



First Christian Church

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Interim Minister: Pastor Nik Donges

Music Director: Rachel Eve Davis

Moderator: Larry Steele

Elders: Roger Byrd
Mike Cockerham
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Martin Schaefer
Betty Stacy
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

Nik's Nook, June 2016

I am beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel, or should I say, that we are moving into an exciting time as we approach the home stretch. As I write this, the Board will be affirming a vote on members of our Search Committee. On Sunday we will officially affirm the members of our Search Committee at our Annual Meeting. I do not wish for them to remain a mystery to most of you, so I will give you the names in alphabetical order. They are:

Allison Byrd
Larry Chamberlain
Suanne Farkas
Matt Lyons
Martin Schaefer
Lora Schueller
Cliff Thompson

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Prayer Group – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.

This committee will be meeting with the Reverend Stephen Bentley, Associate Regional Pastor, on June 29th. At that time he will outline the procedure and provide the committee with materials to begin to complete a congregational profile. Once the congregational profile has been completed and submitted to our Regional Office, the Reverend Bentley will return and bring the committee their first group of candidate profiles. We would hope that all of this can be completed by the second week of August.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:30
06/26 Annual Meeting following worship
06/28 CWF Picnic @ Marilyn Chamberlain's home
07/18 Elder's Mtg. 7PM
07/24 Board Mtg.
08/21 All Church Picnic in the Park
Details coming soon.

Please keep the committee and this important of transition to a settled pastor in your prayers. We are most thankful for those who have agreed to take on this important task.

I again want to reaffirm what a pleasure it is to serve as your interim pastor.

STATISTICS:

With His Love,
Pastor Nik

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
06/19/16	55	\$ 957.00
06/12/16	68	\$2,855.00
06/5/16	65	\$2,052.00
05/29/16	60	\$2,920.97
05/22/16	78	\$1,652.00

OUR MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

We are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where ALL are welcome. We are faith based, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and carrying the word to others by serving our community and beyond.

PRAYER LIST

Health: Edna Bartlett, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Chuck Deaton, Tommy Efker, Tom Frebis, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Lois Hafer, Virginia Lorton, Fin Rose, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Laurie Steffy, Guy Stone

Our Home-Bound: Kathleen Chamberlain, Jean Greathouse, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, and Leah May Wideman.

Others: Children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

06/21 Cathy Treadway
06/25 Jean Greathouse
06/26 Helen Dennis
06/27 Kaitlin Thompson
06/30 Matt Lyons
06/30 Olivia Milburn
07/01 Renee Lyons
07/01 Melissa Thomas
07/02 Mert Morgan
07/03 Ted Milburn
07/05 Larry Back
07/06 Natalie Byrd
07/06 Karen Powers
07/07 Kelsey Byrd
07/12 Sharon Smith
07/12 JoAnn Hoelle
07/15 Paulette McCandless
07/17 Don Dixon
07/20 Zola McClish
07/21 Helen Morgan

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of my church family for the love and support you have shown me during the recent loss of my husband, Jim. Your prayers are much appreciated.

Ginger

FINANCE NEWS

We are rapidly approaching the time when we will estimate our giving for the fiscal year of July, 2016 through June, 2017. Our theme for this year will be "Sharing God's Love with Our Church, Our Community, and Our World". We will be giving out pledge cards and presenting our budget for this coming year. Also we hope to hire a permanent pastor this year and this will be included in our new budget.

Autopsy of a Deceased Church, 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive Study

Nearly forty of our members are engaged in the study of above named book by Thom Rainer. They have been provided with a study summary sheet prepared by our Regional Elder, the Reverend J. Thomas Johnson. Using that summary sheet, ideas can be passed on to our church Board for consideration and implementation.

CWF NEWS FOR JUNE, 2016

CWF will have a picnic supper at Marilyn Chamberlain's home on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 PM. You may call circle leaders (Dorice Perkins, Betty Stacy, Mary Back, or Linda Poynter) to let them know what food item you would like to bring. We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be furnished. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



IN THE GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME!

We are mixing it up this year! We will have our Vacation Bible School on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th from 6:00 -8:30 PM at the church. All children ages 4-13 are welcome. Bring friends! Dinner will be provided each night for the children. We will have crafts, worship, lessons, and games.

We will wrap up the event on Hoe Down Sunday Morning with another wonderful service in the gym on the Front Porch. The children will show off what they learned during VBS. Tina's family will also be leading up in some old-fashion hymns. We will have a covered dish dinner and the church will provide the meat. Dress casual and bring your family and friends. Any questions, please see Tina Yarber or Lora Schueller.



OUTREACH

Outreach will have a table set up in the Narthex in July handing out slips of paper with toy items on them to collect toys to be handed out to the children of Hope House when the children come into the facility. A toy or a doll can bring a smile to a small child who is uncertain about where they are.



