

# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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I'd like to thank everyone for their feedback on the surveys. I met with the PCRC and we went over your answers and comments. I found them useful, and I am trying to process how to put some of them into effect. I am so appreciative of the grace and love you've shown me.

What am I processing? There's a lot. I'm pretty self-aware. I know that I can be ... let's be kind ... quirky. It has taken me a long time to come to grips with the idea that this is who I am, and who I am pleases God. As much as I've been in ministry for a very long time, this is my first time to be "the" pastor, preaching every week, being responsible for things, trying to be a faithful leader. You have helped me so much.

Each week, I spend a great deal of time talking with God about what is happening here at Savannah FCC. I pray for each of you, and I pray that I would not be an obstacle to your faith. I pray about the needs of our church, how we can reach out more to the community, how we can, hopefully, get some more people into the church.

I know that many of you have been serving SFCC faithfully for many years. I also know that it is easy to get burned out. That doesn't mean we don't still need your help. Now that we are more comfortable being back in a weekly church setting, and now that we have some new officers, team leaders, elders and deacons, I hope to get more of you involved in both church activities and worship.

Finally, as I've said before, if there is something that concerns you, please tell me. (I don't think I'm too scary.) I can't guarantee that I will change how I feel or what I do, but I can't work with things if I don't know about them. For example, I know you all thought I was nuts for my Latin stuff – maybe I was, but if we don't understand where we come from and how we got to where we are today, how can we move forward in our faith journey? The idea that what I believe influences how I pray and worship and subsequently how I live my life in service to Jesus is important. So please bear with me as we move forward and continue to show the grace and love you have given so abundantly.

In the next few weeks and months, we will be having some congregational discussions to talk about our visions for SFCC, and how we want to make those visions happen. I hope and pray that all of you will participate in those discussions and help move us forward. See you Sunday.

In the peace and love of Jesus,



The Savannah High School Homecoming Parade will be Friday, September 22. Please consider leading a group to plan for a FCC float and other activities for that date.



The following officers nominated by the church board for the 2023-24 year were approved by the congregation on July 23:

- Chairperson**—Keven Schneider
- Recording Secretary**—Mary Kay Lyle
- Treasurer**—John Steeby
- Financial Secretary**—Martha Bradley
- Fellowship/Hospitality**—  
Paula Price & Connie Graham
- Worship**—Debbie Smith & Stan Aspey
- Outreach**—Beth Waggoner
- Property**—Stan Aspey
- Stewardship**—Jeff & Tricia Christmas
- Elders**—Mary Kay Lyle & John Steeby
- Trustees**—Paula Price & Linda Crowder
- Deacons**—

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| Jennifer Graham | Todd Graham      |
| Cindy Spangler  | Cindy Steeby     |
| Nancy Hagen     | Russ Tripp       |
| Jeff Baumann    | Angela Gromowski |



**Remember** the Annual Outreach Garage & Bake Sale is August 4 (8-4) & 5 (8-2). We will accept your gently used items Monday through Wednesday, July 31-Aug 2. Those donating baked goods or garden produce may bring their items Thursday. If you need help with transporting, please call Donnie Blair at 816-271-6992. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE!**



A WOW 22" Computer for Seniors has been donated for the garage sale. We plan to take sealed bids. If interested, you may contact Beth Waggoner or Dawn Blair.



The Cookie Raffle (to benefit our Andrew County Food Pantry) tickets are available at the church office; on Sunday mornings; at our 5th Sunday fellowship dinner (July 30); and at the Garage Sale on August 4 & 5. The winner will be announced at church on **August 6**. Chances are \$1 each.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who served as officers, committee chairs, elders, and other positions during the past year. We were blessed to have such dedicated people carry out the duties they were nominated to achieve. COVID "rearranged" a lot of our assignments, so we are so thankful to have new folks coming on this next year to serve First Christian Church. We pray that the Lord will bless each one of those who have served and the new group just beginning to serve.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK



LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBORS



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**JULY 26-28, 2023 6:00-8:30**  
**SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH 511 W MARKET ST. 816-324-3322**



**A. S. A. P.**  
always say a prayer

- \*Pastor Doug Gilpin
- \*Terry Ringot
- \*Terri Gromowski
- \*Sharon Patton
- \*Scott Patton
- \*Una Humphreys
- \*Rodney Christmas
- \*Vickie Miller
- \*Jan Christmas
- \*Martha Bradley
- \*Family of Shirley Radley  
(Ramona Lewis' mother)
- \*Marge Coulter

- \*Amanda Bratcher
- \*All Caregivers
- \*Lee Wandfluh
- \*Barbara Moss
- \*Richard Dick
- \*Maggie
- \*Lily
- \*Janice Ruoff
- \*Sue Frick
- \*Connie Graham
- \*Jody Embrey
- \*Stuart P.

# Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 20  
(during worship)

