

The Caller

Newsletter of the
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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JULY 2020

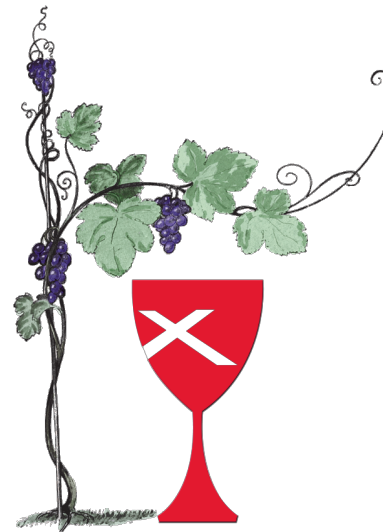
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*'Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.'*

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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Did you know . . .

That First Christian Church in Selma has its own
YouTube channel?

We do! It has been the place to find all of Pastor Maria 's
sermons, and videos of special services, but now it is also the
place to go for Worship!

To find our Worship Services on Sunday mornings you can:

Follow the link that is emailed to you on Saturday afternoon
or

Follow the link that is posted on Facebook on Sunday morning
Or

Go to our webpage: <http://www.selmadisciples.com>
and click on the worship service link

OR

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

<http://www.youtube.com/user/selmadisciples>

Subscribers get a notice when anything new is posted

See you in church!

PRAYER REQUESTS AND GRATITUDE

Please pray for **Larry Mathis** as he heals. Also keep **Kelly Trujillo**, his daughter, who will be caring for him during his 6 weeks of healing at home.

Ken Armstrong's younger brother passed on June 19 in Arizona. Please keep the family in prayer, and traveling mercies for **Ken** going to Arizona.

Please surround **Jordan & Jessica Williams** in prayer as they quarantine for two weeks. They have tested positive for COVID 19.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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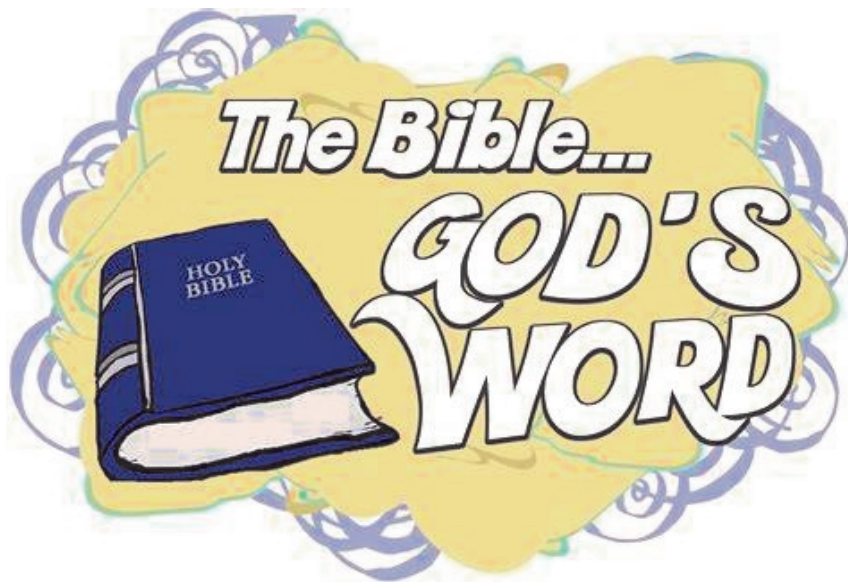
16th of the month @ 10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

WED - 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
Minister of Music	Jordan Williams
Choir Director	Kenneshae Murray
Organist	Anthony Imperatrice
Child Care	Ashley Petree
Chair of the Congregation (2020)	John Terry
Chair of the Elders (2020)	Dave Highbaugh
Administrative Assistant	Dee Anne Douville
Custodian	Ashley Petree
Communications Coordinator	Jason Torosian



JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5, 2020: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (NRSV)

July 12, 2020: Isaiah 55:10-13 (NRSV)

July 19, 2020: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (NRSV)

July 26: Psalm 119:129-136 Common English Bible (CEB)



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2: Jasmin Soto

5: Jason Fuller

7: Sayd Guzman

8: Johnathan Carrillo

(Adopt-A-Cop) SPD name:

mail to C/O Selma Police Department

1935 E. Front St. Selma, CA 93662

9: John Arevalo

13: Bert Baker

14: Geneva Torrez

15: Michelle Ritchie

20: Marcus Arevalo

21: Leah Torosian

24: Ashley Petree

30: Virgie Cortez

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



Thank you to all the faithful supporters of our Food Ministry. During **June** we provided food for **100** families! Bags for distribution are packed the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Your donations are greatly



Who is that Masked Minion?

Ever since the shelter in place orders went into effect, I have been in my house. I don't go anywhere, so I don't often have to wear a mask. Sometimes people come to visit and chat through my screen door. Most wear masks, and those who don't

stay well over 6 feet from the door. Most of my delivery people - UPS, FedEx, Amazon - wear masks when they come to drop off boxes. Amazon even sends an email asking if their driver wore a mask!

A team consisting of Jennifer Earle, John Terry, Jordan Williams, David Highbaugh, and myself are working on how to begin gathering in person safely. In our conversations about when we might start meeting in person, one of the first topics we discuss is masks. Everyone will be required to wear masks inside the building. We know that no one really likes wearing masks, but use of masks does help prevent the spread of the virus. And we are all about preventing the spread of the virus.

Right at this moment, three of the young adults who participate in our online worship services have tested positive for COVID19. Several others are under quarantine while they wait for their test results, having all been exposed during a recent Sunday morning worship service.

Because of this, and because we are all about preventing the spread of the virus, and because the cases in Selma continue to rise, we aren't going to be meeting in person for a while. What's a while? I have no idea. We will continue online worship, which will continue to evolve as circumstances change. For at least a few weeks it will not be Live, but pre-recorded and posted to our YouTube channel.

I miss you. I miss seeing your faces. I miss your hugs and conversation. But I would much rather miss you for a while than miss you forever. So please, wear masks. Wash your hands. And pray for each other.

God be with you till we meet again.

Pastor Maria



Dear First Christian Church Family,

2020 has certainly been an interesting year. I don't think anyone would have predicted that the year would have unfolded as it has. As we close the door on the first half of the year and move into July I've been thinking about what continues to propel me forward day by day and the words from the chorus of an old Amy Grant song came to mind. "Love will find a way."

So simple, yet so profound at the same time, just like God in a lot of ways. Maybe this is the answer to the problems of the World. After all, it's part of our foundation....love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself.

If more people would approach daily situations in a loving manner, our world would be vastly different. Try to see a situation from both sides, not just your own. Look for the good. Help where you can. Be a good example.

At times I don't feel equipped to deal with the challenges that life is throwing at all of us this year. This is really difficult stuff! COVID19 is uncharted territory and it changes quickly. So I pray. I pray for guidance and for wisdom and for the right words to use. Most of all, I pray that the love I have for this church and its people and the Young Adults specifically shows in everything I do and say.

Navigating this path isn't easy, but we're doing it. Let's stick together and continue to love each other.

In His Love,

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