

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Return Service Requested

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship @ 11:00am	6 Muscle Movers-10am <i>Celebrate Independence Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9 Muscle Movers-10am	10	11
12 Worship @ 11:00am	13 Muscle Movers-10am	14	15	16 Muscle Movers-10am	17	18
19 Worship @ 11:00am	20 Muscle Movers-10am	21	22	23 Muscle Movers-10am	24	25
26 Worship @ 11:00am	27 Muscle Movers-10am	28	29	30 Muscle Movers-10am	31	29

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JULY 2020

Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

July Birthdays

Helen Helfenberger - 7/1
B.J. Kirkham - 7/2
Sheila Lemons - 7/4
Linda Myers - 7/6
Marilyn Berry - 7/9
Dean Brady - 7/15
Nancy Miller - 7/15
Cameron Sander - 7/15
Alvin Cofer - 7/16
Dustin Beckner - 7/18
Thressa Anderson - 7/23
Lucas Kirkham - 7/23
Sandra Miller - 7/26
Abbey Roberts - 7/27
Dick Cole - 7/29
Nathan Kirkham - 7/29



Attendance for June

June 7, 14, 21, 2020
On Line Service June 28,
(In Church 41) +

Special Thanks to
Sunny & Amanda as
they help us to survive
C-19.
By
Dick & Harriet
Whiteman



Hello July! For the past two Sundays, we have embarked on a new adventure. We have opened our sanctuary for an in-person worship option. I am pleased with the safety protocols our team put in place. Among these protocols are temperatures taken at the door, everyone wearing a mask, no contact communion and offering, and no congregational singing. I'm also thrilled with the willingness of those who have joined us in person to follow these protocols. Following these protocols is one way to love each other well.

We are also mindful that in-person worship isn't the best option for everyone. There are many among us whose age and underlying medical conditions make at-home (streaming worship) the safest option right now. We are thrilled they can take advantage of our live stream. I assure you we are not keeping score of who isn't there. There are not additional brownie points given in heaven. Both at-home and in-person are lovely ways to worship right now, depending on your situation and your needs. The fact remains, COVID19 case counts are on the rise, so please take care of yourself and use an abundance of caution.

I truly believe God is doing a new thing among us. This time, when our ways of being church are different, it can be a time where the Spirit moves us in new ways. What exciting things are in store for us? Will you pray with me and listen with me as we discern what God has for us in this new season? I'm excited about the possibilities.

As we listen for God's guidance, we are going to take this month to explore a few of the parables. The parables are short stories that Jesus used to teach us about the Kingdom of God. Here's what is in store for this month in our sermon series:

July 5: Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14

July 12: Laborers in the Vineyard, Matthew 20: 1-16

July 19: The Widow and the Judge, Luke 18:1-8

July 26: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Yeast, Matthew 13:33

See you in person and online!

Pastor Sunny

Memorials & Honors

In Memory of Luther True
By Ed & Nell Bilbrey

In Memory Dean & Marian Ault
By Dwight & Andrea Disney
Pat & Letitia Lewis

In Memory of Marian Ault
By Brenda Holt



A Letter from the Regional Assembly 2020 Chair

Dear Fellow Disciples,

The TN 2020 Regional Assembly will be held on **October 9-10, 2020**. **Making Room at the Table: Seeking Unity in Our Diversity is the theme and our scripture is Galatians 3:28. Because of Covid-19, it will be virtual.**

The Regional Assembly will still include dynamic speakers, meaningful worship, and purposeful business. It will have a different time schedule and internet will be needed. Workshops will also be virtual and will begin in July and continue until September. They will cover topics like Faithful Effective Coping, Creating Space for Sabbath, Racial Injustice-Impact on Our Nation & Church, and Making Room at the Table.

This offers opportunities and challenges. Your 2020 RA Planning Committee is looking forward to the opportunities, such as:

- Having more people attend or watch.
- Enjoying all workshops because each has separate time.
- No travel.
- Less expense.

The Committee is trying to anticipate & overcome the challenges, such as:

- Getting people excited.
- Having Disciples register.
- Keeping Disciples informed of dates & times.
- Helping all Disciples have access to watch RA.
- Asking for donations to cover honorariums for speakers & workshop facilitators.

The Committee needs your help. Please pray for the committee & for 2020 RA. No matter at what stage your congregation is in with regard to reopening, we ask that you place information about 2020 RA in whatever communication you are using every time. Please put it in your newsletter, bulletin, and announce it during services and every church meeting.

We have a Facebook page, **Tennessee Disciples Regional Assembly 2020**, that will have all the information also. Share the flyer & the Facebook page with your congregation.

Please help us to make 2020 RA special & successful even though it will be different. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Mara Grisham, mmgrisham@msn.com.

Thank you so much.
Blessings,
Mara Grisham
Regional Assembly 2020 Chair

SUMMER CAMP 2020

DATES: CHI-RHO (GRADES 6 - 8) JULY 6TH - JULY 10TH FROM 6:30-8:30 PM

CYF (GRADES 9-12) JULY 13-17 FROM 6:30-8:30 PM CST

JUNIOR (GRADES 3-5) JULY 20-22 FROM 6:30-7:00 PM CST

DISCOVERY (GRADES K-2) JULY 20-22 AT YOUR OWN PACE AND TIMING WITH FAMILY!

Register at: <http://tndisciples.org/bethany-hills>

Elders and Deacons Serving July 2020:

Elders: Bread: Danny Plaster Wine: Sandra Miller
Deacons: Table: Nicholas Nabors, Patti Montgomery
Narthex: Dick Whiteman, Harriett Whiteman

CHURCH FINANCES

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,624.98

June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020	Special Funds G/F **In/Out		
	ELC**		
June 3 Deposit	1,690.00	Love Kitchen	150.00
June 8 Deposit	2,010.00	Family Promise	350.00
June 17 Deposit	1,945.00	Van Fund	500.00
June 24 Deposit	1,100.00		
June 28 Deposit	4,511.00 Church & Mail	Total	1,000.00

Total Office 11,256.00

Electronic Dep 2,007.27

Total G/F 13,263.27

NEEDED MONTHLY 15,708.25

DEPOSTIED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT

TBD

(DESIGNATED)

PERMANENT FUND

SUSTAINABILITY 550.00

MUSIC MINISTRY 50.00

(UN-DESIGNATED) MEMORIALS

TOTAL \$600.00

Total All Money Received: \$14, 863.27

Concerns and Celebrations for our Community of Faith

Jo Walters is recovering well. Cards can be mailed to this address:

Soddy Daisy Healthcare Room 204/Jo Walters 701 Sequoyah Road Soddy Daisy, Tennessee 37379

Our member, *Ethel Belew*, is 100 years old. Greetings can be mailed to Ethel at this address:

Jamestown Assisted Living 851 Lawnville Road Kingston, Tennessee 37763

Rene Giles, Mabel Clem, Victoria (Sandy Zarych's great, great niece-cancer)

Susan Turner - Vicki Weaver's close friend,

Tymber Ann Selvidge, premature twin granddaughter of Tibby & Kathy Snipes

Tommy Scarbrough, 51352-074, LSCI, P.O. Box 999, Butner, NC 27509

D. J. (Friend of Melissa Burkhart) going through radiation treatment

Reba Edlin, on Hospice (A friend of Pastor Sunny)

Michael Gilbert (Nancy Miller)