



THE TIE THAT BINDS...

SEPTEMBER 2022



Seeing God move. Following God's direction. Feeling God's smile. These are amazing moments and there have been many of them this month. First, a shout out to the Counsel

Committee. They effectively orchestrated multiple events almost simultaneously. Second, I was invited into three opportunities for prayer: The BCISD Clergy Prayer Breakfast, the Highland Lakes Crisis Network Monthly Prayer Meeting, and a Ministerial Alliance Prayer Walk of BCISD properties. Third, requests continue for financial help and we seek ways to go beyond the obvious need requested to meet a more root cause solution. Fourth, most personally, I continue to feel the love and support of all of you. You are a loving Body of Christ and have welcomed me into your church and your lives. I am deeply grateful.

Sometimes we don't know who we are until someone tells us. It has become clear to me that First Christian Church (DOC) Burnet is a recovery church. There is an AA or NA meeting in our building every day of the week. I have asked for a list of these meetings to be put in the bulletin weekly and in this newsletter every month. Saturday night I was working on a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall that speaks to our identity as a Recovery Church. The Saturday night group was beginning to gather. A man who arrived early said, "I normally go to meetings in Marble Falls, but tonight I didn't feel like driving there. I live in Burnet. So I looked it up on line and came here. This is my first time here." I can't stress enough the importance of the fact that we are in ministry with these groups; not their "landlord". This gentleman's sobriety was supported Saturday night by this group being available to him. It is a service we provide to the community. It speaks volumes about who we are as we live out our faith. I KNOW GOD SMILES every time someone's life is touched by one of the groups - and I know it happens EVERY day.

Excitement is mounting for the Fall Fling on September 17. It has provided opportunities to begin developing relationships with the Chamber of Commerce and three newspapers - The Highlander, The Burnet Bulletin, and the Citizens Gazette. The BCISD will be providing publicity as well. In the next two weeks, we will work with the Burnet County Tourism/Marketing Rep to explore other avenues of publicity. Fliers will be printed and we will ask businesses to let us put one in their windows. If you would like to help with this effort, please call me. It is a big undertaking and help would be appreciated. Index size card flyers have been printed for you to use as you invite people to come enjoy the day with us. Personal invitation is the most effective outreach. This fact makes what you do to invite people the most important part of the publicity campaign. However, publicity is not the most important thing. The most important thing is the time we all spend in prayer support of this event. Please commit to pray daily for this event. Prayer target suggestions include: pray we get a good price on hot dogs, pray that each person involved in the preparations and the day feels valued by The Church, pray for the Brooks Crossings duo who will sing God's love song to all who attend, and pray that God will draw people to the event.

We also look forward to my formal "installation" as your pastor on September 18. It is very important that you be in worship on this day. Rev. Walker is our representative minister at the regional level of our denomination. He will be preaching on this day and then preside over the installation ceremony. This ceremony is important Spiritually because it represents a covenant between God, the Body of Christ, and the Pastor. I do not enter into covenant lightly. I will enter into this covenant with an awareness that God has brought me here to partner with you in ministry. It will be a Holy moment that I will always treasure.

Blessings!
Pastor Teresa
817-573-7507 (Cell)



From the moderator...

It has been a busy month. Pastor Teresa continued her series on “The Stories of Jesus”. It went through the entire month. The subject for each week were “Authority” on August 7th, “Healing on the Sabbath” on the 14th, “Miracles on the Way to a Miracle” on the 21st, and finally “The Blind See, the Deaf Hear” on the 28th. 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/ or for sermons starting on the 21st on Facebook on the <https://www.facebook.com/fccdocburnet/> group.

The August board meeting was held on the 17th. We covered quite a few topics therefore it was a pretty long meeting. I will do my best to keep them a little shorter going forward.

Department Chair Reports: Ron reported for the **Elders**. They have started a book study and they continue to share information with each other and pray for those in need in our congregation.

Marilyn reported for the **Deacons** that we finally have a Communion and Offering Service pattern that works with two Deacons.

Michele reported for the **Committee Council**. She bragged on the Congregation for bringing candies for the New Employee Orientation for BCISD. She was also very pleased at how the Church booth at the BCISD breakfast and convocation went. Thank you to all those who contributed to the gift basket. Finally, she wanted everyone to know that it was amazing that we were able to contribute **\$861** to the Child Welfare Board for clothes for schoolkids.

Pastor’s Report: Teresa is working hard to establish herself in the life of the community.

She attended several prayer meetings. August 3rd, BCISD Clergy Prayer Breakfast, August 4th, Highland

Lakes Crisis Network Prayer Meeting, and August 16th, Ministerial Alliance Prayer Walk. She also did some amazing networking at the BCISD breakfast and convocation on August 10th. Two Church Events she attended were Ernie and Peggy’s 70th wedding anniversary on August 6th and she presided over George’s Celebration of Life. Benevolence requests continue to be weekly. This is a topic that the board has created a subcommittee to help set criteria on how these requests should be handled. In the absence of any specific criteria, she is using her best judgement to help with requests. One such request was for gas but she felt they needed a new car battery more. So, between her and Bennie we were able to get this done. She reported that she has been impressed with the Committee Council and their ability to take on multiple events and make each special. *Thank you to the entire committee and specifically Michele for her leadership.* Lastly, she spent a bit of time speaking on the fact our Church is an established “Recovery Church.” She listed the recovery meetings that are currently taking place. This makes a big difference in people’s lives that we may not even know about. She finished by stating “I recommend we begin having conversations about what it means to be a “Recovery Church” (as opposed to we let those people use our building). What would it look like if we considered ourselves to “be in partnership with them in ministry.” *I want to interject that it is wonderful to have a Pastor that lives in our community and is invested in it as well.*

Unfinished Business: Brook Pulliam received her Scholarship award on August 15th. This is the 3rd year for Brooke to be able to use our scholarship. *We were honored to have her and her parents at services that Sunday to receive her award.* She has been an outstanding representative of what this award stands for.

Still working on what to do with the AC units as they are holding on. It is still working so not having to rush to get a new one.

No report to discuss on the Voting Rights of the congregation.

It was reported that the neighbor with the tree that fell on the Church roof was contacted and if her insurance company would cover our deductible to get

the work completed it would be greatly appreciated but if they would not cover it then we would consider the matter closed.

As reported in the Pastor Report the board decided to form a subcommittee to review Benevolence requests. The members are Teresa, Melissa, Bennie and Wayne.

We discussed doing live broadcasts on Facebook of the sermons. We also discussed having an online giving option *As you have seen the last two Sundays we have gone live with Teresa's sermons. The giving option will need further board discussion.*

Michele gave a final board overview of our Fall Fling scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. This will be a celebration to officially welcome Teresa as our new Pastor. It will be open to the community and will feature music, hot dogs, chips, shaved ice and games for adults and kids. The board did approve an extra \$500 to support this event and whatever monies from that that are not used will be transferred to support Benevolence requests.

The final reminder for unfinished business was that Pastor Teresa's installation will take place on Sunday, September 18th. Reverend Al Walker will return to oversee the installation and be our guest speaker for the day.

New Business: We discussed business expenses that have been taken on by individuals that need to be owned by the Church. The board voted to take on these expenses, including two software programs that help Jonnie create our weekly bulletin covers as well as other promotional materials, and finally the cost of the website.

Marilyn spoke on the Highland Lakes Camp scheduled for Thursday, October 6th.

She also had an information email sent and mentioned it in the Church announcements on Sunday, August 21st. *If you are interested, or need further information, do not hesitate to speak with her.*

Since Teresa is becoming more involved in the community and the board meeting covered quite few topics it doesn't give me as much space to say other

things this month. I do however want to thank everyone, from my entire family, who was able to attend mom and dad's anniversary party, or if not able to attend send your best wishes. You will NEVER know how much it meant to them!

I will mention 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 reminder the due date is the last Monday of each month. Which I am actually meeting this month!

Until next month God Bless!

Wayne

FCC Burnet Awards College Scholarship



The Pulliam Family

For many years, the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Burnet has presented a scholarship to a member of the denomination

within the area around Burnet. Since the beginning of the Scholarship Fund in 1988, the church has awarded more than \$64,000 to college attendees. This year the Scholarship Committee recommended Brooke Pulliam for the scholarship. The Board approved to give \$1,000 to Ms. Pulliam. She is now a Senior at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a degree plan of Hospitality Administration. The scholarship was presented to her on Sunday August 14 during worship service. Her family was in attendance for the presentation.



On August 2022, Ernie and Peggy Spiekermann celebrated their **70th wedding anniversary**. During the party, Yvonne Evans read a poem she wrote showing how she and the congregation feel

about Ernie and Peggy.

Dear Ernie and Peggy,

I am writing this to only you because you are the memory holder of a 70-year love affair. Peggy's memories are gone so now you hold them all. I see you holding tight. I see it in your eyes.

I see the love but more important are the many things that I never see in your eyes when you look at Peggy.

I never see anger.

I never see resentment.

I never see impatience.

I never see embarrassment.

I never see irritation or frustration.

I only see love.

A love so deep it can weather whatever life gives you.

I so admire you and am grateful that you are my friend.

Yvonne Evans



Birthdays of the Month

September 07	Paula Harris
September 18	Michele Darling
September 22	Carol Jean "CJ" Daniel
	Hank Holt
September 23	Lana Orr
September 24	Sharon Tippie



Way to Go, FCC! The noisy offering on August 7 that benefited the Burnet County Child Welfare Board came to a total of **\$961.00** in monetary gifts and Wal-Mart gift certificates. The Welfare Board used this donation to purchase school clothing for foster children in our area. This is truly a testament to what we can do together. Thank you all!

Let's Have Some Fun! Plans are in full swing for our upcoming Fall Fling! We are inviting the community to meet Pastor Teresa and join us for this special day. The Fall Fling will be held **September 17 from 10:30-2:30**. There will be live music from sister duo, **Brooks Crossing**. We'll have hot dogs going on the grill for everyone, the Honu shaved ice truck will be here, there will be multiple corn hole games for all ages, face painting, a bubble center and chalk art. Pastor Teresa is working on publicity for this event so let's do our part, too! Invite your friends, family and neighbors. It is going to be a great day at FCC!

Pastor Teresa's Installation Service - September 18. Rev. Al Walker, Regional Minister, will be with us to formally install Pastor Teresa as our new minister. Plan to be in worship that day as this is an important event in the life of the church as we honor Pastor Teresa. A cake and punch reception will follow the worship service.



FALL FLING

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
10:30A - 2:30P**

**HONU SHAVED ICE
(1ST 100 GUESTS FREE!)**

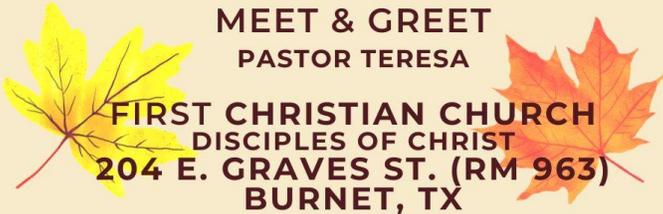
LIVE MUSIC



BROOKS CROSSING

FREE HOTDOGS CORN HOLE FACE PAINTING

**MEET & GREET
PASTOR TERESA**



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
204 E. GRAVES ST. (RM 963)
BURNET, TX**

Fall Fling Press Release

It started with a joke. “How does the Catholic Church announce a new pope? Smoke from a tower. How does our church announce a new pastor? Smoke from a barbecue.” As we endured the sweltering summer, knowing it was too hot to have a cook out, the idea blossomed into an event for the community. The Fall Fling was born and will happen, rain or shine, on September 17, 2022 from 10:30 to 2:30 at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 204 E Graves Ave (RM 963). Come one, Come all! Bring your friends! Free hot dogs for all! The first 100 will receive free shaved ice from the Honu Ice truck. Brooks Crossing will provide entertainment for a love offering.

Other activities include face painting, corn hole, bubble party, and creating chalk art.

Pastor Teresa Trusner came to us on June 1st from Aledo, Texas where she served as Senior Pastor for 6 years. Service describes her heart. She demonstrated her desire to be involved in her new community when we lost her for an hour at the BCISD Convocation. We should have known she would be away from our booth chatting up all the other vendors. Please join us as we honor her desire to invite the entire community to share a day of fun. We are sure she will want to talk to each one of you!

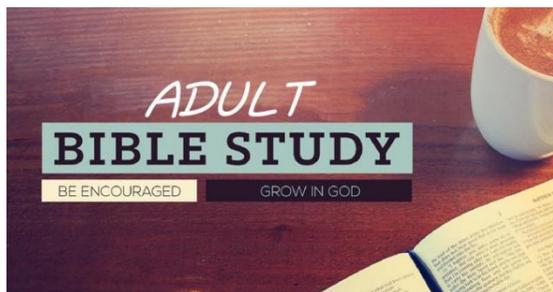


September

- 04 Noisy Offering to benefit Ross' Blessing Box
- 04 First Sunday Luncheon
- 05 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 07 Paula Harris' Birthday
- 14 6:30p Elders Meeting
- 14 7:00p Board Meeting
- 17 **10:30a-2:30p Fall Fling**
- 18 Installation Service for Pastor Teresa
- Michele Darling's Birthday
- 22 Carol Jean "CJ" Daniel's Birthday
- Hank Holt's Birthday
- 23 Lana Orr's Birthday
- 24 Sharon Tippie's Birthday
- 25 Reconciliation Offering
- 26 Newsletter Articles are due

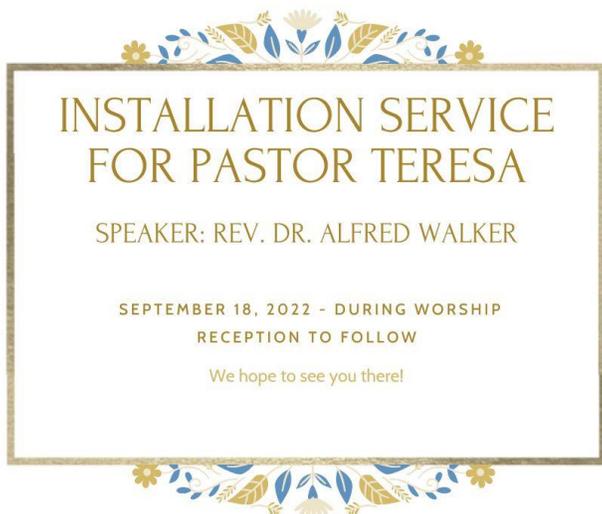
Recovery Meetings

First Sunday of the Month 1:30 - 4pm - AA District Mtg
Monday - Friday Noon - AA Noon Group
(sometimes meet at 11 before the meeting)
Wednesday & Saturday 7-8pm Solutions AA
Thursday & Sunday 7-8pm Non-Fiction Addiction



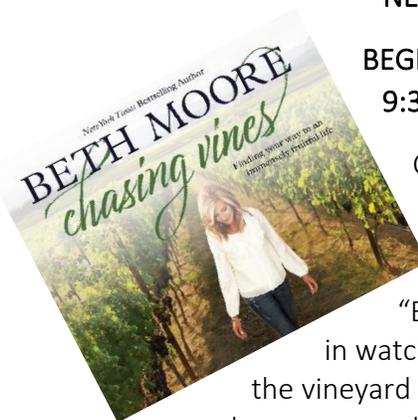
Beginning this Sunday, the lessons for the Adult Sunday School Class for Fall will be about Freedom. We will be studying how to grow closer to our God and explore deeper meaning of the freedom God gives us as believers. The world's understanding of freedom can be warped to mean that people agree to pursue their own will and their own goals. Our Christian understanding of freedom includes surrendering to God's will and joyfully submitting to love and serve with all we are. Embracing biblical freedom is not easy, but it's the only way to be free. Greg Williams will lead us during the first lessons.

COME JOIN OUR CLASS THAT BEGINS AT 9:30 EVERY SUNDAY MORNING.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING: September 11th @ 9:30a



Chasing Vines: Finding your way to an Immensely Fruitful Life, by Beth Moore

“Explores the ways God delights in watching things grow – and how the vineyard holds the secret to how we can have a more abundant and meaningful life.

As she traces the metaphor through Scripture, Beth takes you on a spiritual journey and uncovers how every part of our own lives – even the rockiest, most difficult soil – is used by God to make a difference for His Kingdom.”

The Chasing Vines experience is more than just a bible study, it's a journey you don't want to miss! Come join us, starting September 11 @ 9:30 a.m.

You need to bring nothing for class (you might want your bible), we will watch a DVD, and discuss “How to Live a Fruitful Life”.

“THANK YOU LETTERS” WERE RECEIVED FROM Caroline Ragsdill, President of the Burnet County Child Welfare Board and Jessi Perez, Assistant to the Superintendent of Burnet Consolidated ISD.



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

	ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer	DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer
Sep 04	Ron Petrick	Linda Guess Marilyn Petrick	Sharon Tippie
Sep 11	Michele Darling	Sharon Tippie Wayne Spiekermann	Jonnie Stark
Sep 18	Bennie Clark	Jonnie Stark Linda Guess	Ron Petrick
Sep 25	Hank Holt	Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie	Yvonne Evans

Communion Preparation: Marilyn Petrick
Fellowship Snacks: Care Group 1: Ron/Marilyn

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

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September 2022

Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year
 June 6 - November 26 - Ordinary Time (green)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Adult Study Sunday School 9:30a Weekly Worship Service 10:45a</p> <p>AA District Meeting - First Sunday 2p-5p</p>				<p>1</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addicion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>
<p>4</p> <p>13th Sunday after Pentecost First Sunday Luncheon</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>5</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p>12:00-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>Paula Harris' Birthday</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>World Suicide Prevention Day</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>
<p>11</p> <p>14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>6:30p Elder's Mtg 7:00p Board Mtg</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fall Fling w/ Brooks Crossing 10:30a-2:30p</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>
<p>18</p> <p>15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Pastor Installation Service</p> <p>Michele Darling's Birthday</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>Paula Harris' Birthday</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>CJ Daniel's and Hank Holt's Birthday</p> <p>7p-NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>Lana Orr's Birthday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sharon Tippie's Birthday</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>
<p>25</p> <p>16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Reconciliation Special Offering</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!!!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>7p AA Solutions</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p> <p>7p NA Nonfiction Addiction</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00p-1:00p AA - Noon Group</p>	<p>7p AA Solutions</p>

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 -
Faith-Sharing		Michele Darling
Membership		Marilyn Petrick
Outreach		Sharon Tippie
Property		Ron Petrick
Worship		Susan Clark
Disciple Men Rep		
Disciple Women Rep		