

The Caller

Newsletter of the
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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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.



CHURCH HOURS:

MON. - THURS.: 9 AM - 12 PM

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June



Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 03: Kenneshae Murray &
Isidro Martinez-Andrade '20
04: Anthony Duran
09: Geneva Solis
11: Teresa Keck
12: Yolanda & Clemente Gonzalez
13: Yolanda Gonzalez
14: Josiah Thompson
17: Sierra Cook
19: Dave & Diane Highbaugh '82
21: Jane Ono
23: Devin Fitzgerald
24: Linda Berry; Angel Smiley
26: Mark & Dorothy Babiarz '82
28: Cindy Jurado-Hernandez
29: John Hopkins
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Drivers Needed ...



If you can help with any of the transportation runs to drive kids to camp either to-&-from or to-or -from camp for the following dates:

July 18, July 24, Aug. 1, Aug. 7

Please contact the church office or
Kathleen Schales 559-367-7758.



Graduate Celebration June 6, 2021 after worship

Will Thompson	8th grade	Michael Gutierrez	Masters
Vlad Villasenor	High School	Kenneshae Murray	Masters
Jorge Flores	Bachelors		
Jessica Williams	Bachelors		
Brooke Wilson	Bachelors		

Congratulations!



FATHER'S DAY APPRECIATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

AFTER WORSHIP ON THE FRONT LAWN

THERE WILL BE HOTDOGS AND OTHER SIDES TO SHARE TOGETHER



Join us for...
Ladies
Bible Study

Miriam Group

Tuesday, June 8th @ 9:30 AM

Will be meeting at a restaurant, location TBA



Esther Group

Saturday, June 12th @ 9:30 AM

Liz Thornburg Martinez hosting at her home
2353 Hicks, Selma

REV. MINION



Sunday Only?

Now that we are back to in-person worship, I was really looking forward to being able to re-start our Thursday night Worship Replay services. Sadly, some scheduling changes happened and the building isn't available on Thursday evenings, the night that was best for some of our participants. When I mention this and that I am looking for a new night to hold this

service, I hear things like:

"Well, how many people actually attend? Is it worth it to do church for so few people?"

Absolutely. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matt. 18:20)

"They can go to YouTube and watch our services any time."

True, but they cannot participate the way they can and do at Worship Replay. One person really loved getting to play music in worship. Several prefer the praise music to traditional hymns. Some like the informality (and the shorter service).

Plus, there's that whole "All means ALL" thing to consider. If we **truly** mean that all persons are welcome, then we will find ways to make in-person worship available to all who are able to come to this place. If we truly do want to reach all people, we will offer opportunities other than Sunday for folks to regularly attend worship, meetings, and social events.

Mind you, our live stream services on YouTube are great. They bring our congregation into the homes of people who cannot get to our services on Sunday morning for whatever reason. Some live too far away to drive to Selma - like Nevada and Arkansas. Some are home with young children or elderly parents. Some just aren't ready to be in a large group of people yet. They depend on being able to attend worship with us even when they are not physically present. At least one of our long distance folks has mentioned that they miss the Zoom Coffee Hour we were having on Sundays after worship because it helped them feel connected to the congregation. Offering online worship allows us to **go** far beyond our doors and make disciples of all nations, as Jesus commanded.

But we still need to make room for those who need closer connection and the warmth of community at times other than Sunday. Suggestions and ideas welcome.

Pastor Maria

BOARD MEETING
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SELMA
May 23, 2021

Present were John Terry, Marsha Staley, Andrew Guzman, Jane Ono, Alan Langstraat, Vonnie Murray, Pastor Maria Tafoya, Chad Thompson, Jordan Williams, Teresa Keck.

The meeting began at 11:26 am. Chairman John lit the Christ candle, read Matthew 6:33 and the church Mission Statement, then offered prayer.

The Consent Agenda was approved after motion by Alan and second by Andrew.

FINANCE REPORT

Fundraiser increased monthly income.

Checking Account balance over \$26,000.

Kathleen raised some money online for library makeover.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Upcoming-- Pastor is researching sabbatical opportunities for 2022.

AA will meet at 7:30 pm on Fridays.

Josue will have baby blessing in sanctuary at 5:00 pm on May 22.

Pride month is June. Pastor and Jordan

Are planning June 28 (Monday) Pride worship service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Reinvigorating church -- mainly new education program.

- Staff needs -- need childcare person; must be 18 years or older, have fingerprints and police check, will receive minimum wage.

- Custodian -- Omar not entirely satisfactory. Omar will work here on Friday and Saturday; new list of chores and timesheet are being prepared.

- Organist -- Tony and Eileen are now vaccinated. 2020/21 Organist salary was cut but may be restored by Budget Team. Alan suggested he and April pay Tony to analyze condition of organ.

- Tech/AV -- Jordan reports that Michael Gutierrez says sound cabinet is too small and he agrees. Jordan and Michael have suggestions for new Sound Booth to be built. Sketches presented by Jordan.

PRAYERS and PRAYER REQUESTS

Vonnie Murray's brother Larry has cancer and heart problems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 30 after service -- reception for Dave Highbaugh and family with cake and card basket.

- June 6 -- reception for graduates.

Ending prayer given by Alan.

Meeting ended at 12:09 pm.

Next Board Meeting June 20.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND GRATITUDE

PRAYERS FOR:

Jordan and Jessica Williams, Aunt Letty's son and daughter-in-law both have COVID and had to go to the ER.

Bob and Sue Ellen, friends of **Leah's** brother **Chris**. Both are having severe health problems and could use our prayers.

Diane Stewart's brother, **Jim**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. It is very serious and, **Jim and his family** need the presence of Christ's healing and love.



GRATITUDE FOR:

Thank you to all who helped to make the **Tahoe Joe's Fundraiser** such a great success. The amount raised was \$1,628 and will go towards **Outreach Ministries**.

First Christian's Food Pantry served **364 people** during the month of **May**. Thank you to **ALL** who help make this food pantry possible.



PRAYER CHAIN

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



Next Board Meeting June 27, 2021 after worship

SCRIPTURES FOR JUNE

BOOK & VERSE

06: Genesis 3:8-15 NRSV
13: Mark 4:26-34 NRSV
20: Job 38:1-11 CEV
27: Lamentations 3:22-33
The Inclusive Bible

PRESIDERS

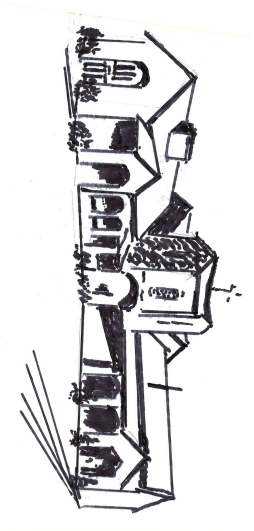
Jane Ono
Dave Highbaugh
Chad Thompson
Laura Thornburg &
Alicia Palomino

Elders Serving at table

06: Jordan Williams
13: Jennifer Earle
20: Chad Thompson
27: Leah Torosian

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
Child Care OPEN
Chair of the Congregation (2021) John Terry
Chair of the Elders (2021) Leah Torosian
Administrative Assistant..... Dee Anne Douville
Custodian Omar Ruiz
Communications Coordinator..... Jason Torosian



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