-5 and wipes

Pantry needs: freezer storage bags, quart and gallon size, peanut butter and jelly, and canned meats.

Office Supply needs: binders, monthly dividers for binders, manila folders, and copy paper-white and in colors.

Remember, the fall retreat is just around the corner. If you are planning to attend, the registrations are in the Information Center. You will be blessed by this retreat.

Disciples Women's next meeting will be held at Yvonne's home on **Saturday August 1st at 9:00a.m.**

Marilyn Petrick
DWM Representative

Elders Report

The Elders are picking an entity in our community to pray for each month. This month is it **all those grieving a loss.** Please keep these brave women and men and their families in your prayers as they make the sacrifices which keep us safe.

God bless you all.
Harriett Reed
Elder Chair



Disciples Men's Ministries

At the last Disciples Men Breakfast the men voted to not meet during the summer months of July and August. Our next breakfast will be **Saturday September 12, 2015.** This is a change from the regular time being the third Saturday of the month due to the Regional Disciples Men Retreat in Brownwood the weekend of **September 20 – 22, 2015.** The theme this year is "Diversity in our Region".

Ron Petrick



NEW WEBSITE ON-LINE

The new website can be found by the address of www.fccburnettx.org or just google First Christian Church Burnet and will find the home page. Look through the menu for information about the church. We are still doing some updates to the text on one of the pages. Below are just some of the items you will find:

- Sermons will be on the site so you can listen directly or download same day.
- Church calendar that is updated as events are scheduled or changed
- Announcements of Church Events
- The newsletters are on line appearing as printed. Loaded the same day of publication.
- A contact menu where can e-mail the church and have information about the ministries that are offered.
- There is a link to the churches Facebook page. You might look at it and like the page to send update to it.
- The updated church brochure can be viewed or downloaded.



OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT

With an ongoing relationship with the Burnet County Child Welfare Board, FCC has been active in supporting foster children in our community through the Angel Tree project during December and has helped with school supplies each August. This year, the school supplies have been taken care of for the children by the Lakeshores Church in Kingsland. The Welfare Board has asked that we join with other churches in providing a monetary donation that will be used to buy school clothes for the children. The letter we received states, *“Children in foster care long to be treated just like “normal” kids and wish to have new clothes to begin the school year.”* We are asking that you take the \$5 or \$10 that you would have used to buy school supplies and use it as a love offering for these children. Donations will be collected through August 9th. You can use the white envelopes provided in the attendance folders or simply write “school clothes or foster children” on your check notation. Volunteers for the Welfare Board will do the shopping as they know specific needs. Let’s join together to make this a special start of the school year for these foster children.

Noisy Offering was collected on July 5th in the amount of \$74.92 From June 29th –July 20th Monday’s Kitchen served 296 meals and donations of \$148.65 were received.

Please continue to remember food items for LaCare. There is always extra needed for the summer when the kids are home all day! LACare’s current needs are canned black eye peas and canned carrots.

Michele & Lisa
Outreach Co-Chairs

BIBLE OLYMPICS

On **Saturday October 3, 2015** we will host Bible Olympics here at First Christian Church, Burnet. The study area will be the book of Genesis.

Thanks,
Brenda

MONDAY’S KITCHEN SCHEDULE OF WORKERS AUGUST 2015

August 3, 2015

(In conjunction with WAC)

Set Up:		Celeste Bruton
Cook:	1)	Michele Darling
Bake:	1)	Michele Darling
Serve	1)	Celeste Bruton
	2)	Linda Guess
	3)	Karol Shepherd
Clean-Up:	1)	Michele Darling
	2)	Lisa Nance

August 10, 2015

Set Up:		Sharon Childers/ Celeste Bruton
Cook:	1)	Lisa Nance
Serve	1)	Sharon Childers
	2)	Maedel Hearn
	3)	Karol Shepherd
Clean-Up:	1)	Lisa Nance

August 17, 2015:

Set Up:		Celeste Bruton
Cook:	1)	Susan Clark
	2)	Bennie Clark
Bake	1)	Mary Alice Ross
	2)	Celeste Bruton
Serve	1)	Janie Howell
	2)	Celeste Bruton
	3)	Linda Guess
Clean-Up	1)	Dave Bowmaster

August 24, 2015:

Epicenter

August 31, 2015

Set Up:		Sharon Childers/ Celeste Bruton
Cook:	1)	Sharon Childers
Serve	1)	Sharon Childers
	2)	Maedel Hearn
	3)	Karol Shepherd
Clean-Up:	1)	Celeste Bruton
	2)	Lisa Nance



EDUCATION

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP (WAC) August 3 – August 7 Help needed!

Each year, during the first full week in August, First Christian Church holds a free Worship Arts Camp. We spend the week sharing our gifts through music, drama and art. This year will be our 7th annual Worship Arts Camp and will be held **August 3rd – 7th**. Registration forms are available on the church website, or in the church office. If you would like to help please save 1 or 2-litre soda bottles for our WAC craft project. You may bring empty, clean soda bottles to the bin in the gathering area.

Brenda

SEVENTH ANNUAL WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

*Can We See the Blessings
in our Lives?*

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Camp: Ages 5 - 14

Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner provided for all participants at 5:30

Camp begins at 6:00 p.m.



Worship Arts Opportunities include:



Art



Music



Drama

All camp participants are invited to lead worship at First Christian Church on Sunday, August 9 at 10:45 a.m.

Come join the fun! There is no charge to attend.

Call the church office at **756-2223** for more information or to register.

Early registration is encouraged, but will also be accepted each evening beginning at 5:00.

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YOUTH OUTING to MAIN EVENT

Saturday August 15

Details coming soon...

Brenda

WAC Tee Shirt Service Project

As a service project during this year's Worship Arts Camp the kids will be decorating tee shirts to give to the Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center so the children coming into the center will have clothes to change into. The WAC kids will decorate the tee shirts and we will display them and bless them during Sunday's worship service.