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THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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"There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot: a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace and a time to avoid embracing; a time to search and a time to count as lost; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to be silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace."
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Time for The Season to Change

Many of us would be much more comfortable if everything always stayed the same; yet it doesn't. Everything has its seasons. We have all faced that in different ways this year: Surgeries, death, moves, marriages, graduations and more.

Though many like the changing of seasons in nature, they are frightened with the changing of seasons in life. They grip so tightly to the present that it becomes traumatic when things change. I admit, change can be difficult, but not so difficult if we learn to go through these seasons with God. **"There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven."** God has a reason and a season for everything under heaven and right now each of us is in one of His seasons.

As you might imagine, I have done a lot of reflective thinking this past year. There was a sense of things changing from 2020 and yet Covid has still had major impact on our lives. Church services are still happening and yet there is still impact felt. There is still political turmoil. We still argue and fight and refuse to listen to each other.

But life still happens. The church is still worshipping. It is still doing things to help others. October is Kim and I's anniversary month. I have thought about the changes and good things our family has experienced. I have thought about the births of our boys and where they are in school. I have thought about my dad because fall was his favorite time of year.

I have thought of loved ones and friends in ministry and churches I have served and continue to serve. I miss many old friends. Some I miss because of death, some I miss simply because of the changes life brings **"There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven."**— but that's OK. God has a reason and a season for everything under heaven and right now each of us are in one of His perfect seasons.

The tragedy is not that seasons change, but that many of us fail to see God's will in each season. There is a time to be born and a time to die, and a time to do a whole lot of living in between.

Experiencing God's Seasons with You

Pastor Zane

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 3, 2021	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>Containers of Compassion Sale</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
Sunday Night Conversations (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Monday, October 4, 2021	
<i>Containers of Compassion Sale</i>	<i>11:00 am-1:00 pm</i>
Wednesday, October 6, 2021	
Kids 4 Christ @ FPC	After School-5:00 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Group (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Thursday, October 7, 2021	
<i>Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>6:30 pm-7:30 pm</i>
Sunday, October 10, 2021	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Night Conversations (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday, October 13, 2021	
Kids 4 Christ @ FPC	After School-5:00 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Group (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm



October

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Rachel Owings	10/19 Debra Trabue
10/9 Collin Tanzey	10/19 Diana Henage
10/9 Alex Bledsoe	10/21 Kay Bunge
10/9 Emma Higgins	10/23 Murray Purcell
10/10 Mary E. Allen	10/23 Kim Whorton
10/10 Steve Van Matre	10/24 Morgan Silver
10/10 Tracy Trabue	10/24 Warren Nordwald
10/11 Cheryl Bledsoe	10/26 Betty Potts
10/11 Heidi Hultz	10/28 Piper Higgins
10/11 Kyra Hultz	10/30 Kip Jackson
10/13 Katie Paladin	10/30 Ed Stephens
10/18 Kim Jackson	



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The last eighteen months have been unlike any other. Let's celebrate Zane and Sara by letting them know we appreciate everything they have done keeping the congregation and youth together in so many different

ways. We can shower them with cards and words of encouragement. Please feel free to drop them by the church office or Zane: 1325 Lexington St., Mexico, MO 65265; Sara: 26154 Monroe Rd. 756, Paris, MO 65275.

Members We Haven't Seen For Awhile:

Mary E. Allen's birthday is on October 10th. She is at King's Daughters, 620 W. Boulevard, Mexico, MO 65265. Let's do a card shower for her to let her know we are thinking about her.

Let's also let Murray Purcell know we are thinking about him on his birthday on October 23rd. His address is 1511 Webster Dr., Mexico, MO 65265.

I would like to thank Zane for his visits and everyone who sent cards and food. All your prayers really helped. I'm on the way to recovery. I will be receiving physical and occupational therapy soon and expect more progress. I'm so thankful for such a great church family.

Mary Kobush



As of September 27, 2021

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,304
Year to Date Expenses: \$146,115

Average Weekly Income: \$3,796
Income vs Expenses: \$1,935

Year to Date Income: \$148,050



Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, October 3, 2021:

(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12;
Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 10, 2021:

(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16;
Mark 10:17-31

Containers of Compassion Sale

The Containers of Compassion Sale is this Sunday, October 3rd, following service and Monday, October 4th from 11am-1pm. As you consider purchasing a container, please remember that you might use it yourself, or you might purchase one as a gift for children, grandchildren, mothers, grandmothers, etc.

Containers and baskets can be brought anytime, including the day of the sale. We would like to have the containers priced by the donor.

If you would like someone to pick up your container to deliver to the church, please call the church office by Thursday, September 30th.

You have the option of making a donation instead of contributing a container or purchasing one. We are thankful for whatever option you choose.

Outreach Collections

Thank you to everyone who brought in trash bags, toothbrushes, and toothpaste during the month of September. We love contributing to our community through the annual Tyrone Lue Community Day of Service and this collection helped us achieve that.

For the month of October, our Outreach Committee will be collecting soup in an effort to support our community through our local agencies. You may participate in this project in several ways. You may bring your donations to the church for someone to distribute for you, you may take your soup to an agency yourself, or you may contribute with a monetary donation either directly to the agency of your choice or to the church to be used for this project. There are cards at the church office if you'd like to use them, or you can tell the agency yourself as you deliver your items. This way our church will be recognized for the contribution.



On October 24th, we will observe Blanket Sunday. All blankets and throws will stay in Mexico through several agencies. Monetary donations may be sent to Church World Service for use around the world, by writing a check to First Christian Church with Church World in the memo. If you want the money to stay local, mark local on your check and it will be used for this project locally. You may also participate by all the ways stated in the above article. Thank you in advance for everything you do!



Youth group is back up and running. WEDNESDAY from 6-7:30pm for all youth 6th-12th at First Christian Church and SUNDAY from 7:30-9pm for all youth 9th grade and up at First Presbyterian Church. Many of our youth on Wednesdays are coming directly from sports or after school activities and have not had a chance to eat when they arrive for youth group at 6pm. We are looking for some people to prepare simple meals for our youth on Wednesdays (pizza, chicken nuggets, corn dogs, etc.). If you are interested in helping please contact Sara Bright.

HALLOWEEN Fest! October 31st at First Presbyterian Church from 4-6pm. All families are invited to join us for games, snacks, and of course candy.



On November 20th from 4-9pm, we will be having a Bonfire, S'mores and hayride for all youth in 6th-12th grade. Meet at First Christian Church parking lot to ride the church van. RSVP to Sara to get a spot in the van.



Sara Bright—Youth Director

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Ron Boswell
Heather McBride
Sherry Medley
Nick Paladin
Brad Smith

Please submit names to the church office for the Nominating Committee to consider for the 2022 Board, Trustees, Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.



Sunday: October 3, 2021

Elders: Bill Azdell and Ed Stephens

Deacons: Team 3

Doug Thomas, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Melaney Higgins, Cody Sims, Katie Sims. Jr Deacons; Piper Higgins, Ty Sims

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Slater

Liturgist: Ed Stephens

Sunday: October 10, 2021

Elders: Warren Nordwald and Jean Stephens

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Lori Brandow, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Scott Miller, Lori Osbourn, Debra Trabue. Jr. Deacons; Andrew Stephens, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Sharon Slater

Liturgist: Connie Street