

# The Tie That Binds...



One of my former professors, who is also a great preacher, tells the following story that I'd like to share with you. I share this story first of all because of my concern for our church here in Burnet and its future. My purpose and goals in Ministry have always been for the growth of the local church. Everywhere I have ministered, the church has grown. The church has grown not only spiritually, but numerically. Since coming here to preach and minister among you, I have prayed that our church would grow in both of these ways. I've tried to determine what are the reasons for lack of growth. It's been very difficult to pin point any one reason. But I found this article interesting and perhaps some application to us.

My professors name is Ben Merold, and he is now retired. Ben said the following: "I recall hearing Dr. Donald McGavren, the father of the church growth movement, telling of visiting a fast-growing

congregation on the East coast. He told us he was somewhat bewildered because, while they were growing, they were doing so few things right. Then he told us that he stumbled onto the secret of their success as he began to listen to members of the congregation in their conversations. They talked constantly about getting new people to come to church so they could teach them about Jesus and salvation.

He then made this remark, 'Gentlemen, the indispensable ingredient of a church is to the **want to**. If you have the **want to**, you can do a lot of things wrong and still be successful. If you don't have the **want to**, nothing works.'

If your church shows no growth or is declining in attendance, you have probably lost the **want to**. It seems that growth will not take place until the **want to** is established again."

I know that some will say, "the church is more than just building up numbers." That is true, but remember this – in the church these numbers are people and people are living souls. So, I pray that somehow we can create the **want to** here at First Christian Church.

Pastor Charles and Margaret



**Tune in to KITTY 102.9 FM at 6:30a on Sunday mornings to hear Pastor Charles' sermons.**

**Go to our website at [www.fccburnettx.org](http://www.fccburnettx.org) and watch our video sermons found under "Sermons-Newsletters".**

**Sunday, April 04**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Jesus Conquered the Grave"*  
 Luke 24:1 - 35

**Sunday, April 11**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"The Most Excellent Way"*  
 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3; 1 John 2:15 17; and  
 1 John 4:7 -8

**Sunday, April 18**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Hanging Tough As A Strong Christian"*  
 Hebrews 4:14 - 16; 2 Timothy 2

**Sunday, April 25**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Hanging Tough in Troubled Times"*  
 2 Timothy 3

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- April 01 Maundy Thursday
- April 02 Good Friday  
 Ministerial Alliance Good Friday Prayer Service at 12:00p Noon – Located at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, in the Education Center.
- April 04 EASTER  
 Easter Special Offering
- April 14 Elder's Meeting 6:30p  
 Board Meeting 7:00p
- April 18 Earth Sunday  
 Chloe Williams' Birthday
- April 19 Allen Rodgers' Birthday
- April 20 LuLisa Nance's Birthday
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 28 May Newsletter Articles are due
- April 30 Arbor Day  
 Edna Niebanck's Birthday

**Team FCC Reaches out to the Community with LACare Food Drive**

Our food drive for LACare was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated by bringing food items. A big thank you to Marilyn Petrick who bagged, separated and delivered the items to LACare. 175 pounds of food was collected! 17 pounds of rice, 10 boxes of mac and cheese, 15 packages of pasta, 18 packages of Ramen noodles, 17 boxes of cereal, 25 canned meats, 35 cans of soup and much more.

A big shout out to Grover Howell for his enthusiasm and generosity. Inspired by his giving nature, or maybe tempted to hurt his pocketbook, the congregation came together to present LACare with a monetary donation totaling \$1355.70.



This congregation is amazing in its love for others and its willingness to help each other and those in our community and our world. As we look for others ways to serve our neighbors, remember the Ross's Blessing Pantry that makes non-perishable food items and toiletries available year round. Contributions are always needed. We extend a big thank you to Margot Spiekermann for all that she does to keep the Blessing Pantry stocked and organized

## Ron Petrick Elected as GCDM President



The work of the General Conference of Disciples Men (GCDM) includes providing a network between the regions and general office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The network supports local

and regional men's events such as the General Conference Leadership Meetings, Sessions and Men's events at the General Assembly, as well as participation in regional Disciples Men retreats.

Structurally, Disciples Men operate as three entities: (1) Disciples Men groups in Disciples congregations across North America; (2) the General Conference of Disciples Men (GCDM) which is comprised of an Executive Committee, a Regional Men's staff member and Regional Men's President from each of the 30+ regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ; and (3) the Office of Disciples Men, which is located within Disciples Home Missions (DHM) and is composed of a Director and an Associate Director

## Rev. Christal Fisher Retiring!



Rev. Christal Fisher is retiring, and the Area Assembly will be her last event with BBA/LRGVD. If you or your congregation would like to send her a card to wish her well in her retirement, you can send

them to me in advance and I will present them to her on the day of the assembly.

Christal Fisher  
3508 Davenport  
Shertz, TX 78154

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the Assembly!

Rev. Sara Nave Fisher (no relation)  
Senior Minister  
Rolling Oaks Christian Church

March 28 and April 4, 2021

# Easter Offering

a special day offering of  
Disciples Mission Fund

 supporting general ministries of the  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

- 97% of pastors have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends.
- 70% of pastors battle depression.
- 7,000 churches close each year.
- 1,500 pastors quit each month.
- 10% will retire a pastor.
- 80% of pastors feel discouraged.
- 94% of pastor's families feel the pressure of ministry.
- 78% of pastors have no close friends.
- 90% of pastors report working 55-75 hours per week.

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Serving Schedule - April 2021

- Apr 04 "Jesus Conquered the Grave" - Luke 24:1-35  
 Apr 11 "The Most Excellent Way" - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 John 4:7-8  
 Apr 18 "Hanging Tough As A Strong Christian" - Hebrews 4:14-16; 2 Timothy 2  
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	ELDER Prayer-Bread & Cup Inv. to Stewardship Prayer-Offering	DEACONS	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer & COUNTER	ACOLYTES
Apr 04	Ron Petrick	Sharon Tippie Linda Guess Teri Howell	Grover Howell	
Apr 11	Hank Holt	Jim Nance Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie	Yvonne Evans	
Apr 18	Bennie Clark	Linda Guess Teri Howell Jim Nance	Sharon Tippie	
Apr 25	Susie Rodgers	Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie Linda Guess	Ron Petrick	

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.



# April 2021

## Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year

04/01 Maundy Thursday (white); 04/02 Good Friday (red or black or none); 04/04 Easter (white); 04/04 - 05/22 Eastertide (white)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday - 12:00p (Noon) Prayer Service at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church - Education Center	3
4 Resurrection of the Lord  EASTER  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Noisy Offering  Easter Special Offering	5	6	7  10:00a Bible Study	8	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of Easter  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	12	13	14  10:00a Bible Study  6:30p Elder Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting	15	16	17
18 3rd Sunday of Easter  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship  Chloe Williams' Birthday	19  Allen Rodgers' Birthday	20  LuLisa Nance's Birthday	21  10:00a Bible Study	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday of Easter  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	26	27	28  10:00a Bible Study	29	30  Edna Niebanck's Birthday	

**Elders**

Grover Howell (2021)    Bennie Clark (2021)  
Ron Petrick (2022)    Susie Rodgers (2022)  
Hank Holt (2023)

**Deacons**

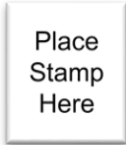
Linda Guess, chair    Teri Howell  
Jim Nance            Marilyn Petrick  
Jonnie Stark           Sharon Tippie

**Trustees**

Richard Dunegan    Art Johnson  
Susie Rodgers

**2021 Leadership Team**

Moderator		Grover Howell
Secretary		Melissa Johnson
Treasurer		Bennie Clark
Historian		Sharon Tippie
Education		Committee Council -
Faith-Sharing	}	Grover Howell
Membership		Wayne Spiekermann
Outreach		Michele Darling
Property		Susan Clark
Worship		Susie Rodgers
Disciple Men Rep		
Disciple Women Rep		Jonnie Stark



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