

The Tie That Binds...



OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKERS

October 3

Rev. Renee Hoke

Renee is a native Texan with vast experience in both the corporate world and in the church. With a degree in journalism from Texas A&M University, she began a successful career as a television news reporter and anchor. Corporate media relations and communications came next. In the Media Department at Mark Kay Cosmetics, Renee handled the media schedule for Mark Kay Ash and served as liaison between marketing executives and beauty editors for women's magazines. Following that, Renee served as Director of Corporate Communications for the Zale Corporation.

Eventually, Renee left the corporate world to enter Brite Divinity School and prepare for ministry.



Since seminary she has served local Disciple congregations in Duncanville, Kingwood, and Spring, before accepting a call as Area Minister for the Trinity Brazos Area. A year later her territory expanded to include the Bluebonnet Area. Renee spent most of her time working with congregations in transition and found that particular assignment very rewarding. After three years on the road, she accepted a call to serve First Christian Church in Wichita Falls as they entered a time of transition with the retirement of their senior minister. She assumed the position of Acting Senior Minister in September 2017.

Currently Renee is the Executive Minister for University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas.



October 10

Rev. Jason Fry

Rev. Fry is the son of James Fry, who was the president and sales manager of Fry Motors, a business of the Fry family in Burnet County for 70 years, and Margaret Fry who was an English teacher at Burnet High School for 25 years and earlier for Bertram High School.



Rev. Fry grew up in Burnet as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Burnet, from which he was recommended as a candidate for ordained ministry. He was ordained as a United Methodist pastor in 1983 and retired from active pastoral ministry in July 2019 after 39 years, having served rural and urban congregations, from small with no staff to large with multiple staff. He has a passion for growing disciples who can disciple others. Rev. Fry holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from McMurry University, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.

After retiring from pastoral ministry and moving back to Burnet, Rev. Fry has been engaged in a ministry of coaching pastors and other ministry leaders with a focus on leadership, organizational structure for missional effectiveness, stewardship/financial leadership and staff development and supervision. He has been married to Joan, also of Burnet, since 1978 and they have a son John and a daughter Sarah, a grandson Ruben and are expecting a granddaughter in November of 2021. Rev. Fry's hobbies include amateur astronomy, history, genealogy, and he is very involved in Scouting.



October 17 and 31

Rev. Bill Howden

Rev. William D. Howden is a retired Disciples of Christ minister who lives in San Antonio with his wife, Jan Davis. Bill is a graduate of Milligan College, and holds M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary.



Dr. Howden served for decades as a pastor, in addition to academic positions in the United States and Germany. He is a member of Central Christian Church, San Antonio, and recently completed an interim ministry with First Christian Church, Kerrville, TX. Bill and his wife publish a twice-monthly e-newsletter, "Soul Windows: Reflection" (soulreflection.org). Bill's sermons and articles have been published in various books and journals. He enjoys poetry, photography, his two cats, and the San Antonio Spurs.

October 24

Christopher Weaks

Christopher lives in Kerrville, TX with his wife Lupe. Christopher served in the Navy for 6 years and during that time he was involved with the Christian Community outreach program with his ship while overseas. "I feel as though I've helped a lot of people come to understand that God truly loves them."



"I am a person who cares deeply about others. I understand that all people are God's children and as such I make it a point to love and respect all people regardless of who they are or what they may have done." Christopher has also worked as a youth pastor for 4 years and was introduced to the wonders of youth camp. "I am currently a volunteer pastor at Starlite Recovery Center where I provide afternoon worship services to the regular and veteran clients seeking help. I have witnessed how many of these individuals start out as broken people and have transformed into people who have found hope in their new faith that now leads them on a journey to spiritual health. I have been honored to serve God and others in my past and current experience and I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for me in the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Oct 1 – 3 BBA/LRGVD DWM Retreat
Oct 3 Noisy Offering to benefit LaCare
First Sunday Luncheon
World Communion Sunday
Reconciliation Special Offering
Oct 6 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann
Oct 13 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann
6:30p Elders Meeting
7:00p Board Meeting
Oct 14 Celeste Pogue's Birthday
Oct 16 James Engen's Birthday
Oct 20 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann
Oct 23 1:00p Church Picnic at Wayne & Margot
Spiekermann's
Bennie Clark's Birthday

Search and Call Committee

Dear Congregation:

The Search and Call Committee continues to work through potential minister profiles. Our goal is to find numerical growth. Please continue to pray for us and for God's guidance as we work through this process.

Do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns. We will share what we can, but understand there are confidentiality requirements on our end. Thank you all for your patience and support.

Susie, Michele, Sharon
Wayne, Bennie, Ron



Ross' Blessing Box

The FCC Ross' Blessing Box in the parking lot continues to be blessed and used by our neighbors in need.

As you grocery shop, please continue to remember to pick up an extra item or two to add to it.

Non-perishables such as canned beans, meats, and fruits are great additions. Also dry goods like oatmeal, noodles, or cereal are really useful as are small toiletries, soaps, shampoos, and wipes. Better yet, the next time you drive past the church, consider taking a minute to stop and check to see what *you* think is missing!



Women's Bible Study

When: Sundays

Dates: October 3, 17, and 31

Where: at the church

We have been exploring "Ten Women of the Bible." We are currently discussing "Esther" and would like to invite everyone to join us.

If you need the lesson - let me or Susan know and we will get it to you. Hope to see you there!

Susan and Brenda

Church Picnic

DATE: SATURDAY - OCTOBER 23rd
TIME: 1:00pm
WHERE: Wayne & Margo Spiekermann's

In last month's newsletter we let you know when and where the church picnic was going to be - **forget that you were ever given that information!**

The picnic will be at Wayne and Margot's house, known as **Weddings Tree Farm**. Located at **3125 Farm to Market Rd 963**. (Directions to follow.)

We have also changed the date to **Saturday, October 23rd**. **Lunch will be served at 1:00pm**, but you are welcome to come early and enjoy our place. We have plenty of shade and rocking chairs on the porch for your enjoyment.

We will have fried catfish, cake, tea and water provided by the church. Susan, Ron, Sharon, and Michele to be exact. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert you would like to share.

Whether we have seen you at church recently or if you have not been able to attend lately due to Covid please come enjoy the afternoon with our church family. We have plenty of space to accommodate everyone and we always have more than enough food! Also, if you want to bring a friend we would love to meet and include them in our joy of fellowship. We are looking forward to a relaxing afternoon together.

Directions from the church:

--Starting from the church, continue east on Graves Street/FM 963, bearing left at the fork with Shady Grove Road.

--Continue for a couple of miles, passing the Burnet County Transfer and Recycling Center on your right.

--When you see the green sign for County Rd 112, begin to slow down and pay attention. Pass County Road 112 (it splits off to the left) and continue on 963.

--The first house on the right past CR112 has a tall black iron fence across the front yard. At the end of that metal fence is a driveway with both an open gate and a cattle guard, separated by a cedar post with the address, 3125.

--Turn in (right) at either the gate or the cattle guard. (If you turn left, toward the set of mailboxes, you will go to Ernie and Peggy's).

--Follow the long drive, passing some autos under repair on the left and empty goat pens on the right, about 150 yards down to our house under the big old oak trees.

***YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR ON 963 IF you come to the Burnet Police Firing Range on the right, or the Burnet Northeast Facility, also on the right.

Call if you need anything! 210-380-8782 (Margot), or 210-823-4631 (Wayne).



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

| | ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer | DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering | WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer | ACOLYTES |
|--------|--|---|---|----------|
| Oct 03 | Susie Rodgers | Volunteer Linda Guess | Ron Petrick | |
| Oct 10 | Hank Holt | Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie | Jonnie Stark | |
| Oct 17 | Ron Petrick | Jim Nance Linda Guess | Grover Howell | |
| Oct 24 | Grover Howell | Marilyn Petrick Jonnie Stark | Sharon Tippie | |
| Oct 31 | Bennie Clark | Jim Nance Linda Guess | Yvonne Evans | |


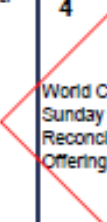
The Elder is responsible for Joys/Concerns; Communion Prayer; Stewardship Prayer
Communion Preparation: Covid Approved Containers

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



October 2021

Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year
 May 24 - Nov 27 Ordinary Time (green)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON  | | | | | 1 BBA/LRGVD Women's Retreat | 2 BBA/LRGVD Women's Retreat (through Sunday) |
| 3 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship NOISY OFFERING Video Presentation: "Vision From the Balcony" Matthew 17: 1-8 | 4  World Communion Sunday Reconciliation Special Offering | 5 | 6 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Worship | 11 | 12 | 13 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann 6:30p Elders Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting | 14 Celeste Pogue's BD | 15 | 16 James Engen's BD |
| 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Worship | 18 | 19 | 20 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann | 21 | 22 | 23 Church Picnic at Wayne & Margot Spiekermann's Bennie Clark's BD |
| 24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 10a Bible Study w/Ernest Spiekermann | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Worship | | | | | | |

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| 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

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| 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 | |



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