



THE TIE THAT BINDS...

AUGUST 2022



Plans are in full swing for August and September. I am sure it will seem like tomorrow when I sit down to write my next newsletter article.

Blessings!
Pastor Teresa

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Where did July go? It seems like I just sat down to write an article for the last newsletter.

Benevolence requests have continued to be a weekly activity. This month, we partnered with Community Resource Center to help a person with their rent. Covid prevented her from working and she didn't want to get behind on her rent. Another woman who was in a frightening living situation engaged in dialogue until she was able to get out of that situation. Her mother out of state is also thankful for the support provided (lifetime Disciple of Christ family). Persons who contact the church for help are being invited into a relationship that can address more than the immediate, crisis need.

Sunday morning worship continues to be a source of joy for me. Your engagement in the pre-sermon quiz has been fun. Your willing spirit is encouraging.

I have been able to make some home visits with Elders and on my own this month. I am blessed each and every time you open your homes and hearts to me.

Prayer for the beginning of school:

Holy God,
We give you thanks for a school administration that welcomes the prayer support of the faith community. We invite You into every school and district building. We ask for Your guidance in developing a culture where education goes beyond the transfer of information. We long for a culture where healthy relationships are modeled and developed. We ask that You meet the deepest need of each educator and staff person. We pray for each student as they prepare to begin the school year. We seek Your peace for parents who are anxious to send their child(ren) to school; regardless of the reason for their anxiety. May all of this be for Your glory!
In Jesus' name.

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It has been a fantastic month. Pastor Teresa has continued to keep me on my toes. She continued and finished up her Walk this Way series with “Walk this Way, with a Rock in Your Pocket” on July 3rd; “Walk this Way, Chosen” on July 10th, and finally “Walk this Way, Alone” on July 17th. On July 24th Pastor Teresa started a new series “The Stories of Jesus”, as always if you missed any of these sermons or want to revisit them they are all available on the FCC Burnet website at www.fccburnettx.org/sermons/.

The June board meeting was held on the 13th. As Margot and I finally got to celebrate our anniversary, from back in May, on this evening I have asked Bennie, our vice-moderator to put together that report.

With that off my plate for the month I have a little more space for some of my thoughts. First of all, I want to thank Ron for his efforts of working with our insurance company and several different contractors to get the Church’s roof repaired. Next I would like to thank Greg for keeping our Church in working order. He fixed a couple of things this month, one that would show up immediately and one you might not even notice, but very important. The obvious thing was that he replaced the front of the Blessing Box after the hinges had completely come loose and the door was laying on the ground. A few days later he reattached the downspouts on the right side of the front doors. He made sure they were attached better than they had been to the building. If we ever get any rain again that work will be very important. I also want to thank Marilyn for her continued efforts to find things in our Church that have not been used for years and either cleaning them out, finding a place in the community where they can be useful, or bringing before the Board with bigger items for decisions. Lastly I would like to thank Alicia for giving me the privilege of helping her out. I got to move a TV for her to so she could watch it during some of her times she needed to rest in bed and then I got to cut down a few dead branches in her backyard that were possible hazards. I am sure there are other things that take place that I don’t know about. My lesson from this is we have congregation members that are willing to jump in and take on tasks that no one may ever know and if you need help from a member do not hesitate to ask.

The last thing I want to mention is that this newsletter belongs to ALL our congregation. If you would like to contribute to it with thoughts, prayers, good deeds by others, or anything else please do not hesitate to get them to Jonnie Stark. We would love to have them included. As a side note the due date is the last Monday of each month. A deadline that I sometimes meet.

Until next month God Bless!

Wayne



The Board meeting was pretty standard for July. The meeting opened with presentation and approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Elders: Ron reported the Elders have started a Bible study in their monthly meeting.

Deacons: Marilyn reported that communion serving is a continuing evolving process.

Committee Council: Michele reported on all of the plans the Committee Council has on the calendar.

1. New Teacher Bags - to be given out at the Welcome the Teachers Breakfast
2. Noisy Offering August will be for Child Welfare Board's request to help with new school clothes for kids in the Foster Care system. Right now there are 153 kids in the Foster Care system in Burnet County.
3. Back-to-School Convocation Participation
4. Fall Fling on Sept 17 from 10:30 - 2:00. Hot dogs, games, etc. More details will be forth coming.

Pastor's Report: Teresa reported she's not quite ready to host an Open House, but all of her silverware is in the same drawer now.

Unfinished Business:

1. Scholarship Awards: when the last recipient is back in Texas after working at Yellowstone for the summer, we will present her check to her.
2. Roof Repair: Ron has coordinated with the insurance company and Hernandez Roofing and the damaged caused by the tree falling on the church roof will be repaired in the near future. (Note: it's been done.)

3. Benevolence Policy for Drop-Ins was discussed and tabled for further discussion.
4. Church Face Book page: Melissa and Teresa have worked on cleaning up some issues with our FB page. With the increased usage of social media, it was felt that a strong online presence is needed to be able to reach those seeking a church home.

Yvonne Evans' Birthday
 Aug. 21 Senior Citizen's Day



The Burnet Ministerial Alliance is organizing a "Prayer Walk" to take place on August 16th at 9:00a.

Walkers will be covering the schools in our community. These include: Burnet High School, Quest, Burnet Middle School, RJ Ritchie, Shady Grove, Bertram, and the administration building.

Please call Ruby at 512-756-4481 to let her know which school you would like to walk around.

New Business:

1. Marilyn requested that we consider changing the Noisy Offering going to LaCare on odd months to allocating those funds for use in stocking the Ross Blessing Box. After discussion, she made a formal motion, Michele seconded and motion passed. So Odd Months the Noisy Offering will go to Ross' Blessing Box and Even Months to Burnet County Child Welfare Board.
2. Teresa brought up the circle when we sing Bless Be the Tie at the end of Worship Service and just like serving communion it too is an evolving process. At the end of July we will discuss how it's has gone and determine whether or not it is something that we wish to continue.
3. TV in Gathering Area - Ron has put together a slide of information to display on the set on Sunday mornings and any time we have a gathering at church. Listing Sunday School times; Worship Service time, etc. as a way of getting information to any visitors we might have.

Sharing Our Blessings



Thanks to Melissa's observant eye and Greg's handy way with tools, the blessing box door was reinstalled before most people even noticed it had

come off. We suspect it was just a combination of loose screws and gusty wind that caused the problem; Greg has re-hung it securely. Thank you both for your quick action!

Please remember to add an extra can of soup or bag of rice to your grocery basket to put in the blessing box. Every item truly is a blessing! (Seriously, y'all, I don't handle hunger well, and I suspect I'm not alone. Let's share and help everybody be happy.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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| Aug. 05 | BCISD New Teacher Orientation |
| Aug 06 | Spiekermann 70 th Anniversary Reception |
| Aug. 07 | Noisy Offering to benefit BCCWD
First Sunday Luncheon |
| Aug. 10 | 7:00a BCISD Back-to-School Breakfast
6:30p Elder's Meeting
7:00p Board Meeting |
| Aug. 16 | 9:00a Ministerial Alliance Prayer Walk |
| Aug. 20 | Greg Williams' Birthday |

70 Years Together



Peggy & Ernest Spiekermann

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spiekermann will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with a party on Saturday afternoon, August 6, at First Christian Church, 204 E. Graves, in Burnet.

Ernest graduated from Burnet High School in 1950; Peggy (Oestreich) graduated from Llano High School in 1952. They were married on August 10, 1952, at the First Christian Church in Llano.

Ernest spent 20 years serving in the Air Force in San Antonio, Germany, Hawaii, Johnston Island, and Thailand. The family returned to Burnet in 1974 where he and Peggy both taught in the Burnet public schools. Mr. S, as he was known by his students, taught math and science in middle school for 14 years. Mrs. Spiekermann taught second grade at Burnet Elementary for many years before retiring, and then continued to work as a part time teacher. Over the years Ernie and Peggy have spent countless hours active in their church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as well as serving with mission work groups in Texas and New Mexico.

They invite their family, friends, and former students to join them in celebrating this special anniversary. Please come and share your memories!

If you have any questions, please email spiekermann@sbcglobal.net.

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Serving Schedule
August 2022**

	ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer	DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer
Aug 07	Ron Petrick	Sharon Tippie Wayne Spiekermann	Jonnie Stark
Aug 14	Bennie Clark	Jonnie Stark Linda Guess	Sharon Tippie
Aug 21	Hank Holt	Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie	Ron Petrick
Aug 28	Michele Darling	Wayne Spiekermann Jonnie Stark	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.



August 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Pastor Teresa available for visits	4	5 BCISD New Teacher Orientation	6 Speikermann Anniversary Party
7 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Notsy Offering-BCCWD	8	9	10 BCISD Back-to-school Breakfast 6:30p Elder's Mtg. 7:00p Board Mtg.	11	12	13
14 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20 Greg Williams' BD Yvonne Evans' BD
21 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	22	23	24 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25	26	27
28 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	29	30	31			

Elders	
Ron Petrick (2022)	Hank Holt (2023)
Michele Darling (2022)	Bennie Clark (2024)
Deacons	
Linda Guess (2023)	Sharon Tippie (2022)
Marilyn Petrick (2022)	Jonnie Stark (2024)
Wayne Spiekermann (2024)	
Trustees	
Art Johnson (2022)	Richard Dunegan (2023)
Ron Petrick (2024)	

2022 Leadership Team

Pastor	Teresa Trusner
Moderator	Wayne Spiekermann
Vice-Moderator	Bennie Clark
Secretary	Melissa Johnson
Treasurer	Bennie Clark
Historian	Sharon Tippie
Education	Committee Council - Michele Darling Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie Ron Petrick Susan Clark
Faith-Sharing	
Membership	
Outreach	
Property	
Worship	
Disciple Men Rep	
Disciple Women Rep	