

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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"You do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2b)

I have a friend who attends a very wealthy church in Dallas ... like, serious old money wealthy. Recently, the pastor made a video and sent it to the congregation saying something like, "Hey we're behind on our budget, so if any of you could make a "four or five digit" donation to the church so we can catch up our budget, we would appreciate it."

Friends, he meant four or five digits BEFORE the decimal point. Holy Cow! But my point is ... the pastor asked.

James writes to us that we do not have because we don't ask. And, yeah, I can be pretty guilty of that. It's hard and uncomfortable because I know many of you are already giving sacrificially. Many are on a fixed income. I get it. But the reality is that we are behind on the budget.

So I'm asking, are you able to give so we can catch up on our budget?"

If you are behind in your giving, specifically your financial giving, could you please do your best to catch it up? And any additional funds you could add would be very appreciated.

This year we will once again do a "Come to Jesus" campaign in October asking you make a covenant with God to give of your time, talents, and treasures. Again, there will be no names attached, this is your commitment covenant between you and God. During that campaign we will be looking at the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. In the meantime, please pray on this: Jesus said,

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Mt. 6:33-34)

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-8)

Don't forget the Sunday of Song, this Sunday, September 17th!



Kate



- *Pastor Doug Gilpin
- *Terry Ringot
- *Terri Gromowski
- *Sharon Patton
- *Scott Patton
- *Una Humphreys
- *Rodney Christmas
- *Jody Embrey
- *Connie Graham
- *Marge Coulter
- *Marsha Williams
- *Roger & Alice Latham
- *Bob Sparks
- *Amy W.
- *Tony Lupo
- *Amanda Bratcher
- *All Caregivers
- *Lee Wandfluh
- *Barbara Moss
- *Richard Dick
- *Maggie
- *Lily
- *Bill Dick
- *John Davis
- *Mike Gromowski
- *Betty Walton
- *Jimmy & Cindy
- *Kenna McCracken
- *People in Florida
- *Frankie Przybelinski



Gospel Sunday is **September 17**. There will be several groups singing and the kids will sing some of the songs they have learned the previous Sundays.

THANK YOU for your generous donation of cereal to support those in need in our community. The Food Pantry greatly appreciates your help. *Andrew County Ministries*



SHS Homecoming is **September 22**. We will once again provide bottled water & soft drinks at the parade. Please bring your drink donations to the church kitchen by Sept 20.

Thank you!



- 1st Linda Ballard
Steve Schweizer
- 5th Vivian Roth
- 6th **Lewis Austin #82**
Riley Schneider
- 7th Gary Baumann
- 14th Laura Shelton
- 16th Keven Schneider
- 17th Tucker Graham
- 18th Kataleena Spangler
- 19th LaVera Goben
- 25th **Beverly Adkins #89**
Tim Titsworth
- 27th Madison Baumann
Jenny Graham
- 28th Jack Roth
- 29th **Dawn Blair #84**
- 31st Sue Miller



Scholarships for the Fall '23 semester, in the amount of \$500 each, have been awarded to Bronson Frieling, Taylor Owen, and Carson Steeby.



Sew Time will resume on Thursday, Sept 21, from 1:00-3:00. Please plan to join us in this special ministry.



Sept 17—Children Sing in Church

Sept 24—God's Beautiful Creations
(Walk in Fall around Church)

Oct 1—Joseph, The Dreamer
Genesis 37

Oct 8—Joseph & the Famine—Part 1
Genesis 42-43

Oct 15—Joseph & The Famine—Part 2
Genesis 44-45



*Weiner Roast and
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