

Gainesville Christian

F I R S T C H R I S T I A N C H U R C H

August 2017

Prayer Needs

John DeVito
Jean DeVito
Sue Goodwin-Dyer
Lucy Wright
Betty Monroe-
Martinez
Bernice Wilkinson-
Smusz
Barbara Baar
Juanita Hampton

A Delish Brunch for the FCC Bunch

August 13

Refusing to be predictable, bland, or even ho hum, that bunch that gets to church earlier than some roosters first “doodle doo” wants to celebrate our **August 13th** fellowship feed in delicious BRUNCH fashion. The elders will bestow the smells of makin’ bacon, ham-not-spam, like you never SAUSAGE a thing! To make sure protein is plentiful; we’ll scramble up on an egg or 50, too. What you can bring to the buffet is totally up to you: sweet breads, crab claws, fruit, egg casseroles, pastry, crab claws, fresh tomato slices, migas. crab claws, slaws, etc. Oh, and we’ll juice you, too!



MAMA MIA !, THE 3 S's are going to Italy in August !



Come join us for chef Jim Gray's spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and Sarah's chocolate lasagna for dessert. We'll take a virtual tour, maybe a singing one, so come prepared. Thursday **August 3rd** at 11:30

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VISTO Wish List

Canned vegetables
Peanut butter
Vienna sausage/Spam



Canned fruit
Toilet paper
Nutrition bars

You may leave your donations in the red wagon in the Fellowship Hall.

Back to School

August is when kids go back to school. It's also a great time to go back to, or start Sunday School. We have four adult classes as well as classes for our youth and children. We know 9:00 am is early, but the coffee will help get the sleep out of your eyes, and the fellowship and learning will get your blood circulating. It's a great way to start the Lord's Day!



Men's Breakfast - Saturday, August 12, 9:00 am

Rumors and innuendos are flying...Is it true that the guys actually have whole milk at their breakfasts? Only one way to find out – be there.

Mark's Remarks



For my morning devotional, Rich Richards wrote, "Listening for God requires us to be tuned in with all of our senses. God may speak to us through our ears, but more often God speaks to us through our hearts, minds, souls, and even our bodies."

That brought to mind that passage in Mark 14:35-36. "And going a little farther, he (Jesus) threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'"

Have you ever seen something unpleasant coming? Your main goal might have been to avoid it or ignore it. In some cases, you have no control. And at other times you're the one "at the wheel." In my mind, Jesus, desperate and on his knees, experienced this same situation at his arrest by first pleading to God to "remove the cup from me," and then accepting God's will.

Listening for what we want, versus what God may want for us, is difficult. Standing up for the powerless, making a decision to speak kindly rather than nastily, treating God's creation with respect, loving your neighbor, and praying for your enemies are all very challenging. We're called to do good but sometimes we fall short. It's the "fork in the road syndrome." Do we go this way or that way?

Listen. Listen. God may be speaking to you through others, through nature, or through the Holy Spirit.

Pray this prayer with me: "Heavenly Father, help me occasionally to stop to pray and listen for what you want for me. Amen."

Dear First Christian Church/Vacation Bible School, We appreciate your generous donation of 512 pounds of food. Your contribution is vital to promoting a compassionate, peaceful, and just community! Blessings, Bekki Jones (Executive Director VISTO)

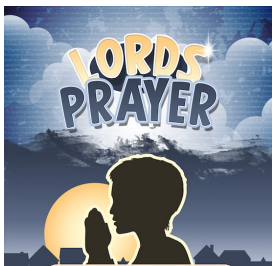
What It's Like to be an Elder

The by-laws of our church set forth responsibilities and duties of an elder as the following:

Elders primarily shall be responsible for the spiritual life and development of the congregation, preside at the Lord's Table, assist and share with the Minister(s) in the conduct of their pastoral functions, and provide supportive counsel for the Minister(s) regarding the spiritual life and development of the congregation. Assisted by the Deacons, Elders serve as shepherds of the congregation. Each Sunday, they gather to discuss concerns of the church, pray for the ill, the hurting, and the worship service, including those participating in the service. But enough about the "shall be's".

Putting aside Article IV, page 6 and 7, Elders ARE thankful for the constant opportunity to serve you — the congregation — serve God, and further His kingdom on earth with you. Behind closed doors, we seek understanding, often with humor, yet always with respect. We honor confidentiality and answer the needs of benevolence in our congregation. And the prayer boxes at both of the main doors to the church? We pray over those, too. We laugh, we cry, occasionally disagree and often, let it all hang out. We have to to gain discernment.

To be an elder is an awesome calling from God which is never thankless. The joy He puts in our hearts and the joy he puts on your face when we are together is an appreciation no words can say.



Children's Sunday School class will begin a study on prayer and learning The Lord's Prayer. These lessons will answer questions about what prayer is and ways children can pray. It is an extension of the lesson that we ended in July called "Road Trip"; how kids can take Jesus wherever they travel this summer. We hope to see your children at our 9:00 am Sunday School class. Where else can they study about Jesus and learn how to apply his teachings to their life?

Dear First Christian Church,

Kids and dogs are not new, but Jessica Steed took her passion for dogs to a higher level! Along the way, she joined the newly formed Cooke County Courageous Canines 4-H Club and she became their first Vice President!

On Friday, July 7th, Jessica and her beloved dog, Levi placed 1st in Agility - Novice B - Standard. And they placed 1st in Jumper. Saturday, Jessica lead Levi to 1st place in Rally - Novice B - Senior division. While Jessica has been busy training Levi, her mom, Tracie Steed acquired a new puppy! Tracie's puppy, Ash, showed off his talents when Jessica lead him to 2nd place in the same Rally class that Levi took first place!

We are excited to see how far Jessica and Levi will go in the future! If you are interested in learning more about the Courageous Canines 4-H Dog Club, please contact Phyllis Griffin at the Cooke County Agriculture Extension Office. The annual sign up night will be September 12th, 2017. I am sure Jessica and Levi will be ready to help you and your dog learn how to be a success, too!

*The **Cooke County Courageous Canines 4-H club** would like to thank First Christian Church for their continued support with the use of the a classroom and facility to continue learning and training our dogs.*



Field Trip
to the
Circle N Family
Dairy



August 8 & 9

Don't miss our
next lock-in!
See June Cruz
for details and
to sign-up.

Be prepared to
have a BLAST!





- 1 - Jennifer Mangrum
- 2 - Kelli James, Lexi Woolsey
- 4 - Joan Ellyett
- 5 - Beth Hanks, Flo Brooks, Marylyn Clark
- 9 - Victoria Wright
- 10 - Jeri Hassell
- 13 - Jorey Polley, Trinity Brooks
- 15 - Winna Hankins
- 16 - Barbara Barnhart, Catherine Sage
- 18 - Ashley Rayner, Gina Prichard
- 19 - Joanne Bouldin
- 21 - Ben Glover, Bear Smith
- 22 - Brittney Laird Brandt
- 23 - Roger Staats
- 24 - Cindy Brandt
- 25 - Jackie Durnberger
- 26 - Jimmy Brooks, Steve Kitchen
- 27 - Shawna Ayers, Jose Ramirez
- 28 - Alyssia Arriaga, Derrall Johnson

August Elder Serving Schedule

Date	Communion Meditation	Words of Institution	Prayer of Thanksgiving
Aug. 6	Mark Loewen	Bill McPherson	Lucy Sutton
Aug. 13	Diane Joyce	Roger Staats	Greg Ellyett
Aug. 20	Joanne Bouldin	Dorothy Lewis	Ralph Lewis
Aug. 27	Lucy Sutton	Crystal Wright	Shirley Weems

August Deacon Serving Schedule

Communion Preparation	
	Steven Sutton, Paula Sage
Aug. 6	Bill & Janice Richey, Steve & Brenda Kitchen
Aug. 13	Marcia Seeber, Steven Sutton, Gary & Sharon James
Aug. 20	Wally Cox, Sherri Holley, Rick Schofield, Derrick Lumpkin
Aug. 27	Derrick Campbell, Paula Sage, Sharma Smith, Dale Terry

Happy Anniversary

August 6

Randy & Ginnie Bacus

August 21

Bear Smith & Debbie Erb

Neill & Marcia Seeber

August 23

Cody & Jackie Durnberger

August 26

Tommy & Joy Mann

Bill & Janice Richey

August 27

R. D. & Shirley Cawyer

Calling all Women...



Is the Holy Spirit calling you to study, have fellowship and share with other women, go through your own personal “Wolfing” process, and travel farther on your Spiritual Journey? Christ’s love is like an electric current; it never flows in one direction. It has to be given away to be recharged. Look for a new women’s study group, “Journey into

Wholeness: Body, Mind, and Spirit” to begin in **September**. More information will follow in the September Newsletter.

If you have questions: see or call Diane Joyce 940-736-6425, or Joanne Bouldin 940-736-5100.

Sunday Morning

8:30 am - Elder's Prayer Time

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship Service

11:15 am - After Church
Fellowship

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5:30 pm First
Wednesday
Fellowship

6:00 pm First
Wednesday
Worship

7:00 pm Chancel
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11:30 am
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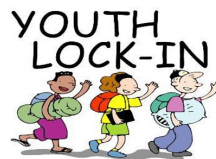
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9:00 am
Men's Breakfast

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11:15 am
Fellowship
Brunch

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Back
to
School

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5:30 pm First
Kids Begin

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Changing Lives.

First Wednesday Worship

August 2 @ 6:00pm




Jesus Continues to loft "Curveballs" our way, requiring us to change our minds about a lot of things:

- Jesus shows us that our families are more important than our careers
- That forgiveness and reconciliation are more important than animosity and resentment
- That it's better to give than receive
- That it's far better to use your words to build people up than to tear people down, whether face-to-face or behind their backs
- That we have far more in common with those who are different from us than we realize



First Wednesday Fellowship

August 2 @ 5:30 pm

Sing along with me 

***"Take me out to the ball game
Take me out with the crowd
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks
I don't care if I never get back
Let me root, root, root for the home team
If they don't win it's a shame
For it's one...two...three strikes your out
At the old ball game"***

***Come on out and enjoy some good ball park food:
Peanuts, Cracker Jacks and much more.***

