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DISCIPLES DISPATCH

Official Newsletter of the First Christian Church



Haworth Hash *Prayer Invites God In*

I know, Friends, that this Newsletter is finding you in the MIDDLE of June 2023. We call it a monthly newsletter, and yet for the life of me, I can't seem to get the newsletter out ON TIME each month.

There's a good reason for that, Folks. Our church life is FULL OF BLESSINGS. Just a quick glance through the following pages, and you'll see how much we've got going! There's youth events... a Rummage Sale... a Baby Shower... new visitors and welcoming old friends.

Every week feels like a new adventure. I never know what exactly to expect on Sunday mornings. But I know that God's hand will be in it, come what may. We have prayed for life and activity to come back into our church. You know what they say... *be careful what you pray for. God will answer your prayers!*

Through the months of June and July, we'll be talking about the power of prayer during a new sermon series, *An Attitude of Prayer*. Prayer INVITES God into our lives and our world. God communicates with us in A LOT of different ways. That word, INVITE, stands for how we experience God's presence through prayer... Inspire, Nurture, Verify, Invoke, Teach, and Encourage.

THANK YOU for joining me on this journey of Faith. Your love - and your prayers - mean the world to me. Together, we hold each other up before the Lord. God bless you!

Christina

Vacation Bible School at First Christian Church of Wichita Falls

Our brothers and sisters at First Christian Church of Wichita Falls invite our church kids to participate in their VBS program, *To Mars & Beyond!*
Dates: July 10-13, M-Th, 9am-noon, 4yo - 5th grade
Register online at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/fccvbs23>
Transportation available...
contact Rev. Christina



This month:

Monday Night Bible Study
MONDAYS @ 7PM

Choir Practice
WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM

Disciples Personal Care Pantry
TUES. JUNE 13TH, 10AM-1PM

Board Mtg
WED., JUNE 14TH @ 6PM

Back Up 3 Party
FRI. JUNE 16TH @ 6PM

Juneteenth Celebration
SAT., JUNE 17TH
HS GYM, BEGINS 9AM

Father's Day
SUN., JUNE 18TH

Elders Mtg
WED., JUNE 21ST @ 6PM

Disciples Personal Care Pantry
SAT. JUNE 24TH, 10AM-1PM

Prayer Circle
WED., JUNE 28TH



June Lay Schedule

Date	Lay Leader	Elder	Deacon	Church Checker
6/18	Janet Fowler	Deda VanDonge	Louise Cochran	The VanDonges
6/25	Deda VanDonge	Jhan VanDonge	Ron Barb	The Bradys
7/2	Louise Cochran	Margaret Arlington	Susan Brady	The Arlingtons
7/9	Ron Barb	Rhonda Gettig	Louise Cochran	The VanDonges



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Continues!



Join us Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for our church's Bible Study of the New Testament book of Hebrews using Max Lucado's study guide. We have extra study guides so we welcome you to bring your Bible and join us as we read, discuss and pray together!

THANK YOU

The ministry of First Christian Church would not be possible without YOU!

Thanks to Louise Cochran, Deda Van Donge, and Margaret Arlington for filling the Administrative Assistant position.

THANKS to Louise Cochran for all her efforts in setting up the Disciples Women's Rummage Sale!

Our Disciples Personal Care Pantry was awarded a \$5000 grant from the National Benevolent Association.

This money is to be used for Older Adult Ministries, which makes up a significant portion of our Pantry clients. In the coming months we will be working with the NBA to complete the requirements of the grant.



DISCIPLES PERSONAL CARE PANTRY
2ND TUESDAY & 4TH SATURDAY
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M



THANKS to those who helped serve 39 families (85 families in April altogether): Shelley Alongi, Deda VanDonge, Sharon Brady, Jhan VanDonge, Johnessa Gaffney, Judy Brady, Liam Brady and Brent Haworth!



National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Pentecost Blessings

Our church is blessed with VARIETY.

Each week, God continues to show up and bless our worship. The pictures below demonstrate how much is happening in our church family. We have kids offering flowers on Mother's Day... celebrating a baby shower with Ashley Lewis and her family as they welcome a baby girl in July... welcoming a new church member, Will Splude, and sharing in the blessing of his baptism.



Truly the Holy Spirit is present in the place. Thank you for joining us on this faith journey.

Hold on tight! God has a plan for First Christian Church!



CHURCH STAFF

Minister Rev. Christina Haworth // Admin. Assistant Searching
Pianist Shelley Alongi // Nursery Attendant Devon Hood // Custodian Stacey Nix

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Prayer Concerns

Please pray for our church, those who are ill, the homebound, and our government officials.

- Tod Salts
- Jerry Van Donge
- Barbara James
- Rhonda & David Gettig (travel)
- Junior Frye
- Ted Kubanek (Peaches Gilbert father)
- Janelle Cremeens
- Linda Jendzeizyk (VanDonge extended family)
- Jan & Dan Bornemann (Rev. Christina's parents)
- William Splude, Willie Munroe, Jimmy Jackson (Pantry clients)
- John Paulsen



PRAY for our TROOPS

Francis Adouffei, James Angell, Army Guard Unit of Wichita Falls, Kerry Belcher, Dakota Bloodworth, Andy Bulbis, Aaron Cochran Kyle Denton, Cody Hendrickson, Mickey Langley, Andrew Lindgen, Brent Mann, Christopher Mann, Charinda Moreira, Nathan Morse, Kevin Sappington, Steve Schutte



Sept. 7th

Have you heard?



Spread the word!

Texoma Gives is right around the corner! We'll be making a major drive for donations during August so that the Fund may win additional cash prizes on 9/7. But you can give to the Scholarship Fund ANYTIME!

Please send your donation to:
First Christian Church
214 N Ave D
Burkburnett, TX 76354
Attn: John Crane Scholarship Fund



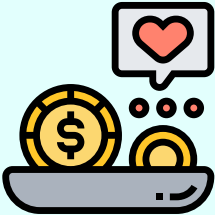
CURRENT LAY LEADERS

Elders for 2022	Term Ending	Board
Officers		
Deda VanDonge	12/31/25	Secretary
Jhan VanDonge	12/31/25	
Rhonda Gettig	12/31/24	
Margaret Arlington	12/31/24	Treasurer
Deacons for 2022	Term Ending	Board
Officers		
Susan Brady	12/31/25	
Louise Cochran	12/31/24	Vice
President		
Janet Fowler	12/31/24	
Hal Halpain	12/31/24	
Ron Barb	12/31/25	President
Trustees for 2022		
Ron Barb	12/31/24	
Susan Brady		
Louise Cochran		

Life Term Elders, Deacons and Trustees
John Paulsen Deacon for Life
Hugh Halpain Deacon for Life

DOLLAR\$ AND ¢ENTS

Our Church Finances
Weekly Tithe Goal: \$2271



April 2023

Week of	Income	Expenses
2	\$760	
9	\$7203	
16	\$470	
23	\$801	
Total	\$9234	

May 2023

Week of	Income	Expenses
7	\$1575	
14	\$1144	
21	\$661	
28	\$3301.20	
Total	\$8579.20	

THANK YOU for the many ways that you continue to financially and spiritually support our church.

HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR QUESTION?

You can reach Rev. Christina Haworth at 580.478.8872 or revhaworth@gmail.com
You can email the church at office@burkfcc.org or call 940.569.2062
We are on Facebook, too! Click here: <https://www.facebook.com/fccburrk/>

Latest and Greatest from Disciples Women

On Monday, May 7 disciples women met for their last meeting before the summer break. Louise led us in the opening prayer. She read Psalm 23 for our encouraging lesson. It is nice to be reminded that the Lord is always our shepherd and is guiding and protecting us.

After a short business meeting, we adjourned for lunch.

During the business meeting, the minutes for the April meeting were read and approved as written. The treasurer gave the balance is \$6342.08.

The final results of the rummage sale, which was held May 6 were not of immediately available, but will be reported at a future date. It was, however, very successful.

It was noted that the manual carpet sweeper budgeted at the last meeting had been purchased. We now have a new carpet sweeper. This was the final act of the business meeting. See you in September when we resume our daytime meetings at 11 AM.

Attendance: Shelley, Bernie, Louise, Susan and Christina

Rummage Sale Riches Abound!



Above Left: Bernie & Janet are ready to check out shoppers who have found new treasures.
Above Right: Shelley, Bernie, and Louise show off some of the Disciples Women's Rummage Sale wares.
This sale was made possible thanks to a small army of volunteers, but chiefly Louise Cochran made this event happen! Thanks to these folks' efforts, the Sale raised over \$2000. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

CHURCH KIDS' CORNER

Left, Isabel shows mom Tamaura & Ashley Hood who's boss!



Right, Devon Hood & Lydia put together a cross craft for the Sunday School room.



Below left, Susan Brady stands with grandkids Alex and Judy.



Below right, kids sit on the chancel during the Children's Message with Mr. Jeff.



I have to apologize to Shirley Crane. In the last issue of the *Disciples Dispatch*, I neglected to include her donations given in honor of loved ones.

These include Poinsettias 2022 In honor of: Pat Taylor, Margaret Arlington, Susan Brady, Deda VanDonge, Louise Cochran; and In memory of: John Crane, Ruby Hassett
Easter Lilies 2023 In memory of John Crane and in honor of Pantry workers



Jhan and Deda Van Donge pose with grandson Noah Grissom. Noah graduated from Rider High School in Wichita Falls. He will attend the University of North Texas in Denton in the fall. He's the son of Robin and Eric VanDonge.


GRADUATE
 = 2023 =

Melissa Brady, granddaughter of John and Susan Brady, graduated from Bowie HS on May 26th. She graduated with honors and will attend MSU this fall.



Madison Hozdic graduated from the University of Utah on May 5th with degree in Graphic Design & Gaming.



Angel and Tamon Manzel married on April 21, 2023. TJ gave away the bride. John Killip, Angel's uncle, officiated at the private ceremony in Iowa.



Taryn Hozdic graduated from Jordon High School in Katy, Texas, on May 25th. She will attend the University of California at Santa Barbara.

At Right, Brent Haworth and Shelley Alongi stop for dinner on the way home from the Dallas Train Station. Shelley traveled to California to attend her oldest niece's high school graduation. Sunday Worship wasn't the same without her!



Lydia Haworth (below) was invited to speak during the Burk ISD May School Board Meeting about her involvement in TIE Club, an after school leadership program. She talked about the importance of teamwork with her friend, LJ Richeux.



Jacob Hudson received the Greenland FFA degree for 1st level of leadership completion at the end-of-year banquet. See here with mom Jenni Hudson.

Judy Brady poses before leaving for her first Prom Night in Georgia.

