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Wayne's Wanderings

Hello Again. It is Fall, or close enough for me to go buy firewood. I look forward to football, shorter days, cool weather, holidays....and EVERYONE getting back to church! It has been tough the last 12 months and we are due good days ahead! I believe we are going to have what is called "break out!" in the days ahead. I am praying for a special double portion of Love, Joy, Peace, wrapped with God's Grace and Mercy, just oozing from our hearts and out our bodies. I believe we will have lots of new folks coming to church, and I want you to be ready to get to know them by name. Be ready to take them to lunch, invite them to Sunday School with you and to the other events that this church is famous for. We want to get back to the 140 or more in worship and get back to being one of the best churches in town. Remember that spiritual people do spiritual things and that is best done in the ministry of First Christian Church! I will see you in church ready for some Fall worship!



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IT'S POTLUCK TIME AGAIN!

On September 12th we will have a Potluck Dinner, right after worship. We know it will be excellent and will build good fellowship. As you cook your favorite dish, think of a person you can bring as a guest that Sunday. Also remember that when we eat, the poor eat also. Bring food on September 12th for Operation Blessing and be a blessing!

PASTOR LEADING STUDY ON 2ND COMING!

So what do you know, think or believe about the 2nd coming of Christ? Are you a pre-millennialist or a post-millennialist? Is the Anti Christ Hitler, Saddam Hussain or your ex husband? What does the Book of Revelations say and what is going to happen. Is Christ's coming soon or not? Starting on September 8th and lasting until we have all the answers, the study of End Times will be held on Wednesdays. This is going to be fun...and a bit weird. Come and join us!

ELDERS AT THE TABLE

September 5 John & Lynda Hathaway
 September 12 Chuck Bailey & Karen Cowan
 September 19 Cindy Ashlock & Jeff Cooper
 September 26 Perry & Adrienne Anderson

SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 –Rev. Wayne Ashlock
 “A New Season and A New Start”
 Isaiah 6:1-10
 September 12 -Rev. Wayne Ashlock
 “United In Prayer”
 Luke 22:24-32
 Acts 1:12-14
 September 19 – Rev. Wayne Ashlock
 “The Poor Among Us”
 Deuteronomy 15:7-11
 Proverbs 3:27
 September 26 – Rev. Wayne Ashlock
 “Forgiveness With A Guarantee”
 Matthew 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY MEALS

September 1 No Meal
 September 8 Lasagna & salad
 September 15 Mexican Fiesta
 September 22 Sloppy Joes
 September 29 Chicken Alfredo & Garlic Bread

SEPTEMBER CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

Class Hosting Lost & Found
 (Led by Lynda Hathaway)
 Communion Elizabeth Price

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
July	25	111	\$2,810.80	\$66.50
Aug	1	113	\$3,711.62	\$81.00
Aug	8	115	\$4,865.99	\$50.00
Aug	15	132	\$2,526.00	\$625.50

Stewardship month is approaching and this year we will be defining what stewardship means. So please be in prayer about what stewardship means to you. Thank you for your continued giving!!!

DISCIPLE CROSSING WORK TRIP

Jerry Scott and Pastor Wayne are going to the camp in Athens to work on the building and grounds in September. Do you want to join us? We will stay in the cabins, cook, and work. We are going to work at least two of the days, maybe more during the September 7-11 project. Check the bulletin board for more information!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

* Sunday, August 29th and September 5th bring your old tennis shoes (athletic-type-no CLEATS). In cooperation with University Christian Church in Ft. Worth, these shoes will be distributed to homeless men, women and children. Any pairs beyond reuse, will be taken to the Nike store to be recycled into cushiony playground surfaces.

* You can still contribute to Southwest Good Samaritan Chapel Chair project. \$25.00 will purchase 1 chair. This is our Disciples of Christ center in Los Fresnos.

* Kroger’s Neighbor to Neighbor donation program: Every time you shop at Kroger and swipe your Kroger plus card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to neighbor Donation Fund. These funds will be donated to Operation Blessing of Johnson County. If you wish to participate in this program you can pick up the letter in the church office. Take the letter to Kroger and once it is swiped it will be connected to your card for a full year.

* Please contribute \$ to our SnackPak program. School has resumed and we will be receiving information about students who do not have enough to eat on the weekends. If you write a check, be sure to “memo” – SnackPak – or place cash in an envelope and write SnackPak. (include your name on envelope so that you will receive donation giving from the church financial secretary.)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to help others – we are all God’s Children!!
 Jane Silvey and The Outreach Committee

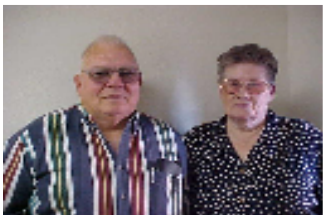
BABY NEWS!!!!

We want to introduce you to Emmalee Grace Scott, she was born on August 9, 2010 weighing 9lbs 13 oz 20 ½ inches long.

The proud grandparents are Jerry and Darla Scott.



A Grief Observed



We recently learned of the passing of Ralph Bowers, longtime member of FCC. Ralph passed away on Friday, July 23rd and the funeral was

conducted by Rev. Steve Durbin. Be in prayer for Bessie and the family during this time of grief.

WE HAVE A DATE FOR YOU!

- Sept. 5th – Pastor Wayne returns from sabbatical.
 - Sept. 6th – Office Closed for Labor Day.
 - Sept. 7th – Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Beth Moore “Here and Now... There and Then...”
 - Sept. 8th – Wednesday Meal returns at 5:45 PM.
 - Sept. 8th – First study – “The End Times”, 6:30 PM
 - Sept. 11th – Widow Patrol, 9:00 AM.
 - Sept. 12th – Food for Operation Blessing gathered during worship service.
 - Sept. 15th – New Wednesday Ladies study, “Friendship for Grown-ups”, 6:30 PM.
 - Sept. 19th – Cabinet meets after worship.
 - Sept. 20th – Elders meet at 6:00 PM.
Board meets at 7:00 PM.
 - Sept. 26th – Pastoral Relations meet at 5:00 PM.
 - Oct. 3rd – Church Birthday, Stump Preaching
 - Oct. 24th – Chili Cook-off, Dessert Auction
- Every day is the day to love God and neighbor!!!

SEPTEMBER YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

Attention all Youth and Parents!!!

It’s all beginning! September is here and so is everything else. We are so excited to be starting a new year with a new group of kids.

Jr. High and High School:
September 5th~ Youth Group
September 12th~ Youth Group
September 19th~ Youth Group
September 26th~ Youth Group

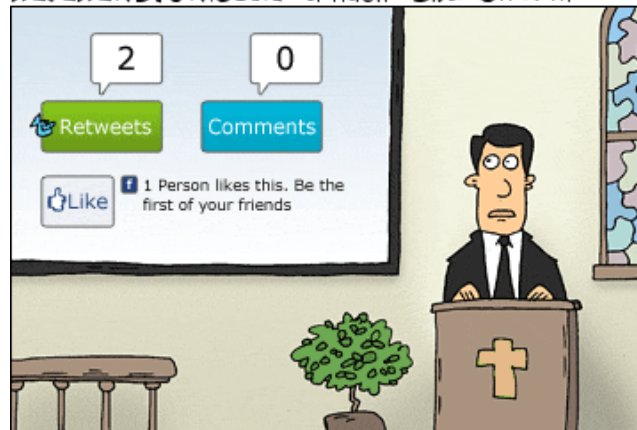
Special Dates to remember:
October 9th~ CYF DAY @ TCU!!! Go Frogs!
November 5-7~ Chi Rho Fall Retreat
November 19-21~ CYF Fall Retreat

If you are interested in helping out or just staying abreast of what is going on with children and youth please email me at rev.ewilliams@yahoo.com , give me a call at 309-267-1588, or write on my facebook!

Blessings and Peace
~Emily

JOKE FOR SEPTEMBER

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IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IT UP

SUSAN ELLIS, CISD TEACHER OF THE YEAR!!!!



Susan Ellis started out teaching late in her life as she followed Ken in his Air Force career as a "stay at home mom" and part time substitute. In 1991 she started substituting for Edmond ISD full time and in 1992 was offered a full time teaching position. Susan taught 4th

grade for 5 years at Sunset Elementary School. When Ken retired from the Air Force in 1997, she had applied to 5 different school districts in this area and Cleburne ISD called her in for an interview. After two additional interviews she was hired at Cooke Elementary School. At Cooke Elementary she taught 5th grade before moving to Cleburne Intermediate School, teaching 5th grade when CISD put 5th and 6th together. Susan has been teaching 5th grade at Marti Elementary School ever since. This is her 14th year teaching in CISD. The rest is history.

TUESDAY LADIES STUDY.....

Will be joining the First United Methodist Ladies in their Beth Moore Study of Revelations. The study is called "Here and Now... There and Then..." they will meet starting Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM-8:00 PM. If unable to meet on Tuesdays they are offering the study on Wednesday, September 8th 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. The cost is \$10.00 for the study guide. Call Diane Lanman 817-648-6160 if you want to attend and let her know. Leaders will be Phyllis Fife or Kim Long.

WEDNESDAY LADIES STUDY....

Come join us starting Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM for the book study "Friendship for Grownups" written by Lisa Whelchel (child star Blair from the "Facts of Life"). This study is a 12 week study that will be led by Shelbie Norton. We will wrap up the study by going to the 2nd Annual Ladies Night Out at the Bend (ladies praise and worship) on Tuesday, January 11th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. If you are interested in this study please e-mail Shelbie at teacherrv@yahoo.com. The book can be purchased at any Christian Book store.

WHY GOD MADE TEACHERS

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

Kevin William Huff

THE FUTURE

The future walks in children's shoes,
For better or for worse;
For some will learn to love God's Word,
While others learn to curse.

But while their hearts are young and bright,
And thoughts so easily led,
Is when we should prepare them for
Whatever lies ahead.
For Satan is so very real,
And in this world today
These priceless little children's minds
Can be such easy prey.

But if their hearts are won for Christ,
(Each one's a precious jewel)
The Master's hand can make each one
A dedicated tool.

R.J. Blair