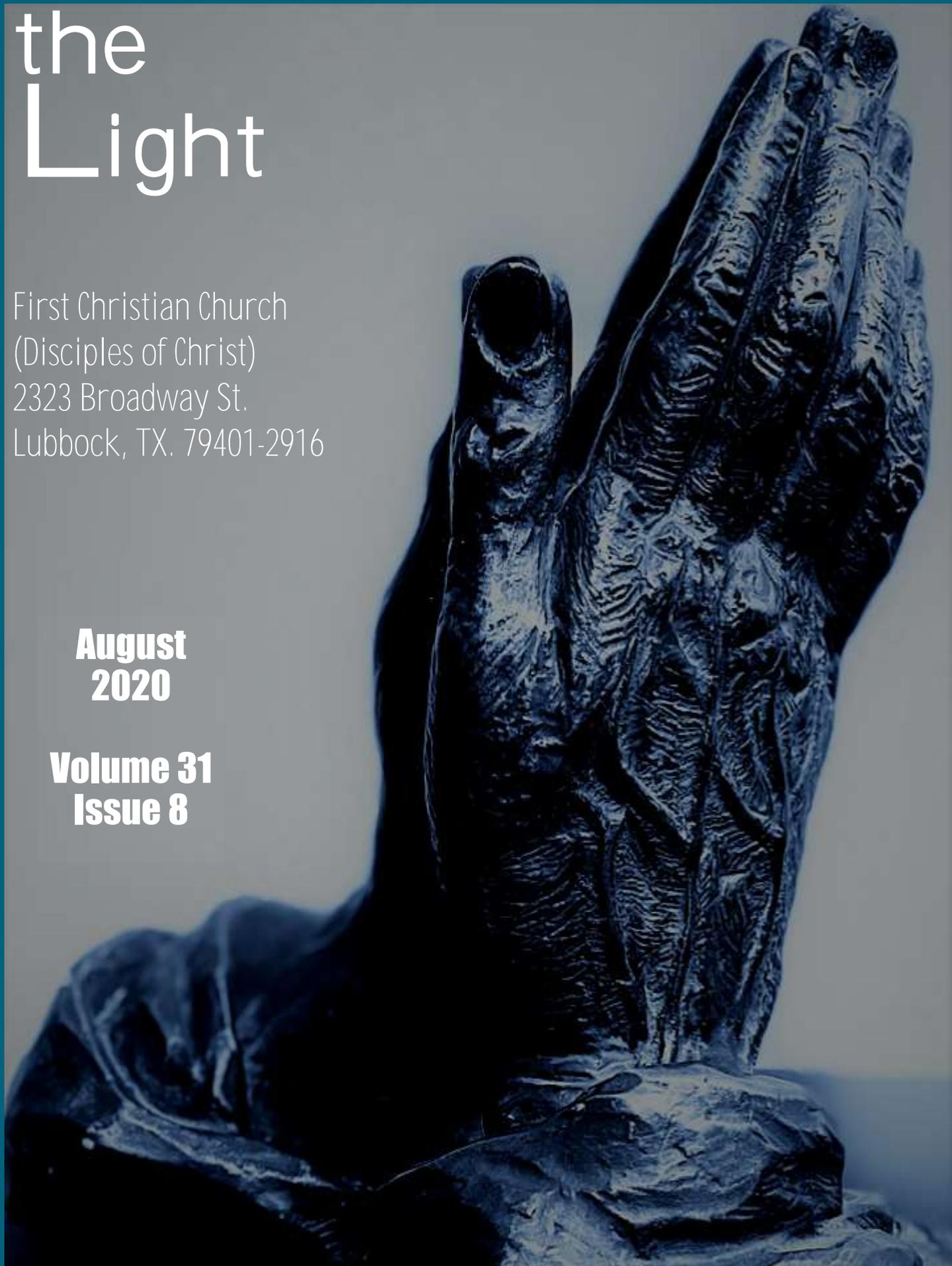


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FCC Family,
Grace and peace to you. I'm putting this message together while we are packing for our annual family vacation. By the time you get this I'll have already returned. I'm grateful for our hard work together and also for a chance to rest. This trip has me thinking about life and balance, even during challenging times:

(1) **Celebrate.** Life's rhythms are important even during national crises. Birthdays, anniversaries, work, rest..... The simple joys of life should still be shared in trying times. "Life goes on" so they say. In a positive way, I hope each of our lives still go on, until we join Jesus in heaven. Keep walking in the sunshine, even though the world seems shaky right now.

(2) **Live each day.** King David wrote, *"Teach us to number our days, that we might have a heart of wisdom"* (Ps 90:12). The choice to value each day is one way we honor God. Because of uncertainty and change, most of us are living one day at a time. This is a gift! Jesus tells us as much when he teaches, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Mt 6:34).

(3) **Deo Volente.** "God willing." This was once a common statement, reminding us that God may have other plans. *"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails"*, (Pv. 19:21). In fact I should reframe my third sentence above to: "By the time you get this I'll have already returned, God willing." This is not being fatalistic, but remembering our Almighty God, even when we're thinking about our little plans.

(4) **Some things are consistent.** In a world of change, it is nice to know that some things never waver. God's Word is forever. Jesus is eternally "Lord." God's love is unchanging. The Father's purposes are right on course. Ultimately, the end is the best part. Psalm 46 prays:

*1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the
sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8 Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

God bless you and yours in Christ, Who will never leave, nor forsake us. Walk with Him in the sunshine of grace.

Pastor Paul



Praying for Wisdom *by Marilyn Wragg*

A recent article encouraged trusting God for the path ahead, since only He can see around the next corner. I continue to work on that and fare better on days when I trust God for the path beyond my sight.

But challenges remain. Even as we pray not to be anxious, still, we must make decisions about things around that corner.

Our church faces such decisions. How does FCC transition to more inside activities? When is it safe for Sunday schools to return to classrooms? When can childcare resume?

We face tricky family decisions. Should we travel cross-country to visit parents, children, and grandkids? What about that family reunion? How should we responsibly gather with friends?

Facing such questions, I read James 1:5 and pray for wisdom. But I find that also to be tricky. While I often experience God's gracious guidance, I often do not receive clear answers to questions like those above. So, how does praying for wisdom work?

In truth, I don't really know. As with prayer in general, much is simply a mystery. My understanding is perhaps best reflected through a recent conversation with a friend.

My friend's loved one had just died, and the family had been required to make a hard end-of-life decision. She expressed a common fear, "I just hope we made the right decision."

From my heart I responded, "You made a good decision. Sometimes there is no 'right' decision. But you made the best decision you could, for the right reasons. You have prayed all along. You trust God. You need to trust that He guided your decision in that moment. Don't second-guess yourself. Rest in God's sovereignty. Rest in knowing that God can work all things, including our imperfect efforts to make right decisions, for good."

That pretty much sums up how I see God's people asking for and receiving God's wisdom—imperfectly, but trustingly. Trusting that God will grant wisdom as we spend time in prayer; as we read and ask the Spirit to help us practice God's word; as we know and adore God more and more. Then, at those times when we wrestle with what is best, when knowledgeable advisors offer differing advice, when we have to make a split-second decision—we trust that what we have received from our heavenly Father will serve us well as we make the best decision we can. We trust that, no matter what, God will work it for good. And then we rest in God's love and sovereignty.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. *Psalms 111:10*

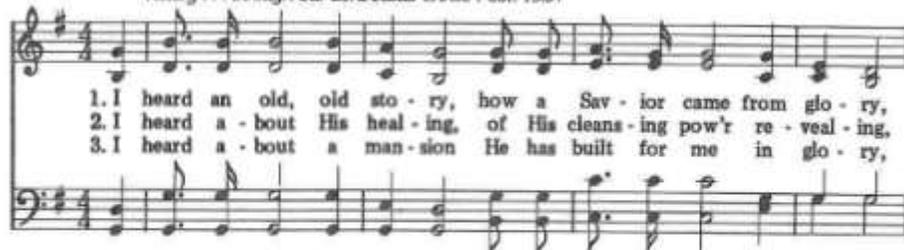
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. *Matthew 7:24*

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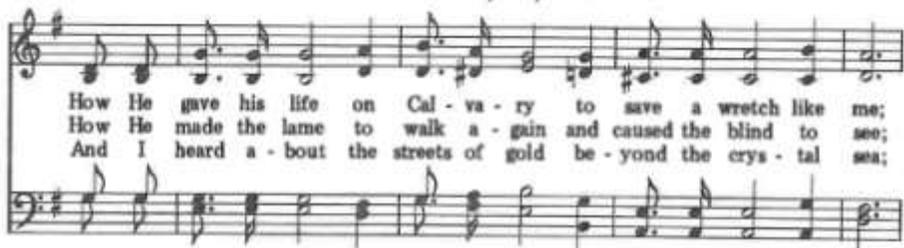
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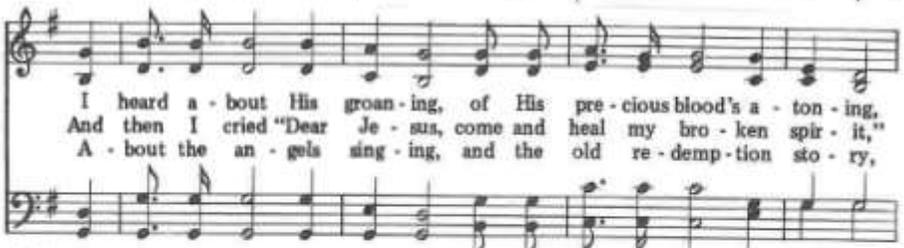
Victory . . . through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:57



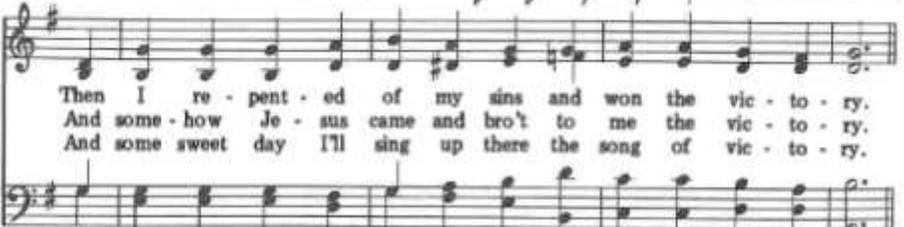
1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,



How He gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;
How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;

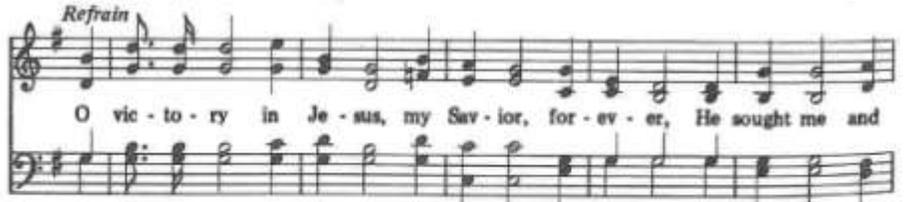


I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
And then I cried "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

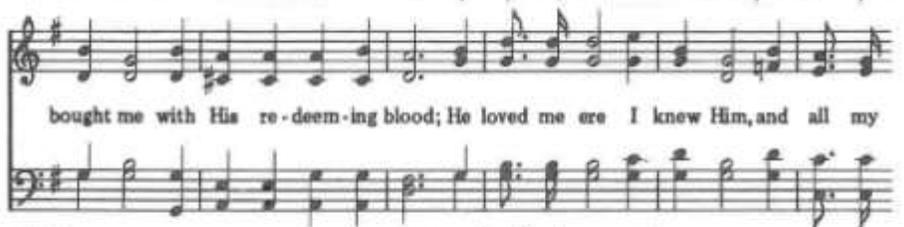


Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry,
And some - how Je - sus came and bro't to me the vic - to - ry,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

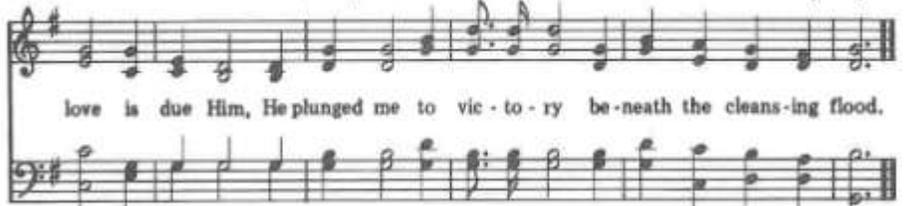
Refrain



O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er, He sought me and



bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my



love is due Him, He plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.



Brittney
Hardin
Worship and
Music
Pastor

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8: 35-39

Let's Sing Jesus by Arlano Funderburk



As I write these words, our pastor is leading us in a series of sermons on evangelism. I must confess that the very word “evangelism” has caused me to be apprehensive lest I fail to do it, or, not do it right. Looking at the example Jesus gave us has helped relieve my fears. He simply loved everyone in both word and deed. I had a seminary professor who said one way to look at evangelism is, intentionally allowing the love of Jesus to flow through us into the lives of lost people until they too, fall in love with Jesus. Jim Denison said it like this, “And when we love others as God loves us, they see his love in our compassion and are drawn to his saving grace.”

Arlano Funderburk
Pastoral Care

Over fifty years ago I served as a student missionary in Mexico. Each week my team would catch a bus for a long, hot ride into the country to a little Colonia. We did worship services at a little mission and had a wonderful ministry with the children. It was one afternoon VBS each week. We had Bible stories, refreshments, games and lots of singing. The children loved to sing and we taught them Jesus songs.

At the end of one of these children’s times, they escorted us to catch our bus home and I was resting under a large mesquite tree while the children were playing all around us. I noticed some were climbing the tree but forgot about it until one of them dropped on me knocking the breath out of me. A lively four year old, who I wanted to spank at the time, was sitting on my chest with a big smile breaking a mesquite bean in two, putting half in his mouth and the other half in mine. He leaned over putting his face close to mine and said, “Let’s Sing Jesus”.

I cannot remember in my lifetime when our community, state and world needs Jesus more and are reaching out in many ways to us saying, “Sing Jesus”. Will you?

In the Life of the Church by Deborah Bigness

As we returned to our sanctuary for worship, Pastor Paul reminded us that, “What makes a place holy is where God chooses to dwell.” He also recounted how we had turned our sanctuary around. Doing so was one part of an ambitious building project that stretched from 1963 into 1966.

In our original sanctuary, two soaring arches reflecting the Spanish mission architecture of the church graced the chancel. The pulpit and lectern were just outside of the large outer arch that sheltered the Communion Table and choir. The high inner arch housed the baptistery and could be lit from within. During renovation, these elements were moved to their current home in front of our stained glass windows, the sanctuary was enlarged, and the balcony was added. Today’s sanctuary may look quite different, but when you gaze up at our vaulted ceiling with its exposed beams and spectacular pendant lights, walk down our cloistered side aisles, or sit in our carved pews, you are seeing its original history.



*First Christian Church Chancel, 1948
From the First Christian Church Records,
Southwest Collection, Special Collections Library,
Texas Tech University*

Bean Elementary School Drive

July 19 – August 9, 2020

As is no surprise to anyone, we are in the midst of great uncertainties as we look to the school year ahead, and very few actions appear to be firmly set. However, LISD has announced that classes will commence on Monday, August 17, 2020.

In visiting with Principal Thomas, he has identified the following items as those most needed by teachers and students:

- Composition Books (9 ¾" X 7 ½")
- Boxes of Tissues
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Glue Sticks (not liquid glue)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Ziplock Bags (all sizes)



Given the pandemic and continued need for caution in public spaces, it may be more convenient for contributors to donate funds to FCC (please write "Bean School Supplies" in the memo of your checks). For those who prefer to personally acquire supplies, feel free to purchase any of the items listed and leave them in the church office.

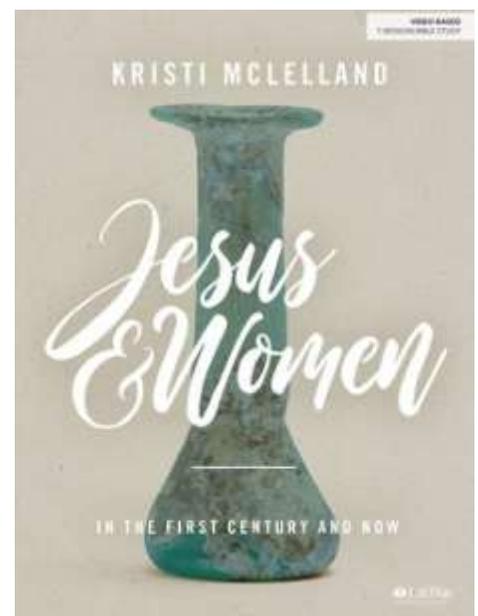
ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10, 2020.

Bible Babes

Hey, all ladies of FCC! Fall is fast approaching and I am SO excited to announce that we will be having a new Bible study starting in September! This study is by Kristi McLelland and is called Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now. Kristi is a biblical culturalist who takes you back to Jesus' first-century world, explaining the historical and cultural climate of His day to help you know Him more dearly. This study is a thoughtful look at several of Jesus' interactions with women in the Bible that will fuel your worship of the Living God. This 7 session study will help you:

- Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now.
- Learn how to study the Bible through a Middle Eastern lens.
- Gain deeper insight into the biblical world with fresh perspective on familiar Bible stories.

The study will be 7 weeks long starting Monday, September 14th through Monday, October 26th at 7:00pm in the Kuykendall Hall. Some study books will be available to purchase for \$14.00 each. Contact Paula Gibson at apaulagize@gmail.com or 806-632-5850 to reserve your book! I so look forward to learning and exploring the Word of God with all of you again!



Military Prayers

Lt. Brant Brock-
Navy, CA.—
Home from
Deployment
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks

**Christopher
Colgrove**
Kuwait
nephew of
Laurie Williams

**Lieutenant
Colonel
Ethan Diven**
Newport News, VA
husband & father
of
Sabrina, Jacob
&
Kendall
and son-in-law of
Jerry & Brenda
Stanfield

**1st Lt Nicholas
Swanson**
USAF, Elmendorf
Air Force Base,
Anchorage Alaska
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

**Capt. Nathaniel
Swanson**
USMC, Cherry
Point Marine
Corps, Havelock,
North Carolina
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

Jay Underwood
Army
South Korea
son of LouAnn
Underwood

We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

Members: Steve DeHay, Sylvia Etter, Chris Kebert, Lucy Lanotte, Carolyn Lawrence, Juda McKinney, Zoe Phillips, Randell Resneder, Nancy Stamps, Dick Tarr, Lori Wilhelm, Sue Williams

Friends: Fred Alley, Sandra Bermingham, Debbie Boen, Bear Bock, Marilyn Brinkley, Paula Sue Dunbar, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Deborah Haywood, Eric Hite, Dr. Justin Holmes, Chris Mackey, Glenda Martinez, Kristen Mata, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Shari Morris, Kerry Coats Nielson, Eli Overley, Shannon Etter Thompson, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White, Sue Williams Connie Turner Wilson

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Frances Ansley, Alan Barkley, Robbie Bedker, Pat Davis, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Sandra Foster, Cara Irvin, Barbara Onstead, Ruby Power, Mary Jane Shannon, Marty Wells, Jan Sanders, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown, Gypsy Taylor

Entered into Heaven

We lift up the following families in prayer-

Kaye Greer entered into God's Kingdom on July 20th, 2020. Please pray for her family during this time. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Kathy Ann Coats entered into God's Kingdom on July 11th. Funeral services were held on July 17th in the FCC Sanctuary.

Jason Ty Dodson entered into God's Kingdom on July 15th. Services were held in the FCC Sanctuary on July 23rd.



**Pray for the USA.
Everyday. 8 PM.**



This or That? by Derek Jerezano

As a pastor and a leader in several circles and communities, I am often looked to for my opinions, my reactions, and my stances on issues. When this expectation is placed on me, my knee jerk reaction is to give an answer that is filled with confidence, and stands on the back of a polarizing platform. My intent is never to be abrasive or be polarizing, but simply to present a structured answer that will inform someone as to my thoughts. I have found that more often than not this is not helpful... I say that this is not helpful due to the fact that I've identified arrogance, self-confidence, and self-righteousness as vices that have hidden themselves within my responses for too long. What I mean by this is that I have designated my opinions as the end all factor. I have chosen to present an answer that is inherently from me and has no ascertained biblical basis. In fact, what I am doing is ensnaring myself within my sinful flesh and opinions, my sinful flesh is raging and wanting to have me hold on to my opinions and biases, which deter me from connecting, loving, evangelizing, and sharing with other people. Here are a few examples of what my flesh wants to make into an either "this or that" argument and polarize me from others.

Anti-mask vs Pro-mask, Opening vs Shutdown, Black lives matter vs All lives matter, Pro-Vaccine vs Anti-Vaccine, Democrat vs Republican, Pro-police vs Defund Police, Liberal vs Conservative, Cashless vs Cash, Democratic vs Socialist, even Calvinist or Arminian...The list goes on and on.

After glancing at these "this or that" issues, I bet some of you either circled or made a mental note as to which beliefs, opinions, and platforms are the correct ones to have, but that is exactly the problem. You are allowed to have opinions, you are allowed to have beliefs, and you are allowed to have biases, but the issue comes when these beliefs and platforms you have become the "end-all" position. What I mean by this is that you in some way see your position as somehow more righteous or virtuous than the opposing side and you begin to define "what is true, what is noble, what is right, what is pure". (Philippians 4:8) The truth of the matter is that no matter what side of each of these platforms you land on, you will probably still be in error. This is due to the fact that when we form opinions and base our lives on platforms of the world, we will inherently reflect the world and truly have no biblical platform to hold onto through our speech, attitudes, behaviors, and reactions. Allow me to say more.

Jesus Christ descended from His royal throne and set aside His principalities as he walked on Earth. By doing this Jesus was immersed fully in the human experience, which included all the different voices from his culture such as the Zealots, the practicing Jews, the Gentile groups, the Sadducees, the Pharisees, the Roman Empire, the sinners, the unclean, and many other groups alongside these. As I see the incarnate Jesus in the four gospel narratives, I never truly see him pick a platform, bias, belief, or side that is representative of the world; rather, Christ always stood on the shoulders of the platform of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' choices and sides were always of the Kingdom of Heaven, never of the world. This is the platform we need to pick 10/10 times, not the platforms offered to us by the world. What if every time a group called to us and demanded for our position and opinions we chose to present a 3rd option. This is my striving during this season: to draw near to the Kingdom of God, and to "not be conformed to this world but to renew my mind in Christ so that I may know what is **good, and acceptable and perfect**" (Romans 12:2) I pray for each of you, similarly, that you not form opinions out of self-righteousness, arrogance, folly, or pride. I pray that each of you decide to not stand on the shoulders of the world; rather, on the platform of the Kingdom of Heaven. May everything you believe in not be informed by the patterns of the world, but may you be like Christ, whose knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven informed his actions, his speech, his behavior, his very life. God bless you on this journey.

Double Matching Funds Now Available for Kenya Water Well Drilling

Due to a gracious offer from an anonymous donor, our church body now has the opportunity to drill additional water wells in Kenya in partnership with Christian Relief Fund. The donor has offered to match dollar for dollar any money raised from the congregation through October 15 for the designated purpose of drilling these wells, up to a maximum of \$50,000. On top of this, the Justin Boot Company will match dollar for dollar any funds we send as a church for this purpose. This means that as a congregation, if we can raise \$50,000 in contributions over the next couple of months, that \$50,000 will actually become \$200,000 toward bringing clean water to about 20 additional villages across Kenya.

Please make checks to First Christian Church and note 'Kenya Water Wells' in the memo line. Donations will be accumulated in a designated funds account and be sent together with the donor's match in October.

Over the past two years, our congregation has paid for the drilling and development of six different water wells, all drilled in Kenya through the Christian Relief Fund. We took advantage of matching grants provided by the Justin Boot Company to bring these outreach projects to fruition. Through our joint effort with CRF, thousands of Kenyans now have clean water available in their villages. Plus, at least 4 additional wells have been drilled by concerned individuals in our congregations. Our church and its members now have provided water to 10 villages.

We praise God for providing an even larger bang for the buck through these two matching funds opportunities. A very special thank you goes to the local donor for making this possible!

Upcoming AUGUST Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
 - ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Sunday, August 2nd, 12:15 pm
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting**, Wednesday, August 5th, 6:00 pm, Kuykendall Hall
 - ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Sunday, August 9th, 12:15 pm
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, August 10th, 11:45 am, Conference Room
 - ◇ **Blessing of the Backpacks**, Sunday, August 16th
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, August 19th, 9am-12pm– Parking Lot

JULY ATTENDANCE

July 5	9:00 am– 148 11:00 am (Sanctuary)– 47
July 12	9:00 am– 185 11:00 am (Sanctuary)– 82
July 19	9:00 am– 173 11:00 am (Sanctuary)- 50
July 26	9:00 am– 159 11:00 (Sanctuary)- 41



Jim Evans Earns CCA Designation

Our own Executive Minister, Jim Evans recently earned the designation of Certified Church Administer (CCA) from The Church Network (TCN), formerly known as The National Association of Church Business Administration. Jim is one of only 13 candidates to become certified in 2020 and is only the 4th active CCA in the Lubbock area. Certifications are awarded annually at the TCN National Conference in July.



Jim Evans, CCA

The TCN is an inter-denominational professional association of churches and individuals which exists to connect, develop and strengthen leaders in administration. Under the direction of a national office in Dallas, the TCN has over 70 local chapters with more than 2,600 members from over 60 denominations or faith groups who create a network of resources for administrators.

In order to earn the designation, Jim completed 80 hours of actual in-class time, including two semesters (24 hours each) of academic study through an approved Certification Center and 32 hours of class instruction offered at the TCN National Conference and online. He was also required to complete a major project that provided value to his own ministry and write an extensive paper describing the theological and practical rational supporting the effort. His paper, *Restating Governing Documents to Reflect Actual Operations* is published in the TCN Journals online.

The certification curriculum included 14 domains of study, including Personnel Management, Staff Development, Congregational Leadership, Theology of Stewardship, Office Management, Information Management, Property Management, Communication and Marketing, Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Self Stewardship, Legal and Tax Matters, Christian Perspectives and Theology of Church, and Theology and Ethics of Church Administration. While a candidate for certification has 5 years from the date of initial registration to complete the process, Jim finished in 10 months.

Ramen Salad

2 T. Margarine
1 pkg. Ramen Noodles
2 T. sesame seeds
1/2 c. slivered almonds
6 green onions, chopped
1 head lettuce, torn into bite size pieces
1 c. cooked shrimp, crab, lobster or chicken (optional)

Melt butter in small skillet. Sauté noodles, sesame seeds and almonds until golden brown. Remove from heat and set aside. In large bowl, put green onions and torn lettuce. Add sautéed mixture. For main dish salad, add cooked meat.

Dressing

2 T. sugar
1/4 c. red wine vinegar
1/4 c. olive oil
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. Pepper

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Add to salad and toss.

ANYONE ELSE FEEL
LIKE THEY HAVE COOKED
DINNER 400 TIMES
THIS MONTH?!

AUGUST 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Wherever you worship today, rejoice in <i>Psalms</i> 95:6: "Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker."</p>	<p>3 Use "The Light" as a prompt to pray over FCC leaders, members, ministries, and activities. May God bless and protect us.</p>	<p>4 Pray for God to give abundant endurance and encouragement to FCC ministers and staff as they lead and serve.</p>	<p>5 Ask God for wisdom, per <i>James</i> 1:5, as you make daily decisions. Trust God's guidance; rest in His sovereignty.</p>	<p>6 For Lubbock leaders & residents; protection from the virus, mercy for those who get it, and thanks for those who recover.</p>	<p>7 That our Child Development Center reflect Christ's love to children and families served; that God bless and protect staff.</p>	<p>1 Pray this over our nation and leaders; may we, God's people, earnestly pray, obey, and seek God's face.</p>
<p>9 For outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all who worship around the world today in many ways & places.</p>	<p>10 That bonds of love and fellowship at FCC grow stronger and not diminish while we are unable to meet together unhindered.</p>	<p>11 For God to help those most helpless and vulnerable. For specific entities that serve them. For ways you can support and help.</p>	<p>12 That God multiply the impact of all FCC outreach and show us how most effectively to continue serving those who need help.</p>	<p>13 Ask the Holy Spirit to give you meaningful purpose for this day and provide energy to fulfill related tasks.</p>	<p>14 Pray for leaders at all levels making tricky decisions. May they seek God's direction and work together for the common welfare.</p>	<p>8 Pray for FCC family and friends who are aging and homebound as isolation continues. Call, write, and encourage them.</p>
<p>16 May God pour into Pastor Paul the gift of preaching and make all who hear receptive to hear and apply.</p>	<p>17 May God bless and help children, families, and teachers through the upcoming school year—whenever and however it unfolds.</p>	<p>18 For God's special care over Bean Elementary and all students who lack personal and educational resources in these unique times.</p>	<p>19 Pray blessings of <i>2 Cor. 13:11</i> over our congregation: for encouragement, unity, the love of God, and the peace of Christ.</p>	<p>20 For God to heal racial fractures in our nation. May Christians lead as models of <i>John</i> 13:34, loving one another as Jesus has loved us.</p>	<p>21 For God's mercy upon those isolated in care facilities: may God comfort directly and undergird compassion of caregivers.</p>	<p>22 That Christians shine brightly through this crisis; that God be glorified; and many be drawn to Christ Jesus.</p>
<p>23 Per <i>Psalms</i> 117, "praise the LORD" for His great love and enduring faithfulness. May we rest this Sabbath in the peace of Christ.</p>	<p>24 For God's blessing upon TTU and LCU as the fall semester begins; may God direct us in ways to minister to college students.</p>	<p>25 That God enable FCC to lead children, youth, and college students to know and grow in Christ during this season.</p>	<p>26 Read <i>Psalms</i> 113, and dedicate this day to praising God. Pause often just to thank and praise Him. "Praise the LORD!"</p>	<p>27 Pray for the spiritual health of FCC. Ask God to grow our desire to speak to Him in prayer and hear from Him through His Word.</p>	<p>28 Continue to pray over your ongoing prayer list for those God puts on your heart and in your path each day.</p>	<p>29 Pray this Scripture for FCC family and friends and for followers of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world.</p>
<p>30 Whether inside, on the parking lot, or online, may God give FCC family and friends a hunger to worship Him each Sunday.</p>	<p>31 May God bless and direct FCC ministers, staff, and leaders as they steer FCC through more uncharted waters this fall.</p>	<p>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <i>Romans 15:5-6</i></p>				

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14



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Worship Times

Sundays:

Parking Lot Service:
 9:00a.m.
 West Parking Lot

Sanctuary Service:
 11:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-Noon
 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-Noon

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**Family Life
 Community Center**
 747-5962
 Office Hours: 3-6 p.m.

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AUGUST Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Paul Combest Jessica Young
2 Donna Mayfield	3 Charles Chaney Kate Toelle	4 Jay McKay	5 Fred Bowers Parker Polumbus Annikka Sihalofo	6 Dave Bender	7	8 Grace Agnew Khaki Bishop Kim Pierce Kendall Toelle Ben Walker
9	10	11 Sarah Cypert Gerry Landrum Jo Ann Newman	12 Bill Mullins Presley Polumbus	13 Leslie Ansley	14 Darla Croom Courtney Johnson Ann Landrum	15 Karen Jester Keenan Kattwinkel
16 Robin Grimes Marcella Lovett	17 Eric Ritchey	18	19 Gayle Ninemire Joann Redding	20 Lequice Kohout Pat Thurman Paul VanHoorebeke	21 Larry Ackers Ashley Lowe	22 Silvia Slaten
23	24 Kohlson Dodge	25 Brenda Stanfield	26	27 Ean Pierce	28 Brittney Hardin Terry Hood Karen Moore	29 Stephen Kennedy Bennie Moore
30 Becca Williams	31					