

Christian Church News!

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 4th, our Stay-at-Home order will be lifted and as we slowly transition back it is important to reflect on what has taken place during this time. Our transition back will be slow and cautious as we walk together to discover the new normal. We need to celebrate the good that has come from this time of quarantine. There are many blessings that will get looked over if we just focus on the things that did not go our way and fill our minds with grumbling and complaints. I'm sure we have all come up short in some ways during this time but there is no need to dwell there. We have an amazing opportunity to come back from this time with new resolutions and positive attitudes. The world will be first in line to tell you how you should feel and what to expect in the process, but it doesn't have to be that way. Don't let the world be your guide for change but submit yourself to God and trust Him to help you identify the good that has come out of this time as well as the things you can do differently. Maybe for some of us, we have grown in appreciation of our friends and family. We were forced to spend time at home with our family and be apart from others we love dearly. Don't let this transition back catapult us into busyness so our family ends up on the back burner once again. Now that you recognize the importance of certain friendships, don't take them for granted. I know some things have to transition back because such is life. However, we have a choice to remember what's important and prioritize love. Let this time of quarantine that we have left be a time of reflection and renewal. Look to God's word to give you guidance as you go back into the world as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ. Romans 12 is a great place to look for guidance on how to live our lives. We read in verse 2, "do not be conformed to this world but be transformed the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." We have each been given gifts according to God's grace, so we should use them to glorify our Father. You may wonder, how do I do that? Romans 12:9-13 lays it out a good start for us...

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

It's a side effect of living in today's world to want to do more, have more, and be more. It is natural with this time apart for us to try to run back full speed ahead and not pay attention to who or what we trample over. We may feel motivated to make up for the lost time and it's okay to be excited; just make sure the Spirit is leading you and not selfish ambition or the world. Remember "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Please know that although the order will be lifted we will not rush back for services. The leadership of the church and I will be in conversation as to the best way to come back together. After the order is lifted we will observe how things transition and make a decision with prayer and thoughtful consideration. Until that time please continue to lift each other up in prayer and enjoy the worship and other forms of communication being put out on Facebook and through email. Thank you all for your constant support and encouragement.

*Blessed to be Your pastor,
Gina*



Pastor Gina Johnson



Our Mission

**God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:**

- **Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages**
- **Explore and express a growing faith**
- **Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.**

**Next Newsletter will be
mailed/emailed on May 12.**



May Birthdays

- 2-Katelin Spalding
- 5-Jeanne Nichol
- 7-Phyllis Evans
- 7-Larry Holter
- 9-Brenda Blevins
- 9-Tyler Wiss
- 13-David Hakes
- 13-Elijah Oglesby
- 13-Sampson Stillwell
- 15-Jacelynn Laws
- 15-Tom Neal
- 17-Linda Barker
- 17-Earney Burchard
- 17-Ans-Ashli Majors
- 18-Tyler Holter
- 19-Kelley Good
- 24-Allen Charles
- 25-Natalie Good
- 25-Karen Odell
- 26-Pam Owings
- 28-Mary Martin
- 29-Tammie Crabtree
- 29-Garrentt Good

May Anniversaries

- 4-Larry & Donna Elliott
- 10-Gene & Mary Jay Lang
- 18-Allen & Renee Shackelford
- 21-Clark & Ashlee Holdren
- 23-Nick & Jeanne Nichol
- 27-Bret & Brianna Dooley
- 28-Joe & Kelley Good
- 28-Melvin & Christine Simon
- 30-Dale & Yvonne Slifer



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

- Sara Williams
- Grigsby Family (Sister-in-Law passed)
- Family of Kathryn Hamby Anderson (Janice Wolff's sister)
- Karen O'Dell
- Kevin Howard
- The victims of this Corona Virus
- Our Children
- Emergency Personnel
- Our Military
- Those with continuing health concerns
- Care Givers
- All those in care Centers

Our Church Honored

Our First Christian Church has been officially recognized as the organization that provided the largest amount of support for the 2020 Souper Bowl sponsored by the Johnson County Food Center. We can be proud that our members came together to give a cash donation of \$5,820 which will provide 17,520 cans of soup and canned goods for those in need in our community. Other large donations were also given to the Souper Bowl by The Cowboy Church and Ridgeview Elementary School.



Several years ago, Ruth Newton, a member of First Christian Church, bequeathed a scholarship trust fund to our church "to provide scholarship grants for deserving students to attend a college or university as undergraduates." The amount awarded annually is determined by the interest on the trust fund and the number of applications. The applicant must have been a member of First Christian Church for three years, have had regular attendance and participation in church activities, and exhibits good moral character. Application forms are available in the church office for the 2020-2021 school year. The application and required attachments must be turned in to the office by May 10, 2020. Funds for the second semester each year will be awarded when the scholarship committee is advised in writing by the recipient of current semester grades and his/her intention to register for the following semester. Applicants may reapply, but awards will not be made for more than eight semesters. Students applying for subsequent years do not need to resubmit letters of recommendation. Recipients will be notified no later than June 1, 2020. Checks are distributed in August and January if application criteria are complete.



Continuing to miss seeing everyone from our church family. I hope everyone is doing well and keeping up with homework and helping mom & dad at home. Remember to keep talking to God every day. He loves to hear from you!

Yes, He knows what is going on in our lives but He wants to be treated like one of the family and spoken to like all parents like to be spoken to, and have you share your day with them. I can't wait until we can all be together again at church and youth groups! While we are still apart, I want to leave you with some bible verses to ponder (think about) until we see one another again.

1) Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

2) So, I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to all who knock, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10

3) The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty One who will save, He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will rejoice over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17

In Christian Love,

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You can see upcoming events, video
snippets, worship service videos and a
lot more!

Sunday Worship @ 10