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WORSHIP SERVICE**

Stream Sundays 9:30am
YouTube, Facebook

ADJUSTING, READJUSTING, AND PERSEVERING

Early Monday, I wrapped up a few tasks at church then jumped in my car for a day off with my middle son, after not seeing my family the whole day before. My thoughts as I pulled away: "These pumpkins sure look great! My sermon series is off and running. And I've got Assembly to look forward to this weekend. It's a grand week around FCC!"

By Tuesday afternoon, I was sitting in the same car, under a tent in a parking lot, awaiting the results of a rapid COVID test for the same son.

If you saw the Facebook post, you already know: The Brandt family is quarantined. Our Owen has COVID-19 – though blessedly, he has not been very sick at all. (He had half a day of headache and low fever. That's the extent of it.) As I'm writing, none of us have truly "taken ill" – we've just been pulled out of daily life in order to keep others safe.

I made this news public as soon as I could, because, first, it's nothing to hide.... Next, because I want you to know I talked through all our contacts with our doctor. And, finally, because I have been assured by her – so I can assure you – that Owen and I were not a risk to you last Sunday. His doctor says our protocols kept you safe. Plus, I was not exposed to him on Sunday, when he first began to be contagious. (This is God In the Details, as I stayed at church all day for Sunday funerals.)

This experience of COVID in my household has been strange and disrupting – but it has not yet been hard. In part, because it has come with so many expressions of your love. I think my week says something about what we've been learning in this wilderness year. We've been disrupted and thrown off course, repeatedly, but we've readjusted so many times that we've all become more adaptable. And we've gotten to practice "being there" for one another, even when we can't do that physically.

You are wrapping symbolic arms around my family, right now, and it has made all the difference in my peace of mind! It also reminds me why people continue to need church as community; why disciples continue to look for ways to care, serve and grow; and why each of us needs to develop a spiritual reservoir we can draw from when the days demand a lot from us.

This weekend, I'll be "showing up" via video, for a Contemporary Worship service still happening in the room. I'll err on the side of your safety EVERY TIME, because I know that protects our ability to gather. So we who can will come together, safeguards in place.

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Prelude	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Lau
	Jean Worden, organist	
Welcome		Dr. Chris Pulliam
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	“Give Thanks”	
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer		Lisa Pulliam
*Gloria Patri		
Giving Moment		Dr. Pulliam
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 6:4-8	Dr. Pulliam
Time of Prayer		
Special Music		Shelby Gipson
Sermon	Crossing the Threshold	Rev. Andy Mangum
Communion Hymn	“Oh, How Great He Loves You and Me”	
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		Dr. Pulliam Lisa Pulliam
Spoken Affirmation	“We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accept Him as Lord and Savior.”	
Invitation		
*Closing Hymn	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	
*Benediction		
*Benediction Song	“God Be With You”	
*Postlude	“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”	arr. Paxton Jean Worden, organist



The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Tom DeWitt in celebration of the exploration and development of the Western Hemisphere.

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NURSERY CARE (infant - 3 years):

Offered in our children’s wing from 9:15-10:45am.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (4 years - 2nd grade):

Children are escorted by an adult, just before the sermon/ message time, and will stay in the Children’s Chapel through the end of services. Families can opt in/out. Guardians: Please pick up in the Children’s Chapel by 10:30am.

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

GREETINGS FROM A SAFE DISTANCE

OPENING MUSIC

No Weapon (all sing)

Jesus (sit & receive)

PRAYER TIME

MESSAGE

Atmosphere: Beliefs We Breathe in Here

How We Imagine God

John 3:16-17, John 1, Genesis 1:31

COMMUNION

song: *Wood and Nails*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REGIONAL GREETING

BENEDICTION

PARTING VIDEO



MESSENGER

Ginger Brandt

MUSIC

Mike Hazeltine

HELPERS/ELDER

Amy Anderson, Rob Mason,
Dave Maland, Andy Mangum

DID YOU KNOW...

Last Sunday we had **130** in person attendees for Traditional and Contemporary services.

We also had **422** YouTube and **521** Facebook views, plus another **1700** views for the Johnny Wills Memorial.

WORSHIPING CARING SERV

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

During this pandemic, Outreach has been allowed to make partial distributions of our 2020 budget. The Committee has met twice to discuss and determine how we would proceed - once in May and once in September. Outreach has tried to ensure that your gifts to God's church have been used in the best possible manner to help those in need.

The following chart shows where the Outreach funds have been allocated. If there are any questions or comments to the Committee, you may address them to Robert Patterson, Chair of Outreach. (rh patt@gmail.com or 903-245-9363).

	PREVIOUSLY DISBURSED	SEPTEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS	COMMENTS
DISCIPLES RELATED			
Christian Church of the SouthWest		\$5,000.00	
Disciples Mission Fund		\$5,000.00	
Disciples Crossing		\$5,000.00	
Jarvis Christian College		\$1,000.00	
Week of Compassion	\$2,000.00		
Southwest Good Samaritan	\$2,000.00		
Total Disciples Related	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00	
OTHER			
Bethesda Clinic	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Disciples Home Management Group		\$2,000.00	
East Texas Crisis Center	\$1,000.00		
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	for critical care response
Meals on Wheels*	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	
PATH*	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00	
PATH FCC assist	\$1,000.00		for FCC referrals
Refuge of Light		\$1,000.00	
Samaritan Counseling*	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Jan Younger (Missionary)	\$500.00		
SW Good Samaritan	\$2,000.00		
Texas Ramp Project	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	Designate to Tyler Chapter/TX Ramp Project
Tyler Day Nursery*	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL OTHER	\$22,000.00	\$16,000.00	
TOTAL OUTREACH BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$26,000.00	\$30,000.00	

IVING GROWING TOGETHER

SOME GREAT THINGS ABOUT PUMPKINS...

Starting this Sunday, Oct. 11 and each Sunday in October, we are hosting “Fall Socials” in the Pumpkin Patch. We’ll gather around 5pm, as the Patch winds down for closing. These will be “brown bag” events, so bring your own food, drink, chairs, blanket, etc. The weather has been incredible and the atmosphere surrounding the patch is hopeful, friendly and peaceful. So, we’re excited to enjoy some much needed fellowship with each other while keeping safely distanced. Mark your calendars for Oct. 11, 18, and 25 - at 5pm!

A new initiative this year, in light of the coronavirus restrictions, is a program designed to help teachers with fall activities. We are offering an opportunity for church members to “sponsor” a public school classroom. For \$50 we can supply around 30 pie pumpkins, and for \$40 we can supply 50 of the mini pumpkins to a class that needs a fall project. If you’d like to buy a set of pumpkins for a class or know someone who could benefit from a set of pumpkins, email rob@fcctyler.org to get it set up.

The Pumpkin Patch is off to a flying start this year, with over \$5000 in sales through the first four days. Many thanks to the 75 people who came out last Saturday to help unload. We had a lot of fun and finished quicker than anticipated. If we happen to get a re-stock truck in the coming weeks, that effort will be needed again.

There are still shifts available to sell the pumpkins on Oct. 13, 16, 17, and beyond. Call the church office to sign up, or find the patch calendar on Sunday in Disciples Hall. You can also sign up online:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/PumpkinPatch@fcctyler.org/bookings/>

Thanks for all your help, support, and fellowship that make the Pumpkin Patch so much fun and successful each year. See you at the Patch!

ADJUSTING...Continued from page 1

Also.... I'll be tuning in remotely, for the Regional Assembly of Disciples of Christ churches happening in our building! Called Crossing the Threshold, this event speaks to everyone's experiences in 2020 – strange and difficult, heavy and hard. With worship and workshops, it promises to show us ways we can move THROUGH all of it, together.

Turns out, the excitement I felt on Monday wasn't wrong, exactly. It's still a grand week to be a part of, around this place. Hope abounds, in unexpected ways and places – and you're invited into all of it.

RELEASING YOUR GRIP
An Introduction to Centering Prayer

OCT 13 - DEC 22
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS
6:00-7:00PM COST \$30
WITH DR. LANCE BOLAY

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Join Centering Prayer with Dr. Lance Bolay of Samaritan Counseling. We’re starting an introductory series, meeting the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6pm in the Parlor. Class fee is \$30 made payable to Samaritan Counseling. Required reading is “Open Mind, Open Heart” by Thomas Keating.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

meets Mon., Oct 12 at 10am, in the Children’s Chapel. Libby Lowry will be presenting, “Your Faith Has Made You Well - Healed by Jesus”

THIS WEEK, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Misty Francis, Karen Tutt, Susan Barton, Marilyn Covey, Mary Ann Hoffman, Pam Rose, Judy Mazurik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Jim & Jill Swan, Chris & Lisa Pulliam

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS...

Owen Brandt, Richard & Doris Davis, Jennifer Diotallevi, James Hardage, Mary Lou Jones, Michael Lewis, Clark Nash, Ken Rice, Wayne Riddle, Karson Sword, Todd Tutt

AND OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY...

Kristalyn Brewer (Lacy), Leisel Ferris (Sartain), Steve Gunter (Gunter), Gutierrez family (T. Anderson), family of James Lee (L. Lowry), Melodie Nash (Mason), Matthew Teegarden (Teegarden)

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 15 - Generation Great Luncheon

OCTOBER 31 - All Church Picnic

NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints / Celebration & Commitment Sunday