

The Caller

Newsletter of the
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

2026 Arrants St. ☩ Selma, CA 93662

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*'Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.'*

Proverbs 16:3

OUR MISSION IS...

...to grow our faith in Christ and share it with others,
to connect people to God and to each other through love, and
to create hope by providing opportunities for people to serve.

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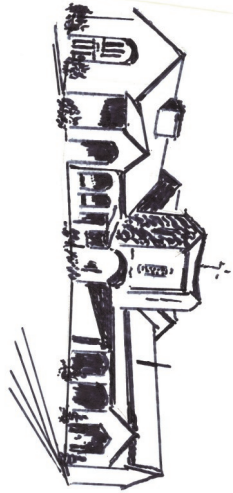
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"First Christian Church
of Selma, California"



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Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, February 1, 2020

(Time will be announced)

Active shooter situations in your church training. This training will be at Christ Driven Church (Assembly of God) 1801 2nd St., Selma.

Sunday, February 2, 2020

(During worship)

Installation of Church Officers

Monday, February 2, 2020

7:00 PM

“With One Mind” Prayer Service

Join us in the Church Library to spend time in prayerful worship. We will pray for one another, our church and leaders, and for God’s vision for our future as Disciples in Selma to be made known to us.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Sunday Bulletin:

Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

Newsletter:

16th of the month @ 10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M - TH *from* 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS The Congregation
SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Maria Tafoya
Minister of Evangelism and Outreach
..... Rev. Chad Thompson
Minister of Youth/Young Adults Leah Torosian
Choir Director Kenneshae Murray
Minister of Music Jordan Williams
Organist Anthony Imperatrice
Child Care Ashley Petree
Chair of the Congregation (2019) John Terry
Chair of the Elders (2019) Dave Highbaugh
Administrative Assistant Dee Anne Douville
Custodian Ashley Petree
Communications Coordinator Jason Torosian

All Family & Friends are Invited to the:

MOE MURRAY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



Potato Picker Open!



Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Tournament 1- 3 pm

at Adventure Park in Visalia: \$10 per entry (ages 8+)

(kids ages 7 & under free with paying adult; spectators also free)

followed by

Potato Potluck So. San Joaquin Social,

awards, freewill offering

& more fun than you can poke a stick at!

4 – 7 PM at First Christian Church in Selma:

attend one or both events – preferably both!

**Bring any kind of potato side dish to share for the table
if ye are able!**



Proceeds going to CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS 2020

*Moe was Irish, loved golfing + green was his favorite color,
so if you'd like to do a little wearin' o' the green for the tourney,
no leprechauns'll be stoppin' ye!*



SCRIPTURES & TITLES FOR FEBRUARY

BOOK & VERSE

SERMON

- 2: Micah 6:1-8 (CEB) "Asked and Answered"
 9: Matthew 5:13-20 Message "Why are we here?"
 16: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (CEB) "God's Field"
 23: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (CEB) "Reliable Witnesses"

LAST MONTH'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL

THURSDAY CONTEMPORARY

1/5: 48

("WORSHIPREPLAY")

1/12: 44

1/9: 10

1/19: 42

1/26: 47

1/23: 6



"Share the Love" Lunch and Valentines Sunday, February 9, 2020



The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) together with the Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) are putting on a Lunch and Valentines event.

CMF is going to be serving a Sloppy Joe lunch after church on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

Please plan to stay to eat, and after lunch, you will have an opportunity to make Valentines for the folks at Selma Convalescent Hospital and for our Adopted Cops.

CWF has provided all the decorations and "makings" so you can make an extra valentine or two for the people you love.

Adopt-A-Cop

I am sure we are all aware that the work of Police Officers is often under appreciated. Because the churches in Selma want to let the officers and staff of the Selma PD know that we do appreciate them, a new program has been born called Adopt-A-Cop. Each congregation participating in the program will adopt two Selma PD Officers and/or Staff members.

What does it mean to adopt a cop? Pray for them. Send a birthday card or appreciative and encouraging card or note at other times during the year. Pray for them some more. All cards and notes should be mailed or hand-delivered to:

(name of adopted SPD employee)
 c/o Selma Police Department
 1935 E. Front Street
 Selma, CA. 93662

First Christian Church has adopted:

Cesar Bejarano Birthdate: February 25th
 Johnathan Carrillo Birthdate: July 8th





REV. MINION

Holy Renovations, Batman! We're leveling up!

If you have been in the sanctuary any time in the last few months, you will have noticed some things are moving around and changing. Beginning with the pews!

We did some re-arranging to make the sanctuary more welcoming to persons who use a wheelchair. Pews were moved so there is space in every aisle for a wheelchair to navigate. We also moved some smaller pews to the center on the left hand side so there is room for a person who uses a wheelchair to sit comfortably without having to settle for a seat in the very back or very front. We also removed the front row of pews so there will be more room for musical groups, like the Pentecost Band.

Once we got the pews situated it was time to look at the flooring. It has been a very long time since the carpet in the sanctuary was installed, so that will be replaced with as close to the same color as possible. But only up to the first pew. The floor between the first pew and the Communion Table will feature the beautiful wood that has been covered up by carpet. This will improve acoustics as well as being visually pleasing. The wood will be refinished before the new carpet goes in. That means there will be a period of time between tearing the carpet out and putting the new carpet in when our sanctuary is not going to look its best. But the end result will be so worth it!

All of this will cost more than is in our budget for 2020. We have received a generous donation toward the carpet replacement, but we will need everyone to help raise the rest of the money we need. There are fundraising details elsewhere in the newsletter. Just be aware that **any** size gift is welcome, from a handful of change on up.

This is so exciting! We are Leveling Up, making more space for everyone in our church. A little construction mess is a small price to pay to accomplish our goal of living into our commitment to being a church where All really does mean ALL.

Pastor Maria

SERVING IN February

GREETER(S)

2: Becky Moreno
9: Lisa Piper
16: TBA

PRESIDER(S)

Jessica Williams & Omar Ruiz
Jeff & John Terry
Kenneshae Murray &
Isidro Martinez-Andrade

23: Jennifer Earle Chad & Charlotte Thompson

ELDERS

OFFERING

2: Chad Thompson
9: Leah Torosian
16: John Terry
23: Kathleen Schales

COMMUNION

Jane Ono
Debbie Brown
Dave Highbaugh
Hugh Adams

LOCK-UP: John Terry

(Prep)

DEACONS

2: Jorge Flores	Rene Wells	Diane Highbaugh	Charlotte Thompson
9: Dawn Linhoff	Jessica Williams	Clarissa Zarate	John Hoipkins
16: Karen Blanchard	Laura Thornburg	Andrew Guzman	Haley Stump
23: Liz Thornburg	Becky Moreno	Jeff Terry	Marsha Staley

Please call a sub if you are unable to do Communion preparation!

Schedule for FEBRUARY 2020

SATURDAY, 2/1

TBA

*Active Church Shooter Training @
Christ Driven Church (1801 2nd St. Selma)*

SUNDAY, 2/2

10:30 AM

*Installation of Church Officers
during worship*

MONDAY, 2/3

7:00 PM

*"With One Mind" Prayer Service
in FCC library*

THURSDAY, 2/6

7:45 AM

Food Pantry @ S.M.A.R.T. Center

SATURDAY, 2/8

9:30 AM

*Esther Women's Fellowship at
FCC – hosted by Bonnie Murray*

SUNDAY, 2/9

11:45 AM

*"Share the Love" Lunch &
Valentines, hosted by CMF & CWF*

TUESDAY, 2/11

9:30 AM

*Miriam Women's Fellowship at
Josephine Sihota's (12166 S. Temperance,
Selma)*

THURSDAY, 2/13

6:30 PM

Worship RePlay Service at FCC

FRIDAY, 2/14

*Happy
Valentines
Day*



THURSDAY, 2/16

11:45 AM

Board Meeting

THURSDAY, 2/20

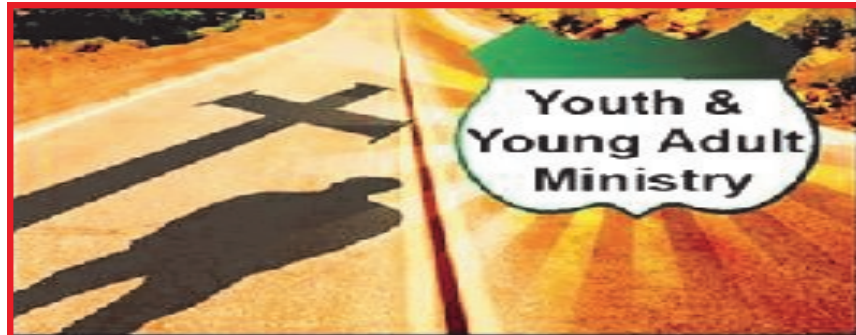
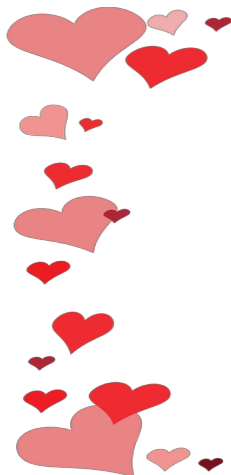
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Food Pantry @ S.M.A.R.T. Center

THURSDAY, 2/27

6:30 PM

Worship RePlay Service at FCC



Dear Church Family,

It's February, the month of love. Love comes in many forms. Most of us tend to focus on romantic love in February because of Valentine's Day. That's awesome, but not everyone has a valentine or chooses to celebrate Valentine's Day in a traditional way.

This year I'd like to challenge you to spread love to all of those around you. Just a little bit of love, each and every day. And remember, as Disciples of Christ, we know that All means ALL. Sooo, you've gotta spread a little love to the grumpy next door neighbor, or the impatient person in line ahead of you. Don't go crazy or anything, but think about ways that you can make a difference by being positive and spreading love wherever you go this month.

Please feel free to contact me or the church if you are interested in joining the Youth or Young Adult group.
Let Love Abound!

Sanctuary Renovation "Carpet Cash" Campaign

As part of our Level-Up! 2020 theme, we have made room in our sanctuary, and it looks better than we imagined! What remains is the flooring—*carpet and refinishing the wood*—and the funds to go with it. We will be hiring Central Floor Supply in Fresno to lay new carpet. Already, a generous donation has been made towards this project—praise God!

Here is the plan of action for this campaign:

PHASE 1 – Purchase of Carpet: \$2,500.00

PHASE 2 – Laying of Carpet: \$2,675.62

TOTAL: \$5,175.62



With God's guidance, our work together will bring us to a beautiful, re-imagined sanctuary, where all are truly welcome; and all for the glory of God.
You can follow our campaign's progress in the Narthex!

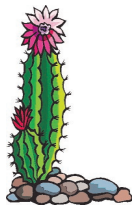
Christian Women's Fellowship



Esther Group will be meeting on Saturday, February 8th, at **9:30 AM** at First Christian Church. Bonnie Murray will be the hostess.

Miriam Group will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, **9:30 AM**, at Josephine Sihota's (12166 S. Temperance, Selma)

Please Join Us!



Wild Women of the West - Register BEFORE Feb 1st!!

Disciples Women from Arizona to Montana to Oregon to California - and every place in between - will gather in Las Vegas on June 12-14, 2020 for a weekend. National Hispanic Pastor Rev. Lori Tapia and Regional Minister of the CCNC-N Region Rev. Dr. LaTaunya L. Bynum are sought after speakers and women of God who fill you with the holy fire of God. On Saturday evening, be inspired with a young adult group of speakers, Sianna Smith, Yvette Hernandez-Becerra, and Jess Kim as they show us the hopeful future of the church. The weekend, though, will not be complete without YOU.

Registration is open now at [https://](https://www.discipleswow.com/)

www.discipleswow.com/

Adult registration before Feb 1st \$99

Adult registration Feb 2-May 1 : \$150

Adult late registration after May 1 : \$200

Seeking God's Grace in the Desert

June 12-14, 2020 * Las Vegas

FCC Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE

6:30 PM Young Adults Meeting (*Parsonage*)

6:00 PM Iglesia PC

Monday:

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday: (*No activities*)

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Iglesia PC

7:17 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

6:30 PM WORSHIPREPLAY (*2nd/4th Thursdays of the month*)

6:30 PM Trinity Life Church

Friday: (*Office Closed*)

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday: (*No activities*)



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES February

4	..... Kathy Kirkes
5	..... Jessica Torrez;
5	.....Justin & Sierra Cook '14
7	.....Nick Luna
8	..... Alec Coakwell
11	..... Judy Woods
12	.....Kathleen Schales
15	.....Jose Pena
17	.....McConnel Coakwell
18	..... Denae Vargas;
18	.....Ken & Vicky Armstrong
22	.....Jennifer Earle
28	.....Karleen Locklear

Have we missed your special day? Is something incorrect? Contact the church office and let us know! Please call 896-2691 or email fccselma@sbcglobal.net

First Christian Church, Selma, California
Sunday January 19, 2020 - Board Minutes

Members present: Vonnie Murray, Jennifer Earle, Marsha Staley, Dave Highbaugh, Leah Torosian, Maria Tafoya, John Terry, Jordan Williams, Hugh Adams, Pat Adams, Alan Langstradt

The meeting was opened at 11:45 am by chairperson, John. He thanked everyone for their participation and support and lit the Christ candle. We read our Mission Statement and Matthew 6:33. Leah prayed. Consent agenda was reviewed. Jennifer moved consent agenda be approved. Dave seconded, motion carried.

Additional Team Reports: Dave reported that Spiritual Growth got thru Christmas with Lent coming. Alan reported that he has the long pew at his shop. Tony has supplied some organ wood to use to add a leg to the pew. Jordan passed out the new '2020 At A Glance' brochure that will be given to each congregant. If not at the meeting it will be mailed. Brochures are very professional

Financial Report: Marsha went over the report. Yeah, we met our budget for 2019. Melinda has yet to move \$5,000.00 from our new building account to the church board extension account.

Pastor's Report: March 14-15 Maria will attend Founders Day. May 3 Teen Challenge will be at our church. June 12-14 Wild Women of the West Conference in Las Vegas. Maria would like someone to attend with her. After much back and forth with the company, Maria approved enrollment for the church in a fixed rate program with Collective, which provides gas to P.G. & E. Pat moved that in April we review all bills and see if there is truly a savings. Vonnie seconded, motion carried.

Youth Report: Leah reports the youth group has not been meeting regularly because of the holidays and sickness. Plans are to start up more regularly. The Young Adult group is happy and thriving.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sanctuary reconfiguration carpet bid - Decided to accept first bid. We will run a "Carpet Cash" Campaign starting January 26 through the end of February.

New Business:

1. The Budget Committee: the Budget Committee recommended we give a 3% increase to all employees. Alan so moved, Marsha seconded, motion carried.
2. East gate has been installed and paid for. Looks good and works well.
3. Ashley's Job description - Maria will continue to work with Ashley so that her job description is clear to her and the church membership.

John stated that he wanted us to continue to pray for our congregation, visit and be in contact with members and ask for guidance for congregational meeting. Jennifer closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15. Next meeting: February 16, 2020.

Congregational Meeting will be on January 26, 2020.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Adams, board secretary

PRAYER REQUESTS AND GRATITUDE

I want to thank everyone at **First Christian Church**. Your friendship and smiling faces have brightened my life. The blessing of your friendship means so much to me, and although I have recently moved, I will continue to visit Fresno and try to get to church. I still consider Selma "my church." Love, **Paula**

Happy New Year! May God bless our church with many blessings this year. **Sylvia Wells**

Please keep **Gary & Judy Woods** in your prayers. Judy Wood's current address is 13538 SW Fischer Rd. King City, OR 97224. Judy is at an Assisted Living, and Gary is in a Memory Care Facility, not doing very well.

Please pray for **Alexis Reynolds** and her grandmother **Ruth Houd**. They found Alexis' father dead from a drug overdose on Wednesday. If you would like to send a card, their address is 3506 Mullberry in Selma.

Continued prayers of healing for Jordan & Jessica's dad, Joseph Williams.

Prayers are needed for **Mario**, the son-in-law of **Bob and Katie McGill**. Mario has had 3 serious infections in his body and they know it is from his colon, he will be having a colonoscopy Please pray healing for Mario and guidance for his Doctors.

Healing prayers for **April Langstraat**, as she recovers from a bout with pneumonia.

PRAYER CHAIN

Jennifer Earle is leading the prayer chain. You may send prayer requests to her at 559-896-2358 or jen4earle@sbcglobal.net.



Thank you to all faithful supporters of the Food Pantry. **Distribution days are normally held on the first and third Thursdays at the SMART Center**, but during the month of **December** there was only one distribution day held. There were **47 bags** of food given out to **166 people**. **Your donations are always greatly appreciated.**



First Christian Church
Welcomes New Member on
January 12, 2020

Theresa Keck
2406 B Street, Apt B
Selma, CA 93662
559-305-8504
tkeck611@gmail.com

Chapman University's Founders Day

Chapman University will hold our 37th Annual Founders Day, **March 14, 2020**. We are pleased to bring to campus the Rev. Dr. William Barber II. Barber, hailed by many to be this generation's Martin Luther King, Jr. Barber will be both the morning teacher and the afternoon preacher. Barber, relying on both scripture and the guarantees of the Constitution of the United States, will help us make the connections of head and heart about issues of poverty and systemic racism as well as other social justice issues that need Christian moral influence in our day.

The afternoon worship will also feature Disciples on Campus students and the excellent Chapman University Singers.

Online Registration can be found at www.chapman.edu/founders-day. Questions or needing assistance with online registration? Please call the Office of Church Relations at 714-997-6760.

And we are serious—do not let the cost of registration keep you away. If you need a scholarship, please ask by contacting Nancy Brink at churchrelations@chapman.edu. No one is turned away because of finances!