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WORSHIP SERVICE

Live Sundays 9:30am
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CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP SERVICE

Stream Sundays 9:30am
YouTube, Facebook

PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR!

Ahhh, at last it appears Fall is upon us. After the Summer (...and Spring) we've had, a new season sounds wonderful. As of this moment, we believe things are opening up which will allow our ministry to begin to ramp up in the weeks ahead...starting with our Pumpkin Patch (unloading Sat. Oct. 3 @ 9 a.m.), and Contemporary Worship's return to in-person worship (Oct. 4). We will take it slowly with appropriate safety measures continuing in place, but it's time!

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Additionally, here comes a busy season of governance as we prepare for 2021. See below for some of the upcoming meetings:

- BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, Sept. 22 @ 6 p.m in Disciples Hall (1. Early Childhood Center proposal & 2. Consideration of names to serve on our Search Committee. Depending on the ECC proposal, we may also need to have a Congregational Meeting (more information coming soon).
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Wed. Sept. 23 6:30 p.m. Room 190 to plan for 2021 budget.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE Wed. Sept. 30 5:30- 9:00 p.m. If you have a nomination for Board, Elder, Deacon, or Committee, please contact the Church Office (firstchristian@fcctyler.org).
ALL CHURCH PICNIC Sat. Oct 31...as a way of wrapping up our Pumpkin Patch and celebrating our church year (and since our usual Celebration/Commitment Brunch cannot happen). Join the fun.
CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT SUNDAY Nov. 1 (both services)
DECEMBER BOARD MEETING will be Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ 6 p.m. to consider our 2021 budget and leadership slate; our CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be Sunday, Dec. 13 to consider the same.

Big picture: October will be our Stewardship Emphasis, November will be for our budgeting process, and December will be for our Board and Congregational consideration.

I'm sensing these last 100 days of 2020 will be good ones as we prepare for the year to come. Thank you for your part in our ministry together.

BLESSINGS,
CHRIS PULLIAM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Prelude	“Fairest Lord Jesus” Tricia Anderson, organist	Mansfield
Welcome		Dr. Chris Pulliam
*Passing of the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer		Jim Lowell
*Gloria Patri		
Giving Moment		
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 16:1-4	Rev. Philip Chacko
Time of Prayer		
Special Music	“His Very Own”	Irene Duran
Sermon	Margin	Dr. Pulliam
Communion Hymn	“I Come with Joy”	
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		Rev. Ginger Brandt Jim Lowell
Spoken Affirmation	“We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accept Him as Lord and Savior.”	
Invitation		
*Closing Hymn	“Here I Am Lord”	Dr. Pulliam
*Benediction		
*Benediction Song	“God Be With You”	
*Postlude	“Gigue” Tricia Anderson, organist	Wagner



We have two sets of flowers gracing the Sanctuary today. The first bouquet is given by Al & Sheila Matson in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept 23.

The next set of flowers are given in memory of Bill Hughes, whose Memorial service will be held here at 2pm.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

MESSAGE

Dispatches from Sabbatical
Week 2: Connected, at Home

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 89
Matthew 10:29
1 Corinthians 13:4-8

MESSENGER

Ginger Brandt

MUSIC

Mike Hazeltine

PRAYER LEADER

Larry Gilliam
Richard Perryman



DID YOU KNOW...

Last Sunday we had **122** in attendance in our sanctuary for Traditional worship. AND through the week, we had **306** YouTube and **568** Facebook Traditional and Contemporary service views. That’s up **47%** since the previous week.

We also welcome **3** new members - **June Calow, Beth Gay, and Louise Jackson!**



WORSHIPING CARING SERV

FCC'S ECC - that's not a typo

As we say goodbye to MDO, we thank Carolyn Wallace, Susy Mendolia, and the entire staff for leaving a strong legacy of love for our children. The families of the Tyler area have truly been blessed by the Christian-based care provided by MDO for 50 years. Many of you have asked what the next step will be, so I'm delighted to be able to share our plan with you for continuing high quality, child-centered learning in Tyler.

First Christian Church will be offering a new Children's Ministry in January 2021 – the FCC Early Childhood Center, or ECC!!!! Our plan is to open a full day, fully licensed preschool, serving children ages 6 weeks through PreK. Our hours will be Monday – Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our proposal goes before the FCC Board for consideration on Tuesday, September 22. If the Board approves our proposal, we will be ready to offer priority registration to our FCC members, for their children and grandchildren, from September 23 – 30. We will open registration to the public, beginning October 1. We covet your prayers as we develop this ministry. Please feel free to share this news with family and friends, and feel free to call or email me with questions or to set up a time to come for a tour.

On a personal note, I am thrilled to be part of FCC in this way. I never thought I would ever be on the FCC staff. We never know what the Lord has planned for us, but it's always interesting and fun to find out! I am so excited to share in this ministry and to see where our Lord will lead us!

AMY ANDERSON,
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COMING BACK TO CAMPUS

In an effort to make FCC the cleanest, safest and securest place to be on Sunday morning, we have taken the following actions:

- Purchased 20 air purifiers, strategically placed around the campus.
- Purchased an electrostatic sprayer to disinfect all surfaces.
- Masking and social distancing
- Hired a Tyler police officer to be present on Sunday mornings.

Other points of interest:

- We can easily accommodate 60 people, at 1/2 capacity AND with social distancing.
- The children's wing entrance is open, to limit traffic and mingling on the way in/ out of worship space
- Children's care & programming available now for ages 0 through 2nd grade – with a possible 3th-5th grade group to come during the worship hour this week
- Disciples Hall Fellowship is still a no-go for all – so gather outside to catch up after worship

All of this has been done to say, your health and safety are important to us. We are ready, when you are ready to return...we miss you.

IVING GROWING TOGETHER

JOIN US IN SPREADING THE LOVE...

COMPUTER DRIVE TO BENEFIT MUSTARD SEED

Through September, FCC is hosting a drive for used electronics to be delivered to Mustard Seed Ministries in Tyler.

You may know of Mustard Seed, or have seen this name in local news coverage recently. They've given away more than 300 computers to school aged children, 4th grade and up, in August 2020 alone. Demand has been great this year, due to the many students staying home for distance learning, and because of a backlog of devices ordered by local ISDs.

Students receive these refurbished, upgraded, FREE desktop computer units – and college students receive free laptops – by documenting 10 hours of community service.

To make this good happen, Mustard Seed needs PC computers and laptops, most commonly, but will also refurbish Apple products and tablets of all kinds. (It has a donation program for teachers as well as students, so almost anything donated will get used!) The first step for all donated electronics that reach Mustard Seed is to have all personal information wiped for safety.

You can bring you donations to our cart display in Disciples Hall. Here's what we're looking for (most in-demand items listed first):

- Any external web cams
- PC CPUs
- monitors
- keyboard/ mouse units or singles
- PC laptops
- tablets or Chromebooks
- Apple products

A NEW YEAR FOR DWM

Disciples Women's Ministries 2020-2021 has begun our new year. All FCC ladies are invited to visit with any of our 3 Circles - Deborah Circle, E-Circle, and InSpirit Circle. Due to Covid, our meetings will be determined month by month, so watch for updates. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Lowry 903-566-3909, or Kaye Kraus 903-581-8308.

DWM Yearbook dedications are given each year. This year we had two dedications - Sylvia Riddle and Carol Hardage. Sadly, Sylvia passed away last year. Carol has not been able to attend church while caring for her husband, so some of our group surprised her with a dedication and new Yearbook.

Hope you will all join in the fun and fellowship!



WEEK OF COMPASSION

We are will recieving a special offering for WoC in worship and online. You may also text "WoC" to 71777, and you will be led through the giving process. This offering will go toward Covid and Hurricane Laura relief. Mark your gift "WOC."

BOARD MEETING, SEPT 22

Meeting at 6pm in Disciples Hall. All interested parties are welcome to attend. The ECC proposal and consideration of those who will serve on our Search Committe are on the agenda.

THIS WEEK, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Rondal Jones, Aaron Brock, Burt Ford, Kay White, Beverly Harlan, Carter Soward, Ingrid Boeker, Don Cooper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Burt & Paula Ford and Al & Sheila Matson

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS...

Richard Davis, Jennifer Diotallevi, Mike Flowers, Brenda Gilliam, James Hardage, Michael Lewis, Harold Liverett, Clark Nash, Margaret Perryman, Nina Sue Thornidke, Jennifer Vick, Johnny Wills

AND OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY...

Michael Covey (Covey), Bill Ellis (Spain), Richard Lemen (Hall), Lisa Scuder (Dorsey), Kendyl Zimmerman (Dorsey), Tricia Zimmerman (Dorsey)

SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF...

Libby Bostick and Bill Hughes. Libby passed away Sept 11. Her memorial will be set at a later date. Bill passed away Sept 15. His Memorial service will be this Sunday, Sept 20, at 2pm in the Sanctuary.