

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The Pastor's

TRAIN



OF THOUGHT

Don't Give Up!

When I lived in Iowa, I saw a personal trainer regularly for a few years. At first, the exercises she was having me do were quite difficult for my out-of-shape muscles. When my strength would begin to flag before I was done with a set, she would say one word to me: “Finish.” That one word would give me just enough push that I could, indeed, finish.

As I write this, I'm halfway through the third day of the intensive portion of my first D.Min. class; and I am sorely tempted to quit. I feel like I'm in way over my head; the other students and the professor seem to be speaking in a language I don't understand; and I got a less-than-satisfying grade on my second writing assignment. Now, I know that most of us find ourselves tempted to quit whenever we're doing something really difficult, but I really didn't expect it to happen quite this early in my D.Min. work.

Of course I'm not going to quit; I know from seminary that there's a time when everything you thought was nailed down gets up and floats around, and that it will get better. But I'm having a moment.

Isn't that true for all of us? When something we're working on—whether it be a job, a hobby, a class, the tough work of eradicating racism from our hearts and our nation, flattening the curve of COVID-19, or even following Jesus—gets difficult, and we're tired of what seems like beating our heads against a brick wall, we are tempted to give up.

The thing is, nothing worthwhile is easy. Remember the words of President Kennedy when he was talking about getting us to the moon and other really ambitious projects? He said we were committed to doing these things “not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” Hard work is often uncomfortable, but the end result is worth it.

Sharla



July Serving Schedule



JULY 5

Elder: Don Malan
Deacon: Jennifer Schmehl, Dianna Silvers

Greeter: Debbie Cole
Scripture Reader: Diana Rich

JULY 12

Elder: John Daniel
Deacon: Mike Studards, Kathy Wood

Greeter: Diana Rich
Scripture Reader: Don Malan

JULY 19

Elder: Carol Roberts
Deacon: Denise Burch, Peggy Fuller

Greeter: Judy Taylor
Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl

JULY 26

Elder: Diana Rich
Deacon: Carol Hedrick, Dale Kinsman

Greeter: Jennifer Schmehl
Scripture Reader: Alan Munday

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman
Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Rick Borum
- 10 Dwain Russell
- 10 JoDee Fink
- 10 Melissa Warren
- 12 Sandy Hines
- 17 Sharla Hulsey
- 18 Donna White
- 19 Ted Bunch
- 20 Everett McBrayer
- 20 Pam Winburn
- 22 Diana Rich
- 22 Mildred Wood
- 24 Dax Rolph

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Steve & Julie Lewis
- 29 Alan & Lucille Munday

ATTENDANCE

Date	In Sanctuary Worship	Online
June 7	29	10
June 14	29	7
June 21	28	7
June 28	37	4

**If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.*

BUDGET

May Income
\$12,138.20

May Expense
\$7,934.79

YTD Income
\$50,791.15

YTD Expense
\$43,615.13

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.



JULY 2020



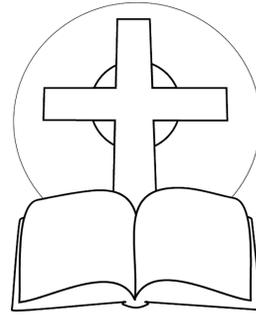
Important Dates

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 Elders Meeting
- 19 Board Meeting



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 
5 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 11:00 Elders Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 11:00 Board Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

Upcoming Sermons



July 5 (Proper 9)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 29:10-15

Theme: The Mosaic covenant

Title: “Vows”

What I was thinking: Now we turn to the most important of the covenants God made with God’s people. This passage, which is part of what’s presented as “Moses’ farewell address” as he prepares to depart this life and Israel prepares to begin their new life in the Promised Land, summarizes that covenant in its simplest form.

July 12 (Proper 10)

Scripture: Exodus 33:12—34:9 (RCL: 33:12-23, Proper 24, Year A)

Theme: God’s part of the covenant

Title: “This Is Who I Am”

What I was thinking: This is the first iteration of a formula that is found all over the Hebrew Bible—and, translated into Greek, in the prologue to the Gospel of John. Here it’s God describing God’s self.

July 19 (Proper 11)

Scripture: Hosea 1:2-9 (RCL: Proper 12, Year C)

Theme: Our disloyalty to the covenant

Title: “A Nickel is a Nickel and a Dime Is a Dime...”

What I was thinking: Hosea interpreted his own troubled marriage as a metaphor for his people’s sinfulness. The names of Gomer’s three children are significant and chilling.

July 26 (Proper 12)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 29:16—30:14

Theme: God’s response: exile

Title: “Far from Home”

What I was thinking: Although this passage is put on Moses’ lips, it seems to be looking backwards at the most catastrophic event in the history of God’s people. But even in the midst of God’s wrath, there remains a way forward.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

◆ **Current & Ongoing**

Bill & Darlene Adcock, Deloris Baldwin, Rachel Bittencourt, Aimee Daniel Breiner, Bill Cumpton, Judy Daniel, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Denny Hubbard, Sharon Jones, Sharon Miller Kellogg, Michael Kinghorn, Robby Kinghorn, JC McHargue, Frank Morris, Louise Nichols, Carl Shubert, Gary Studards, Dusty Warren



◆ **At Home**

Bud Armstrong, Nora Carver, Ruby Cummings, Eula Ghere, Leota Hunt, Bob Johnson, Julie Lewis

◆ **Currently Serving in the Military**

Kenneth Austin, David Bittencourt, Chad Goforth, Adam Jennings, Patrick McLain, Jordan Olson, Kevin Pieratt, Ryan Strong, Richard Warren



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Worship

- ◆ You may wear a mask or gloves or whatever other protective gear you wish.
- ◆ The service is being livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Therefore, we want to ensure that the privacy and wishes of all are respected. For this reason, we have an "OPT-OUT FORM" for those individuals who may prefer NOT to have photographs/videos of themselves used by the church. Also, we ask that all individuals with children in attendance complete and sign a "MINOR'S MEDIA CONSENT FORM". Forms are located in the lobby or contact the office.
- ◆ Enter and exit the building through the west (main) entrance or the elevator entrance only. North door will be locked.
- ◆ To maintain six-foot distance, every other pew is blocked off. Families and couples may sit together but maintain a six-foot distance between groupings within the pews.
- ◆ Sunday School classes and the Nursery will not be available during the month of June. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families. Activity bags are provided on the end of the pews. Please leave the activity bags on the seat following worship, to ensure we can identify and properly sanitize the contents.
- ◆ Offering may also be given via the church's website or the Givelify app. Instructions are pinned to the top of the church's Facebook page and the Donate tab on the church's website.

First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2020

Board members present: Deacons- Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Alan Munday, Peggy Fuller, and Chuck Lewis . Elders- Carol Roberts, John Daniel, Diana Rich, Don Malan, and Justin Quick. Treasurer Judy Colburn. Others present: Shawn Quick, Everett McBrayer, and Phyllis McBrayer.

Don Malan called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM.

The agenda was adopted on motion of Lucille Munday and second by Jennifer Schmehl.

The minutes of the 05-25-20 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by John Daniel.

Financial Reports: The May 2020 financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 05-31-2020 were reviewed. John Daniel reviewed a few items noting year-to-date numbers. He pointed out the line item of the money received from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). He reported there is now 24 months allowed to spend this before payback would be required if not all used. The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Lucille Munday and second by Diana Rich. Full reports are available in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulseley was not present due to the day-long classes she had all this week, but she provided her report. Due to COVID-19, she is unable to make visits, but doing some telephone contacts. Her full report is available in the church office.

Old Business:

Water Damage to North Basement Wall, sanctuary walls, and choir robe room ceiling Repair

Update: Everett McBrayer noted it is still too wet for this work to be completed on the roof. He reported no further bids on repair of the sanctuary walls and ceiling. Everett will continue to get updates to the Board, as they are available.

Video streaming Equipment: It appears this has all been purchased and now being used. It was decided this money should come out of the "Worship" budget line item, not "building" since this was purchased for live-streaming church worship services.

New Business:

Personnel Committee Request – PDO: Due to the recent resignation of the PDO Director, the Personnel committee presented information about that program. This committee is needing to know if they need to start looking for a replacement director. After much discussion about attendance, purpose of the program, and concerns about continued COVID-19 issues, it was decided to not continue the PDO program at this time, on motion of Alan Munday and second by Diana Rich. There is one issue that will need to be addressed later, that is a line item on the budget under Long Term Liabilities titled Fund-PDO for \$1,500.

Alkire Paint Pro Bid: Everett McBrayer presented a bid of \$600 from Alkire Paint Pro to power wash the north side of the church building. This bid was approved on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Justin Quick.

New Business (continued)

AED 1st Response Defibrillator Promotion: Three bids were received for defibrillators from the AED First Response company. The bids were reviewed, and discussion held on other options, possible need and training required to use this equipment. A decision on the purchase was postponed until next month on motion of John Daniel and second by Justin Quick.

QUICK BOOKS: John Daniel noted that it would be helpful for FCC to purchase updated Quick Books software for the office. This was approved on motion of Lucille Munday and second by Chuck Lewis.

Department/Committee Reports:

Personnel: Lucille Munday reported that several background checks will be done in September as these are to be completed every 3 years.

Property: Everett McBrayer reported that dirt has been ordered to put along the north basement wall, but not delivered yet.

Closing Prayer: Shawn Quick closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Justin Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, (acting) Secretary

2020 Building Fund Drive

The Stewardship Committee is having a building fund drive. There are many repairs that need to be made to our church. This year we are concentrating on the following repairs:

- Repair the north wall of the Fellowship Hall
- Repair the north wall of the Sanctuary
- Repair the ceiling in the Choir Robe Room
- Remove the wall in the Chapel to increase space and storage for PDO

Current donations: \$6,978

Goal: \$40,000

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The Messenger

