



# *THE TIE THAT BINDS...*

## JULY 2022

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I want to shout it from the mountain tops! WOW!  
You have exceeded my imagination of the way a church might welcome a new pastor.

The welcome sign, the decorations in the fellowship hall, and the newspaper article were awesome. The amazing food should not go without mention! Your housewarming gifts were thoughtful and playful. The handwritten notes in your cards absolutely melted my heart. You have gone above and beyond to make me feel, not only welcome, but respected and valued.

Thank you seems like an inadequate sentiment in light of your efforts.

The month of June has stretched me ... 170 miles ... with one foot still in Willow Park and one foot in Burnet. I am grateful for your patience as I finished my responsibilities there and co-located all of my things in Burnet. I am pleased to report that all of my silverware is now in the same drawer!

One word represents my efforts in the search and call process: transparency.

It is my desire to live life wide open with you. Feel free to ask me anything. It is my desire that you know who I am and why I believe what I do. It is my hope that you will learn to trust me as the result of this transparency. In this spirit, as soon as my household is settled, I would like to invite you all to come by and say "hello" during a scheduled open house. Details will follow. It is then my hope, that you will invite me to visit each of you in your homes. For those of you who have already welcomed me into your homes (you know who you are), you already have a gold star!

In the month of July, we will go to work. We responded to 2 requests for financial assistance in the month of June. We should expect these requests are going to increase as the economy struggles. The board has begun to wrestle with a benevolence policy update to guide how we respond to these requests. Many conversations are needed about our plans for the immediate future to fulfill our mission statement: Building Relationships; Growing Faith; Welcoming All In Jesus Christ.

I look forward to living life with you as we serve Jesus together.

Thankful to be your pastor,  
*Teresa*

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I find it hard to believe that June is gone. I guess when you turn 65 things just go out the window. I figure from that point on you start knowing what life is actually about. At least I hope so. It has been a fantastic month. We have had an entire month of sermons by Pastor Teresa. I certainly don't think of myself as a Biblical Scholar but I have certainly learned how far off even my estimate is. I will be working to hopefully bring my knowledge level up a little each and every week. I know it would be best to say every day and that is my ultimate goal but I also want to be realistic with myself. I have asked Pastor Teresa to send her Bible Verse out early each week so I can possibly reach my goal of answering at least one question a week. I know I can turn to dad and pretty much get every answer but I am trying to stand on my own two feet.

As mentioned above we had a full month of sermons by Pastor Teresa. She started us off easy, i.e. no quiz, on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with "Why Pentecost." She then went into her Walk this Way series with "Walk this Way, With a Limp" on June 12<sup>th</sup>, *Happy Birthday Pastor*; "Walk this Way, Float don't Swim" on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and finally "Walk this Way, Like a Dreamer" on June 26<sup>th</sup>. 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/](http://www.fccburnettx.org/sermons/)

The June board meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. From the Treasurer's report Bennie stated you gave \$120 to the Noisy Offering this month! **Fantastic job!!!**

**Department Chair Reports:** Ron reported for the Elders that they share with each other and prayed for those in need in our congregation. Marilyn reported for the Deacons that they continue to serve in various ways. Michele reported for the Committee Council. It has been a quiet month. There was some discussion regarding the Father's Day gift. *As the men know we got a very nice flashlight so thank you Ron!* Earlier discussion suggested that we might have a neighborhood grilled food day, to celebrate Pastor Teresa's hiring, sometime this summer but plans have been put on hold for cooler weather.

**Pastor's Report:** Teresa reported that she felt "welcomed and affirmed" after her first official Sunday. She also announced the theme off her sermon series, which was mentioned earlier.

**Unfinished Business:** Clayton Evans would be receiving his Scholarship award on June 12<sup>th</sup>. *We were honored to have him and his parents at services that Sunday to receive his award.* **Yvonne you should be very proud off what an outstanding young man he is!** Still working on what to do with the AC unit. It is still working so not having to rush to get a new one. Finally, no report to discuss on the Voting Rights of the congregation.

**New Business:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Church's presence on Facebook. There are both an FCC Burnet public site and also a group site. It was determined that we needed only the public site so the group site was closed down during the month. If you have Facebook and are not a member, or you want friends or family to keep up with what is happening in the Church, the site is **First Christian Church – Burnet**. Spread the good word! There will be other plans for this page in the future.

We decided that there should only be one unlocked entrance during Worship Services so it was decided that we would be locking the door into the Fellowship Hall from 10:45 to 11:45am. The front entrance will remain unlocked.

Ron continues to get bids for the roof repair after the storm. He had one bid at the time of the meeting. He has since received a second bid and has passed those on to our insurance adjustor. *We are having our adjustor talk with the neighbor's adjustor to see if a settlement can be reached.* **Thank you Ron for your continued efforts on this!**

Marilyn discussed some school supplies which were found in the attic. It was determined that we would donate them to one of the Elementary schools to help kids this next fall.

We also discussed how to handle drop-ins that are requesting some sort of help. This is important as both Jonnie and Teresa are spending time in the office alone and we want to be able to help people as well as make sure both are also kept safe. Pastor Teresa definitely wants to get information from them so she can follow up to see how the Church can be part of meeting their needs. There will be more discussion in future board meetings as well.

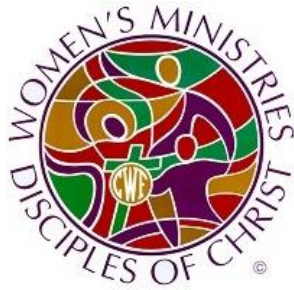
Lastly some of my thoughts. We were overwhelmed with the love shown to dad for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party! For those of you who were able to attend, as well as those who were not, you cannot even begin to imagine how much you each meant to him. For those who were able to attend I hope you were able to enjoy yourselves. It was such a blessing to see my Church Family and my 'Family' family get to know each other, or get to say hello again.

Until next month God Bless!

Wayne

# THANK YOU

*"You are the Salt of the Earth, Light of the World"*  
Matthew 5:13-15



Now that I've recovered from my travels, I wanted to take a moment to thank First Christian Church-United in Lewisville for everything they did to make this CCSW DWM Assembly a success. From our perspective, the assembly was a tremendous success in every way and, a blessed opportunity to fellowship, worship and serve together. It was a life changing experience for all of the participants.

I can't thank Pastor Shannon Grubbs enough for all that she and her fellow Disciples women have done for us on this trip. Not only did she welcome us into their church, but she and the Disciples women opened their hearts to us. I know it was a lot to take on and I hope that it didn't take too long to put things back together.

Each trip I take on behalf of Disciples women provides me with opportunities to dig deeper in my relationship with God and learn to serve Him and my fellow Disciples women. It also allows me to experience a part of the Disciples community that is different from ours at home. I cannot thank First Christian Church-United enough for making that possible for all of us this year.

Jonnie  
BBA/LRGVD Area DWM Coordinator



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### JULY 2022

- July 03 Noisy Offering benefitting LACare.  
First Sunday Luncheon
- July 04 Independence Day  
Church office closed for Holiday
- July 07 - 17 Jonnie will be having shoulder surgery and out of the office.
- July 08 10:30a Planning Meeting
- July 10 Joey Petrick's Birthday  
Richard Stark's Birthday
- July 13 6:30p Elder's Meeting  
7:00p Board Meeting

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**Prayer offered by  
Brian Frederick-Gray**  
Mission Director  
Disciples Peace Fellowship

Holy One, you are the source of all blessings, the center of justice, the wellspring of hope. We know that peace is incomplete without justice and justice is rooted in your love. Inspire within us a passion for that deep peace that breaks down barriers, bridges divides, and courageously follows your call. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our churches, in our communities, among the nations, and throughout creation. We ask these things in the name of Jesus the Christ, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our Faith, ad the one we declare the Prince of Peace. Amen

John 14:27

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## Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship fund for First Christian Church of Burnet was established in an agreement with Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of First Christian (Disciples of Christ) signed by Ruth Evans, Chairman of the Board; and Otis Hudson, Trustee, on January 13, 1987. At that time Rev. Archie Stevenson was serving as minister of our church.

The purpose of the fund is to provide educational grants for Disciple students attending an accredited college, university, or seminary, preferably affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but not restricted to that network of institutions. Our agreement is that the interest of the Trust Fund will be used as follows: Each year, the spend amount is based on a standard 5.5% draw.

Since inception of this fund, we have granted 55 scholarships to individual students for an approximate total of \$64,020.00. Depending on amounts available in the fund, scholarships have ranged from \$250.00 in 1988 to \$2,000. In determining the amount to be given, we have considered the amount available, the number of applicants as well as the number of children from our church who may be eligible for scholarships in the coming years.

This school year 2022 – 2023 the amount available for distribution is \$2,000.00. The fund awarded to 2 students: Clayton Evans and Brooke Pulliam. Brooks lives in Bertram and was a member of the FCC in Bertram. She attends Stephen F Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a degree plan of Hospitality Administration. Clayton Evans plans on attending Central Texas College in Killeen with a degree in Nursing.

Below is a photo of the Evans family and a Thank You note from Clayton after receiving his scholarship during worship service on June 12<sup>th</sup>.



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Dear First Christian Church,

I am extremely honored to have been selected as a recipient for your scholarship. Your generosity for even considering me is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

This scholarship will help me in many ways throughout college from books to tuition. I plan on eventually getting my doctorate, which will take a lot of time and money, and this scholarship gets me one step closer to my goal.

Thank you again for your gracious gift.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Clayton Evans.

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

	ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer	DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer
Jul 03	Michele Darling	Sharon Tippie Wayne Spiekermann	Ron Petrick
Jul 10	Ron Petrick	Marilyn Petrick Linda Guess	Sharon Tippie
Jul 17	Bennie Clark	Wayne Spiekermann Sharon Tippie	Yvonne Evans
Jul 24	Hank Holt	Marilyn Petrick Linda Guess	Ron Petrick
Jul 31	Michele Darling	Wayne Spiekermann Jonnie Stark	Sharon Tippie

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.





# July 2022

*Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year  
June 06 - November 26 Ordinary Time (green)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 4th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30a Adult Study 10:45a Worship NOISY OFFERING  FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON	<b>4</b>  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Jonnie will be out of the office until July 17th	<b>8</b>  10:30a Planning Meeting	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship  Joey Petrick's Birthday  Richard Stark's Birthday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  6:30p Elder's Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 6th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	<b>18</b>  Jonnie Stark's Birthday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship						





<b>Elders</b>	
Ron Petrick (2022)	Hank Holt (2023)
Michele Darling (2022)	Bennie Clark (2024)
<b>Deacons</b>	
Linda Guess (2023)	Sharon Tippie (2022)
Marilyn Petrick (2022)	Jonnie Stark (2024)
Wayne Spiekermann (2024)	
<b>Trustees</b>	
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	}	<b>Committee Council -</b>
Faith-Sharing		Michele Darling
Membership		Marilyn Petrick
Outreach		Sharon Tippie
Property		Ron Petrick
Worship		Susan Clark
Disciple Men Rep		
Disciple Women Rep		

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