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# Chalice Communicator

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Music Director: Michael Hefner

Moderator: Larry Chamberlain

**Elders:** Sharon Amburgey

Natalie Byrd
Roger Byrd
Dave Lombard
Karen Powers
Guy Stone
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson
Karen Thompson

#### **SEE YOU SUNDAYS:**

Adult Sunday School – 9:15 Worship – 10:30 a.m.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

06/05 Esther/Rebekah meet at the church @noon to have lunch at the Squire Inn
06/06 Sarah Circle Meet @ Olive
Garden 6:30 PM
06/02 & 06/09 Pentecost Special
Offering
06/16 Father's Day
06/17 Elders Mtg. 7 PM
06/24 Board Mtg. 7 PM

### **STATISTICS:**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	
05/26/19	45	\$1,096.00	
05/19/19	45	\$1,185.00	
05/12/19	51	\$2,033.00	
05/05/19	36	\$1,998.04	

# **ELDER'S MOMENT**

As we draw closer to the end of another fiscal year for our congregation, Elders have discussed the annual transition which will occur as the Nominating Committee again begins its work of replacing those who complete their terms of service as Officers, Elders, Deacons and Ministry Chairpersons with other members. As a church member, consider what role you may play in the life of First Christian Church. There is a tendency for most of us to assume that we will be unable to adequately perform certain roles that the church needs. We say to ourselves "I am not good at that, I am not experienced enough or I don't have the time". But please remember, as the bible describes, God chose many who felt unworthy and incapable, and yet, each accomplished more than they could imagine.



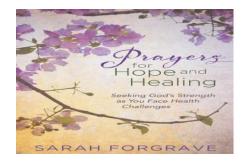
June 9 Rev. John Dick

June 16 Rev. Pamela Barnes Jackson

June 23 Rev. Carol Oetzel June 30 Rev. Carol Oetzel

# **SUMMER MUSIC**

If you are interested and would like to share your musical talents with us for special music for the summer please contact our music director Michael Hefner (email: mrayh@earthlink.net - Tel: 937-266-8265).



#### Prayer List:

**Health:** Ellie Belcher, Becky Brodt, Emily Cox, Barbara Gray, Sara Hoelle, Kristi Eickman, Nancy Milton, Helen Morgan, Bill Peace, Sharon Smith, Larry & Charlotte Steele, Allen Stone, Guy Stone, Karen

**Thompson** 

Special Needs: Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Mary Johnson, Janet O'Neal

**Other:** All those affected by disasters. Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, our church, congregation and church leaders



#### Thank You Choir,

How fortunate we are to have an outstanding Choir and an amazing and gifted Choir Director in our congregation. As choir members begin their well-deserved summer break, we say thank you for all the hours you rehearse throughout the year and the beautiful music you bring to our worship services each week. You are very much appreciated!



# *OUTREACH*

Several members of our congregation volunteered to work with our neighbors at Central Academy during their annual Lawn Festival. A good time was had by all and we thank Brenda Gulley, David Lombard, Linda Lombard and Sharon Amburgey for helping.

For the second month in a row, we donated a large truckload of new clothing items to the Camp Christian Free Store. We thank Crystal for coordinating this donation.

When we made our monthly nonperishable donation to the Salvation Army in May, we became aware of their request for volunteers for their Summer Lunch Program for area youth. Plans are to distribute lunches in 14 area parks in addition to the Salvation Army on First Avenue. If you are interested in volunteering for an hour or longer, this is a very worthwhile activity. You may pick your location and work as many or few days a week as your schedule allows. The program begins on June 10 and ends on August 9. For additional information, please contact Sharon Amburgey or Linda Poynter.

In June, we will continue collecting crackers, tea and coffee for the Food Pantry.



# Coins for Camp

As many of you are aware, due to budget restrictions this past year, we removed the line item to set aside funds to help send our youth to Camp Christian. The third Sunday of each month had been set aside for our youth to accept donations during Children's Moment. For the past several months, our youth have been volunteering in our Tech Booth during worship and rather than take away from time spent on those responsibilities, we implemented a change. A large jar has been placed on the table in the narthex where your donations may now be placed. Your support is always appreciated and will continue to be used for youth who are active within our congregation.



# NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday school class for anyone who is interested will be starting soon! Date to be determined. This class will be based on the movie, "War Room". We will explore the power of prayer, the discipline of prayer, the power of praying as a group, and targeted prayer. There is no better time in the life of our church to use our prayers as means of strengthening and furthering our church mission.

## **CWF NEWS**

We collected Blessing Boxes at our church service on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone still has a Blessing Box, the money can be given to our CWF treasurer, Crystal Watson.

Esther-Rebekah Circle will go to lunch at the Swire Inn on Main Street on June 5<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the church at 12:00 noon and will carpool to the restaurant.

Sarah Circle will have dinner at Olive Garden on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

In the next few weeks, we will be gathering supplies for Health Kits which will be sent to Church World Service. They have put out a request for more of the kits since their current supply is low due to several tornadoes and floods in the Midwestern United States. The items needed for each kit include: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper, one bath size bar of soap in the wrapper, 1 toothbrush in the package, and 10 Band-aids. All items will be placed in a gallon size zipper closure bag.

Marilyn Chamberlain

**CWF President** 



All of us at SHALOM Homeless pray that you are blessed on this Memorial Day. Please take time to remember and honor those who gave everything for the freedom that we are so very blessed to enjoy.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. JOHN 15:13

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,

SHALOM Homeless 1 Peter 4:8-11

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		May 28  Ginger Alley	29	30	31	June 1		
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9 Pentecost Special Offering	10	11	12	13	14  Mary Back	GLOBAL WIND DAY 15 JUNE		
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	17 Elder Mtg. 7 PM	18	19	JUNE 20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY	21	22		
23	Board Mtg. 7 PM	Jean Greathouse	26 Helen Dennis	Kaitlin Thompson	28	29		
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