

# *The Tie That Binds...*



For the past four months our worlds' attention has been on the Coronavirus. It is the conversation piece of almost everyone. The discussion has been on how many have tested positive, how many have recovered, and how many have died. It has affected our families, our jobs, and our church. We are praying for an end to it.

In John 5:1-15, while Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover, he met a man at the Pool of Bethesda, who had been ill for 38 years. Thirty-eight years is a long time. It's a long time to be sick. It's a long time to be sick without any friends to help you. This man was not only helpless, he was also hopeless. And in this story, Jesus says three things to this man.

First of all, Jesus challenged this man to consider whether he was content with his condition or whether he wanted to be made whole. He asked him, "Do you want to get well?" In order to get well, you have to have the desire to get well.

Secondly, Jesus asked this man, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." Jesus was challenging this man to do the one thing in the world he could not do. But Jesus does this. He brings us face to face with the impossible, and commands us to act.

And then, finally, Jesus told this man, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." John 5:3 says that there were a great number of disabled people lying by the Pool of Bethesda. Jesus healed only a single lame man. The main point of this miracle is not Jesus' power over physical disabilities but His power to save us from our spiritual disabilities.

Jesus teaches us that there is something far worse than physical disabilities. And that is remaining in one's sins. The tragedy of 38 years as an invalid is no comparison to the doom of hell. We all would like to have bodies free from defects and illnesses, it is far more important that we have the healing power of Jesus for our souls.

Do you want to get well? Yes. Do you want this virus to end? Yes. The question Jesus asks is this: "What are you willing to do?" Lord, help us to follow you and do what will bring healing to our souls. Amen!

Pastor Charles



What a crazy year !!!!! The Covid19 pandemic has turned our world upside down. Who would have ever thought that in-person Worship services would be canceled? Who would have ever thought HEB shelves would be bare? Who would have ever thought that we can't hug or shake hands? While the virus has effected each of our lives in different ways we all have the same prescription to get us through this troubled time. We can lean on one another and that is reassuring. However, our faith and belief in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior is the strength that we need to get us to the other side of these uncharted waters we have been in, and still are.

This unusual year is slipping away, your Church will soon be looking for folks to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2021. Please pray about this and consider volunteering your time to help find talent for Church leadership for next year.

In closing I just want to share my excitement about the rich history of First Christian Church of Burnet and how ecstatic I am about the future of this group of Christian people, moving forward bound together in Christian love. We truly are a loving Christian family and I'm proud to be a part.

Forever in Christ Grove



**Sunday, August 02**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"The Importance of Giving"*  
 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**Sunday, August 09**

10:45a Congregational Testimonies  
*We encourage our congregation to give brief (3-5 minutes) personal testimonies.*

**Sunday, August 16**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Credentials of a Committed Christian"*  
 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

**Sunday, August 23**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Great Expectations"*  
 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

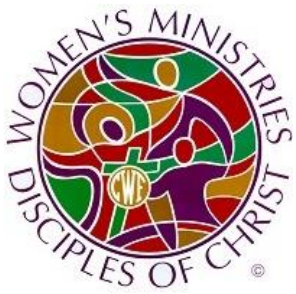
**Sunday, August 30**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Standing for the Truth"*  
 2 Corinthians 13:1-14



**General Checking Account**

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|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| May 31, 2020 Balance    | \$64,269.79  |              |
| June 2020 Deposits      |              |              |
| General                 | \$4,211.54   |              |
| Designated              | \$156.42     | \$4,367.96   |
| June 2020 Disbursements |              |              |
| Budgeted/General Fund   | (\$4,527.55) |              |
| Other Fund/Pass-Through | (\$1,305.77) | (\$5,833.32) |
| June 30, 2020 Balance   | \$62,804.43  |              |



## Are You A Titus 2 Woman?

Greetings Sisters, Have Faith!

Nothing makes a new day more beautiful and

promising than having the right heart, the right spirit, the right mind and the strength...from God. Scripture states "Create in me a clean heart oh God, and renew a right spirit in me..." Psalm 51:10.

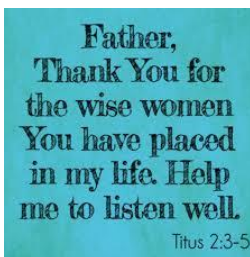
Our church's Disciples Women Ministry has been floundering since I first walked through the welcoming doors of my new home in 2016. As our numbers have dwindled and our ages have increased, we seem to have lost that "right spirit" that God requires of us. I have felt the pull to step up and lead this group, and all the while I know I'm not a leader. I feel this is something God is encouraging me to do and I need to walk that chosen path (even though I'm shaking in my shoes!).

I recently came across Titus 2:4 that calls older women to "train the young women" and gives examples of some practical lessons young women need to learn. To train means to show or to demonstrate. I began to think, "well we don't have many truly young women in our church, however, we may have some women who are 'young' in their walk with God." I know I am one of these! I read my bible, have daily prayer time, read daily devotionals, etc. However, there are many ways a woman who is more mature in her faith can teach me.

You will be receiving a survey in the coming months and I ask that you please fill it out and send it back. 2021 is going to be our year of the Titus 2 Woman and it's going to be an exciting transition for all of us!

Your sister in Christ!

Jonnie



## Ross' Blessing Box Update

The Blessing Box is doing well! Its usage is inconsistent and unpredictable; sometimes it remains stocked and untouched for a week or even two. Other times it's used a moderate amount. Sometimes the food disappears in just a day's time. Rarely is it ever emptied completely – nobody seems to just "clear it out," which is nice. In other words, I think it's truly being used as intended, to meet people's unexpected needs, rather than the generosity being taken advantage of.

All that being said, it's hard to definitively say what type of foods are used most. In general, single serve items, like canned pasta, stews, macaroni and cheese, Vienna sausage, ramen, and tuna are often taken before other items that require actual cooking. Peanut butter, canned fruit, and canned beans go fairly quickly too. Juices, water, and granola bars are very popular, as are cleaning items like soaps and detergents.

While dried beans and rice do eventually get taken, they often sit in the blessing box for several weeks. There's also not a lot of interest in flour or cornmeal or bags of pasta, though sometimes boxed mixes are more apt to be chosen.

It looks to me like we are all keeping the box well stocked, so I'd just recommend everyone remain aware of it and continue to replenish as we have been doing.

Margot

Take What You Need  
Bring What You Can  
Above All...Be Blessed!

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
 Serving Schedule - August 2020

- Aug 02 "The Importance of Giving" - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- Aug 09 Congregation Testimonials (3-5 Minutes)
- Aug 16 "Credentials of a Committed Christian" - 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
- Aug 23 "Great Expectations" - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
- Aug 30 "Standing for the Truth" - 2 Corinthians 13:1-14

|        | ELDER<br>Prayer-Bread & Cup<br>Inv. to Stewardship<br>Prayer-Offering | DEACONS   | WORSHIP<br>LEADER<br>Welcome &<br>Announcements<br>Call to Worship<br>Invocation & Prayer<br>&<br>COUNTER | ACOLYTES   |
|--------|---|---|---|------------|
| Aug 02 | Ron Petrick   | Linda Guess<br>Teri Howell<br>James Engen<br>Jennifer Engen   | Yvonne Evans  | Adam Engen |
| Aug 09 | Susie Rodgers   | Jonnie Stark<br>Jim Nance<br>Sharon Tippie<br>Marilyn Petrick | Ron Petrick   | TBD        |
| Aug 16 | Paula Harris  | Linda Guess<br>Teri Howell<br>James Engen<br>Jennifer Engen   | Grover Howell   | Adam Engen |
| Aug 23 | Bennie Clark  | Jonnie Stark<br>Jim Nance<br>Sharon Tippie<br>Marilyn Petrick | Sharon Tippie   | TBD        |
| Aug 30 | Grover Howell   | Linda Guess<br>Teri Howell<br>James Engen<br>Jennifer Engen   | Yvonne Evans  | Adam Engen |

The Elder is responsible for Stewardship Meditation/Prayer and Prayer for Bread and Cup.  
 Communion Preparation: TBD

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please notify the Office Administrator  
 and a replacement will be assigned.



# August 2020

*Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year*  
 06/01 - 11/28 Ordinary Time (green)

| Sunday  | Monday    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday  |
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| <b>2</b> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:45a Worship w/Noisy Offering<br>Scholarship Honoree: Brooke Pulliam                                | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br><br>10:00a Bible Study   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:45a Worship<br><br><b>Karol Shepherd's Birthday</b><br><br><b>Pastor Charles/ Margaret on Vacation</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br><br><b>Ronnie Daniel's Birthday</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>10:00a Bible Study<br>6:30p Elders Mtg<br>7:00p Board Mtg | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><br>8:00a Disciple Men's Ministry - Study of "The Jesus Way" |
| <b>16</b> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:45a Worship  | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br><br>10:00a Bible Study  | <b>20</b><br><br><b>Yvonne Evans' Birthday</b><br><br><b>Greg Williams' Birthday</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:45a Worship   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br><br>10:00a Bible Study  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:45a Worship<br><br><b>3:00p Worship at Country Oaks</b>  |           |  |  |  |           |   |

**Elders**

Bennie Clark (2021)      Paula Harris (2020)  
Grover Howell (2021)    Ron Petrick (2022)  
Susie Rodgers (2022)    Greg Williams (2020)

**Deacons**

Alayna Engen              James Engen  
Jennifer Engen            Linda Guess  
Jerry Hostetter            Ronda Hostetter  
Teri Howell                Jim Nance  
Marilyn Petrick            Jonnie Stark  
Sharon Tippie

**Trustees**

Richard Dunegan        Art Johnson  
Susie Rodgers

**2020 Leadership Team**

Moderator                              Grover Howell  
Vice Moderator                        Liz Smith  
Secretary                                Lana Orr  
Treasurer                                Bennie Clark  
Historian                                 Sharon Tippie  
Education  
Faith-Sharing  
Membership                              } Committee Council -  
Outreach                                 Wayne Spiekermann  
Property                                 Michele Darling  
Worship  
Disciple Men Rep  
Disciple Women Rep                    Jonnie Stark



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