

# THE VISITOR

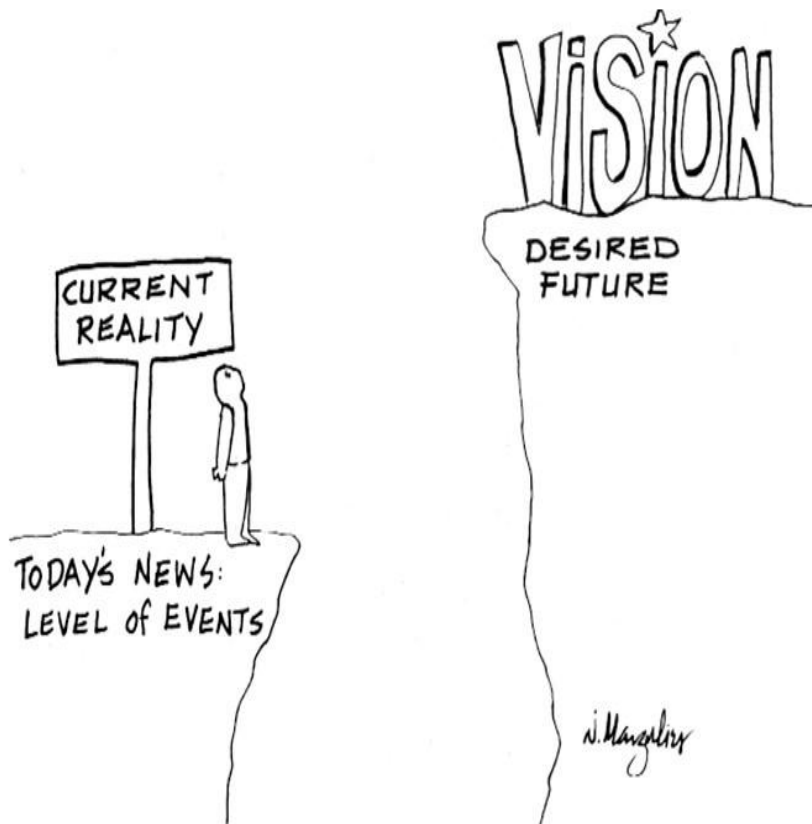


First Christian Church of Denton  
(Disciples of Christ)

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*A thoughtful church for thoughtful people*

**June 6, 2017**



## VISIONING GROUP

Last week the Cabinet met and was presented with a large amount of information regarding the need for reflection, introspection and visioning for the future of our congregation.

So seriously are they taking the responsibilities, they decided to meet every other week to discuss and exchange visions and then make plans for growth!

In this capacity, they will be recognized/appointed as a "Visioning Task Group" by the Board Chair at the first meeting in July.

Pray for this group and our congregation as together we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God's plan for FCC, Denton

# MULLIN' IT OVER...

I am forced to remember a conversation I had with the Rev. Bob Stewart while I was minister at Western Heights Christian Church in Garland, during the 90's. We had gone through a series of 6 funerals of beloved and long-time church members. Bob asked how I was doing. I told him, "Bob, I'm weary." Then he asked how the congregation was holding up. "They seem sad and weary as well."

He reminded me that as the congregation says goodbye to longtime friends, it will need to grieve. Individually and collectively they will need to process their pain and loss. And he said the same for me. Since the first of the year we have had 6 congregational deaths and funerals. I have personally had another 3 over which I have presided. It dawned upon me yesterday that I was "weary".

I asked Bob what we should do and he replied, "Take care of one another, be patient, caring and loving. Remember you are a family who has lost a beloved member. Remember everyone grieves differently and be open to the differences."

Let us take this opportunity to reflect upon these ideas and heed the wise words of Bob Stewart!

See you on Sunday!!!

Jack



This Sunday, the Sojourners Sunday school class will launch a series of discussions of the Old Testament books which in the Jewish canon are referred to as "the Writings" (*Ketuvim*). We'll begin with the Book of Ruth.

All are invited to join us in the Parlor at 9:30 every Sunday for What promises to be an interesting, informative, and uplifting time of study.

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

I'm pleased with the wonderful work that our choirs have done since last September. There were so many high points – Vespers Services, All Saint's Jazz Sunday, "Appalachian Winter," Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, the Faure Requiem for Memorial Weekend. Our marvelous choirs made *every* Sunday meaningful, week after week. I'm honored to work with these talented and dedicated people.

The choirs are "officially" on summer break, but I'll be working with anyone who wants to show up for "optional" rehearsals! We will have outstanding music all summer long.

This coming Sunday we are offering music that reaches back to the days of tent revivals and the folk movement. Larry Koonce and Mamie Snead are singing a great arrangement of "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" and Susan Phillips and Vanessa Winans are singing a medley that combines "Kum Ba Yah" and "I've Got Peace Like a River."

For Father's Day, we have the ultimate father daughter duet team – Larry Koonce and Alissa Taylor!

I'll see you in worship.

Mark

# PASTOR'S STUDY

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall,  
Middle room, courtyard side!

This week we will be exploring *I Corinthians 11:17-34*. If you are looking for a study with a wide range of discussion; open sharing of ideas, thoughts and opinions

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

**New:** Joe Sears is on hospice with around the clock care. Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers  
Bill Farris has been hospitalized and is seeking further treatment.

Margie Davis had surgery last Friday and is now at Vintage in Rehab Rm. 2B. She would enjoy visitors.

**Those fighting cancer:** Ed Burnett, Karen Bunker, Carole Cudd, Linda Fischer, Allison Fry-Roettger, Sherry Gaskill, Exie Nicolas, Sue Quinney, Joe Sears, Connie Pack Stonebraker.

**Continuing Concerns:** Madge Boynton, J Cantwell, Lucie Chapman, Jay Cox, Margie Davis, Ron Dickson, Jinx Ferris, Mark Gohlke, Sidney Graham, Joyce Guild, Belva Hennen, Betsy Holt Johnson, Judd Holt, Jan Hunter, Dorothy Koone, Neal Koone, Pat Martin, Jim Massoud, Joanne Pack, Rodney Preston, Bill Tyler, Gina Gohlke Wicker.

**In Military:** Marine Corps Sgt. Cody Pensabene Adam McNairy in the Marine Corps.  
Commander William Koone, US Navy Reserves, on a 1-year mobilization

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

Remember the wicker basket in the Outreach Corner in The Gathering Area, and fill it with non-perishable goodies for the Denton Food Pantry....foods to paper goods, to cleaning/personal care products. Also take a look at the Hand of Love basket in the same area. That group is collecting items for its projects and it looks like they are on a roll! Watch the newsletter for the next meeting of that group if you'd be interested in attending. Thank you for all you do for folks in this community who are struggling with life's most basic needs.

*The Outreach Ministry*

***“You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.”***

*John MacArthur*

***“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”***

*Augustine*

***“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”***

*Mother Teresa*

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

June 4, 2017

### ATTENDANCE:

Morning Worship: 68 Nursery: 1

### GENERAL FUND INCOME

Pledges, Checks, Loose Offering \$ 4,969.03

**Total for General Fund \$ 4,969.03**

### SPECIAL FUNDS (Not for General Fund)

Community Food Center 5.00

Music Ministry 79.00

Pentecost 397.50

**Total for Special Offering \$ 481.50**

**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING \$5,450.53**

**Pledges and Contributions received through  
May 31, 2017 total \$ 103,039.70**

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, June 7

6:00 pm WNL Dinner- Baked Potatoes /Salad

7:00 pm Youth

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 8

6:00 pm Unity Group - AA

7:30 pm Nar-Anon

### Sunday, June 11

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship Service

### Monday, June 12

6:00 pm Unity Group - AA

8:00 pm DAA - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, June 13

6:00 pm AA, Al-Anon

7:00 pm LaLeche Group

7:30 pm EmpowHer Women's Group

### Wednesday, June 14

6:00 pm WNL Dinner

7:00 pm Youth

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6<sup>th</sup> Will Youden

12<sup>th</sup> Andrew Duncan

16<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Russell

27<sup>th</sup> Becca Altman

16<sup>th</sup> Mandy Duncan

24<sup>th</sup> Jim Lehman

28<sup>th</sup> Judd Holt

## THIS WEEKS LECTONARY

June 11th, 2017

*Trinity Sunday - First Sunday after Pentecost • Green*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

## SERVING SCHEDULE – June 11

**Worship Leader:** Linda Morrow

**Table Elders:** Bread: Charlotte Nabors

Cup: Kevin Deal

**Diaconate Serving:** Karen and Lee Fry,  
Mike Tully, Mark Youden

**Prepare:** JoAnn Boyd

**Clean Up:** Allie Smith, Chris Yoder

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Worship, Fellowship and Serve.”**