

THE LAWTON CHRISTIAN

The official newsletter of the First Christian Church of Lawton



Welcome to Summer!



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to Summer!

I don't know about anyone else, but it's HOT! After a beautiful Spring, we seem to have gone right into the sizzle of summer!

Because it is so hot, we will be opening the downstairs Fellowship Hall during the day as a cooling station. There will be cold water and a nice place to rest and visit if you do not have air conditioning (or God forbid yours goes out!). The key to this will be the temperature and the heat index. Any time the heat index is going to show excessive heat we plan to be open. For example, as I write this the outside temperature is 89, the humidity is 50%, thus the head index or feels like temperate is already 94. We are estimated to hit 105 today, that would be a heat index of 134 degrees! This is why I think this is so important and is yet another way we can serve our community and be the hands and feet of Christ.

I hope that you have enjoyed the little changes that we have made to simplify and streamline the bulletins and services. It is still a work in progress, and if you have suggestions, my door and email are always open!

We are still taking applications for the Week of Compassion. If you had storm damage June 12, 15, or 17 there are funds available to help cover repairs and deductible costs. It is an extremely simple form. We do not know what dollar amount you will receive, but at these times I know that anything is helpful. Please call the church office via phone or email if you are interested.

During this busy time of travel and fun, please be safe (and stay out of the heat!). We wish you joy and look forward to seeing you on Sundays!!

Pastor Amber

July Worship Leaders



Sunday, July 2

Elders: Lori Anderson and David Aubrey
Worship Leader: Brian Birdwell

Sunday, July 9

Elders: John Adair and Lori Anderson
Worship Leader: Joe Bailey

Sunday, July 16

Elders: Joe Bailey and John Adair
Worship Leader: Lori Anderson

Sunday, July 23

Elders: Becky Tannery and JoJo Aubrey
Worship Leader: Patsy Bassel

Sunday, July 30

Elders: David Aubrey and Becky Tannery
Worship Leader: John Adair

Deacons for July

Tom and Jane Springli, Sheila Fountain

50-Year Members' Names Needed



If you have just become a 50-year member of First Christian Church, Lawton, please let the church office know by August 1st.

Following worship on August 13th, CWF will be hosting the church's 122nd Birthday Celebration Lunch! Meat and a birthday cake will be provided, so bring lots of side dishes. We will be recognizing our new members and 50-year members, and this party also includes a fundraiser for the Agape Food Ministry. Bring a monetary donation or canned goods to help build the pantry.

June by the Numbers

June Tithes and Offerings (General Fund)	\$ 9,591.18
June Expenses to Date for General Fund	\$ 13,635.09
Difference	\$ -4,043.91
Balance Transfers for June from Special to General	\$ 4,000.00

June Average Sunday In-Person Worship Attendance was 49.

To date in 2023, 1,840 were served at the Wednesday Agape Meals (171 were served to children)

Christian Women's Fellowship/ OK Disciples Women News

"Save the Dates for Potluck and Church 122nd Birthday!"



CWF will be hosting an Old Fashion Potluck, Sunday July 16th after worship. We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish, or dishes-any kind you want. Meat will **not** be provided, so bring your lasagna, tuna casserole, chicken and rice.... Whatever, along with salads and desserts. If all we get is desserts, it'll be a SWEET party. We will also be playing Jeopardy of the Decades in table teams. So, bring a dish (or two) and come to play! There will be prizes!

CWF will be hosting the church's 122nd birthday on Sunday, August 13th-more to follow! This party includes a fund raiser for the Agape Food Ministry. Bring a monetary donation or canned goods to help build the pantry. In order to continue the Agape feeding ministry, we must all do our part to fund the program.

CWF is contributing \$150 to the Pulpit Fill Fund. We are committed to supporting our Sunday service in any way we can. The Father's Day decorations were so much fun and added an element of joy to celebrating fathers and significant men in our lives.

Keep your eye on the weekly calendar as we update activities.

Jane Springli, CWF President

Thank You

To First Christian Church,

Thank you for the support over the last 18 years! I value the relationships I have formed and lessons I have learned because of this congregation. Additionally, thank you for the generous graduation gift.
Sincerely, Peyton Davis

Christian Women's Fellowship was able to deliver 13 bath towels, 3 hand towels, and 8 washcloths to the Carter Crane Shelter. Thank you for your donations!

Thank you to Sam Bowman for donating a HUGE bag of dogfood for Hilde Bilvais to pass out to those who have pets on Wednesday nights.

Thank you to all who helped with the clean-up at church following our recent hail storm.

Agape/Outreach Ministry

Items Needed for Agape Meals:

- Green beans/Corn (#10 cans preferred, but will take any size)
- Peanut butter
- Chili
- Fruit cups
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Baked beans
- Welch's grape juice
- Individually packaged chips
- Bottled water
- Bread
- BBQ sauce
- Pam (spray)
- Ziplock bags (sandwich size)
- Elbow macaroni
- 409 spray cleaner
- Kitchen sponges

Outdoor Pantry:

- Green beans/Corn
- Granola bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Chili
- Soups
- Ramen noodles
- Canned fruit/Fruit cups
- Cheese and crackers
- Peanut butter and crackers
- Cereal
- Bottled water
- Ravioli, Spaghetios, etc
- Tuna
- Peanut butter (individual cups or small jars)
- Bread

Monetary Donations Are Also Needed for Agape Meal Program

On average we have about 60 folks at the Wednesday night Agape Meal. As examples of costs of single meals, **we can serve a hot dog meal for about \$2.20 a person and spaghetti for around \$2.43 a person.** Therefore, going with the higher meal cost it would about **\$145.80 total for one night.** As you all may know we have been operating off donations that were directly given to support the feeding ministry. However, as with all budget issues, we are getting very low on funds to support this program. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to "First Christian Church" with "Agape Meal Program" in the memo line. Thank you to all who have already made donations!

Submitted by Konrad Delger

July Wednesday Agape Meal Menu (served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall)

July 5th - Hot dogs, baked beans, chips

July 12th - Chicken Sandwiches, green beans

July 19th - Chicken Salad, dinner roll

July 26th - Baked Chicken, rice, and a vegetable

Our Dannie and Rafie Clothes Closet is open each Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 5:25 pm prior to the meal. The closet is in need of **men's jeans, shorts, and t-shirts (any size).**

Clothing donations can be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please make sure all donations are clean and serviceable. For more information regarding the clothes closet or if you have clothing donations, please call the church office or Denise Smith.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:30 am Worship	3 Monday Morn- ing Minute on FCC YouTube Channel 6 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor Ceremony	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 1 pm CWF Business Mtg. 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	6 5:30 pm Elders Meeting	7	8 9 am Weight Watchers
9 10:30 am Worship	10 Monday Morn- ing Minute on FCC YouTube Channel 6 pm Boy Scouts	11 Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	12 Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	13 7 pm Anna Group Meets in Parlor	14	15 9 am Weight Watchers
16 10:30 am Worship/ Potluck Luncheon	17 Monday Morn- ing Minute on FCC YouTube Channel 1:30 pm Audit Committee 6 pm Boy Scouts	18 Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	19 Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	20 11:30 am Girls' Lunch Out at Burgess Grill	21	22 9 am Weight Watchers
23 10:30 am Worship	24 Monday Morn- ing Minute on FCC YouTube Channel 6 pm Boy Scouts	25 Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	26 Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	27 6:30 pm Board Meeting	28	29 9 am Weight Watchers
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Joys and Concerns

Thank you for Praying!

We praise God and rejoice with the following:

- Jack VanWay (Jack Oates's grandfather) is home from the hospital. He had a stint put in, and he is doing well.
- Sandy Oates (Jack's grandmother on the other side) is home from rehab.
- JoJo Aubrey is happy to say her mom is doing so well!
- Joseph Vanpool arrived safely to his new home.

These who mourn appreciate your prayers:

- Friends and family of Travis Albin
- Friends and family of Ted Lechner
- Friends and family of Ed McClellan

These appreciate your ongoing prayers:

- Friends of the Pratt grandchildren
- Kerrie Oates

These with ongoing health concerns and their families appreciate your continued prayers:

- Aaron (Ursula Asuncion's son)
- Amy (David Pratt's sister)
- Axel, Jazzy, and Dillon Noland
- Blaise Bailey (Joe Bailey's granddaughter)
- Chris Bouvia (friend of Pastor Amber and Konrad)
- Clayton Parrish (Gaila Kindt's friend)
- Fran Herring (Brian's grandmother)
- Harold Buck
- Karlyna (Konrad's sister) and Kay (Konrad's mother)

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- Lori Anderson
- Mark Durham (Beverly Watson's brother)
- Mel Cassady
- Melissa Pratt
- Michelle Henke (Joe Bailey's daughter's co-worker)
- Ro Bielinski
- Sherri Denning
- Shirley Bradley (friend of Melissa Pratt)

July Birthdays



- 7/2 Bill Ramsey
- 7/5 Axel Noland
- 7/8 Peggy Citron
- 7/13 Sheila Fountain
- 7/16 Becky Tannery

July Anniversary



- 7/28 Gary and Judy Bailey

As members of the Christian Church,
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
AND PROCLAIM HIM LORD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

In Christ's name and by his grace
 we accept our mission of witness
AND SERVICE TO ALL PEOPLE.

We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
AND IN GOD'S COVENANT OF LOVE
which binds us to God and to one another.

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit
 we are joined together in discipleship
 and in obedience to Christ.

At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
THE SAVING ACTS AND PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

Within the universal church
 we receive the gift of ministry
AND THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
THAT WE MAY SERVE THE ONE
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.



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