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## **WAYNE'S WANDERINGS**

Greetings in the name of our Lord, hope you all are well. Life is interesting. Such a hot summer and then as I write this article the weather is changing, cloudy with a bit of rain, and that makes the news! People get so excited about the weather. Hurricane Irene has dominated TV the last few days. In one church that I pastored we had a lady addicted to the Weather Channel, left it on all the time. That was weird. Someone once asked Mark Twain if it would ever stop raining (during an extended period of rainy season), and he answered, "It always does." Weather conditions always will change eventually, for it is God's design that we have seasons of change. The only thing constant in life is change and God. Weather goes good and bad, we have good and bad days, times of health and unhealth, of prosperity and poverty, change happens. The responsibility of we who are Spiritual is to keep our eyes on Heaven, so we are not thrown off course because of changes in our circumstances. One of my favorite verses is from 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the

Lord, knowing that your work is not in vain in the Lord." My job is to check in with God, loving Him with all I have and loving my neighbor as myself and then walk steady! My job is to be growing Spiritual fruit and when squeezed by pressures of change, out of my person comes love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self controlled by the Holy Spirit. We have an important work to do for God, walk steady in His love and strength and you shall surely "Make God proud and Jesus famous" as Fall approaches. I hope to see you in church.!

*Da Rev*





## SEPTEMBER YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

### Hey there sports-fans!

This is my first official newsletter to y'all and I couldn't be more excited! Coming up in the next week we have a lock-in! It will start at 5:00 PM on Sunday evening, and will end at 9:00 AM on Monday morning. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered. Youth coming to the lock-in will need to bring a swimsuit, because at some point in the evening we will be going over to the Bennett's house for a swim session! I've had the pleasure of stepping into some more leadership positions in the church, as well as joining the church this past Sunday and I couldn't be happier! Coming up soon there will be sign up's for CYF and Chi-Rho fall retreats, so be keeping an ear out for that! I realize that this is a short newsletter, but I haven't been here that long!

God bless ya'll!

Pastor Burr

If you have questions call or email me at 816-589-2279 or [steven.burr@tcu.edu](mailto:steven.burr@tcu.edu)

### SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 4 – “Half Empty or Half Full?”  
Numbers 13:23-33 & 14:1-3
- September 11 - “Like A Roaring Lion!”  
I Peter 5:6-11
- September 18 – Pastor Steven Burr  
“Training for the Race”  
Philippians 3:14
- September 25 – “No Looking Back!”  
Genesis 19:17, 26  
Hebrews 12:1-2

### LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

- September 4 Robby Owen
- September 11 Roger Matlock
- September 18 Lisa Chandler
- September 25 Susan Ellis

### ELDERS AT THE TABLE

- September 4 Fred Bennett & Bob Brown
- September 11 Ken & Susan Ellis
- September 18 John & Lynda Hathaway
- September 25 Perry & Adrienne Anderson

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

- September 7 Beans & Cornbread
- September 14 Meatloaf
- September 21 Chili Cheese Dogs
- September 28 Fried Chicken

### SEPTEMBER CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Class Hosting Lost & Found  
(Led by Lynda Hathaway)
- Communion Nelson & Robin Gagne

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
July	24	117	\$3,659.00	\$40.50
July	31	134	\$2,616.00	\$91.50
Aug	7	105	\$4,524.00	\$61.00
Aug	14	140	\$2,292.00	\$49.50
Aug	21	104	\$2,629.00	\$30.00

### Battlefield Sisters Start New Study!

Starting September 13th, at 6:30 PM, the ladies group known as the Battlefield Sisters will start a new study on "*Psalms 91, Real Life Studies of God's Shield of Protection*" written by Peggy Joyce Ruth, plus it comes with a work book. Cindy Ashlock is the lead person on this study and can get you the book and workbook if you wish to be a part. Come and study and share your life and learn from other's journeys with God.

## IN THE DAYS AHEAD....

**Sept. 2 - Game night**, 6:00 PM we all gather in the Fellowship Hall, bringing food to share and games to play and laughs to laugh, a church that plays together stays together!

**Sept. 4 - Special Prayer Time** - instead of Sunday School, all of us gather in the Sanctuary to pray as a total congregation, facing to the north, east, south and west and speaking to the earth to return to God!

**Sept. 4 - Youth Lock In** - Call Steven and find out how you can help (816-589-2279) or get your 6-12th grader packed for a Labor Day Special Event!

**Sept. 8 - Agape meal**, we feed the Lodge (our local homeless shelter) at 6:00 PM, although if you can help cook, we will need you to start earlier. Call John Hathaway or Beverly Boyer and find out how you can help!

**Sept. 10 - Widow Patrol** rides out at 9:00 AM, doing deeds of kindness for a few hours, why not make this a part of your loving God by loving others?

**Sept. 11 - Mission Meal** - Baked Potatoes Piled High! -You come to Fellowship Hall after worship and get a HUGE potato loaded and make a HUGE donation that will go to planting trees in Joplin on our March Mission Trip.

**Sept. 11 - Food for Operation Blessing**, because when we eat, the poor eat too, so bring a sack of food to worship that Sunday and it will be brought before God at the offering time.

**Sept. 18 - Cabinet** meets at 4:00 PM, working on the work of the church, Committee leaders of FCC are expected to be there.

**Sept. 19 - Elders** meet at 6:00 PM to pray and share concerns of the Body, asking God for insight and vision for leading this church to be what God wants us to be.

**Sept. 19 - The Board** of FCC will convene at 7:00 PM to hear reports and do the business of the church, this meeting is open to any and all who wish to be there.

**Sept. 23** - The P.E.A. will leave the church at 6:30 PM (note the time change) to go eat catfish in Godley, a yummy time of laughter, sharing and growing as the Family of God. Why not? You gotta eat somewhere!!!



## And Then There Is "EVERY"!

**EVERY Sunday**, we have 4 adult, 2 youth, 2 children Sunday School classes, meeting at 9:30 AM right after EVERY Sunday of coffee and donuts at 9:00 AM.

**EVERY Sunday** we have Youth at 5:00 PM, and need you to not only bring your youth, but also help with meals and chaperoning the huge crowd.

**EVERY Sunday** we have Prayer for Healing, 5:30 PM, meeting to worship, share and pray for each other, anointing with oil and believing that the "fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much!"

**EVERY Wednesday** some wonderful men meet at 7:30 AM, with donuts and coffee, opening and discussing the Word of God.

**EVERY Wednesday**, at 5:45 PM, we cook a meal for you, cheap and easy, \$2-3/person, no more than \$10 a family, dishes done for you, a pure time of fellowship and food.

**EVERY Wednesday** we will have a special study led by the Pastor, either through video or just the old fashioned Bible way, 6:30 PM.

**EVERY Wednesday**, at 6:30 PM while the adults are studying, faithful Becky has an excellent time of study, song and crafts for the 1st - 5th grade children, plus the nursery is staffed for the younger ones.

**EVERY Friday**, at 8:30 AM, we have a group of intercessors that gather in the Sanctuary to pray over the prayer requests you turn in, and we have room for more of you to come and help pray!

### **New Members!!!**

**Tommy Thompson** joined our church by statement of faith. Tommy lives at 510 Forrest, his phone is 682-459-3912 and his birthday is Nov. 21st. He is the fiancée of Amanda Coffia (to be married on Feb 23rd), he is studying to be an auto mechanic.

**Chris and Tessa Cooper** joined our church by moving their membership from another church. Chris is married to Roger and they have two daughters. Chris works at Lockheed, her birthday is Oct. 19 and her phone is 817-296-3009. Tessa is a 9th Grader at Godley, birthday is May 4th, and she loves drama.

**Zachary Dekam** joined our church by statement of faith; he lives at 3700 CR 913, birthday is August 11, and his phone is 817-372-7372. Zachary is a senior at Joshua High School and is famous for the saxophone and clarinet and leading out in band.

**Diane Edwards** also joined by statement of faith, she lives at 316 N Wilhite, her birthday is March 16 and her phone is 817-641-1133. Diane is part of the Christian Job Corps and she loves to cook.

### **Steven Burr and Ariel Jorgensen**

also have joined our church.

Steven comes moving his membership into our church from his last place of worship, his address is 6131 Avery Drive, Ft. Worth, his phone is 816-589-2279, and his birthday is July 9th. Steven is our new Youth Pastor and is starting Brite School of Divinity at T.C.U. Ariel comes confessing Christ as her Lord and Savior and will be baptized soon. Her address is 2801 Benbrook Blvd, Ft. Worth, 7609, and her birthday is April 25th. Ariel loves horses and has been a model. Steven loves music, serving God and FCC!



### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!**



FCC made "Christmas in July" for some families in our city as we collected cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and baby wipes, diapers

and more, ALL for the Family Crisis Center here in Cleburne. We remembered Jesus birthday by loving others going through a tough transition time in their lives. Rick Blaine and Charles Collins got to play Santa as they delivered all the items to the Family Crisis Center. Thank you to everyone who donated!!!!

### **Before the Dawn of Day**

Oh may I seek Thee, Father God,  
Before the dawn of day;  
That I might find, through eyes of faith,  
All cobwebs swept away.

If I failed, in evening hours,  
To do Thy perfect will;  
Oh may I, God, come morning light,  
My mission to fulfill!

Oh help me fathom, Father God,  
Thy bounties all around;  
That I not cease to praise Thy name,  
My joy in Thee abounds!

May I recall a special morn  
When darkened where the skies;  
When mammoth stone was rolled away,  
As tears filled Mary's eyes!

For she heard Jesus call her name,  
As none had done before,  
And thus, tho' dawn had not appeared,  
The skies were dark no more!

My heavenly Father, tho' as yet  
No sunlight gilds the skies;  
Oh may I, God, through joy in Thee,  
Be blest in Thy dear eyes!

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