

# THE LAWTON CHRISTIAN

*The official newsletter of the First Christian Church of Lawton*



## Welcome to Fall!



As I sit in my office and write this article, it seems impossible that Friday starts the month of September. Time has flown since I have taken on the role of pastor for FCC. I had no idea how all encompassing this job would be, or how much I would love it. I thank you for opening your hearts to me and allowing me to develop my ministry here. I hope to be here for a long, long time.

Since it is fall, we will be gearing up for our rummage sale on October 13th & 14th. We will happily take electronics, clothing, household items, and furniture. Anything you want to get rid of. At the end of the day on the 14th if there is clothing left, it will go to the Clothes Closet. Other items will be donated to a local charity. All funds raised will benefit the General Fund! We have storage available at the church if you want to bring stuff early.

I encourage you to think about how you can contribute to the work of this body. We are in need of people to manage our Facebook account, work on the website, newsletter, bulletin, sing in the choir, play an instrument. Is there someone who understands streaming and how to make that work? Do you like to cook? Volunteer to help with one Wednesday night Agape meal. Do you like

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kids? Volunteer to work with the education committee on a Children's Church. Do you like to clean? Come help us keep this beautiful building neat and tidy. There are lots and lots of ways to help. We can not keep up with this building and all of the tasks with the small staff we have. We need your help.

I sincerely ask you to pray for direction for our church. We need to be open to new ideas and ways of doing things. Also, please pray for me as I juggle a full-time school schedule with a full-time ministry schedule.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, until we meet again.

Pastor Amber

## September Worship Leaders



### Sunday, September 3

**Elders:** Becky Tannery, Lori Anderson

**Worship Leader:** John Adair

### Sunday, September 10

**Elders:** David Aubrey, Becky Tannery

**Worship Leader:** Brian Birdwell

### Sunday, September 17

**Elders:** Lori Anderson, David Aubrey

**Worship Leader:** Patsy Bassel

### Sunday, September 24

**Elders:** Becky Tannery, JoJo Aubrey

**Worship Leader:** Joe Bailey

### Deacons for September

Rick Van Horn (team captain), JoJo Aubrey, and Janice Logan

## August by the Numbers

August Income to Date (General Fund)	\$ 8,960.00
August Expenses to Date (General Fund)	\$ 12,990.66
Difference	\$ -4,030.66
Balance Transfers for August from Special to General	\$ 0.00
August Average Sunday In-Person Worship Attendance was	45.

# 122nd Birthday Fun!



**50-Year Members - Marilyn Bohlender, Nancy Davis, Sheila Fountain, and Virginia Lucas**



**Birthday Sign by Aimee Davis-Matheson**



**Cindy Davis, Barbara Dennis, Amber Delger, David Dennis**



**Jane Springli, Margaret Littig, Virginia Lucas, Jack Bryan, Teresa Ingle**



**Tom Springli, Jason Davis, Sheila Fountain, Nancy Davis, and Austin Mavity**



**The Scouts joined us!**



**Julie Davis (cake baker/decorator)**



**Hilde Bilvais, Ursula Assuncion**



**Cindy Davis, Joe Bailey**



**Lynn Reeves, Beverly Watson, Jennifer Reeves**



**Oscar Emilien**



**Don and Margaret Littig**



**Virginia Lucas, Bill and Darlene Ramsey**



**Jason and Payne Davis**



**Taylor and Theresa Aubrey**



**Kathy and Jay Cooper**

# Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF thanks everyone for their generosity at the 122nd birthday celebration. The Agape fund is much healthier because of your gifts.

We are planning more activities for the fall and a very special Advent season. Our goal is to be together in joy and share our love of the Lord with all.

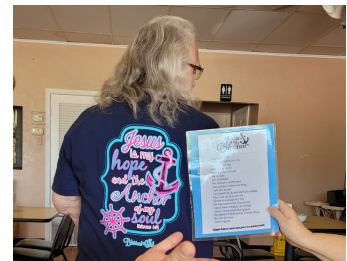
If you are interested in joining a CWF group please contact me at 580-583-2149. We are dedicated to service within the church and the community. Jane Springli, CWF President



**Baby Lily stole everyone's heart at the Girl's Lunch Out at the Silver Spoon in August. Shown here are Kathy Cooper, Lily Wernette, and Gaila Kindt**



**A great time was had by all at the August Girls' Lunch Out at Silver Spoon.**



**Ruth Group met in August and discussed "Jesus is my Anchor"**

## Mark Your Calendars for our Rummage Sale - October 13 & 14



It's time to clean our your closets! It's time to get rid of great grandma's stuff that you inherited and don't use! Our church rummage sale is scheduled for Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th from 8:00 am to ?? each day in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring in your unused furniture, clothing (mens, womens, children), electronics, and household stuff. We are collecting it downstairs in the room next to the Boy Scout Room (Sage's old office).

We need lots of helpers! If you can help, please contact Ro Bielinski at 580-248-3690.



# September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  5 pm Girl Scouts	2  9 am Weight Watchers
3  10:30 am Worship	4 Labor Day Office closed  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel	5  1 pm CWF Business Mtg.	6  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	7  5:30 pm Elders Meeting	8  5 pm Girl Scouts	9  9 am Weight Watchers
10  10:30 am Worship	11  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  6 pm Boy Scouts	12  1 pm Ruth Group	13  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	14  7 pm Anna Group Meets in Parlor	15  5 pm Girl Scouts	16
17  10:30 am Worship	18  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  SW Area Clergy  6 pm Boy Scouts	19	20  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	21  6:30 pm Board Meeting	22  5 pm Girl Scouts  5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	23  9 am Weight Watchers  Wedding
24  10:30 am Worship/	25  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  6 pm Boy Scouts	26  Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	27  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	28	29  5 pm Girl Scouts	30  9 am Weight Watchers

# Agape/Outreach Ministry



**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, please call the church office or Denise Smith.

**Our Wednesday Agape Meal** is served each week at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and it is free and open to the public. John Adair leads a Bible Study following the meal.

## **New Location!!! Agape Blessing Box**

We have replaced the Agape Blessing Box with a smaller more durable version and have moved it to the East side of the building by the front office door.

This new location is accessible to our community but makes it more difficult for people to drive up and empty it into a vehicle. It also provides protection from the wind and afternoon sun as it is attached to the wall of the church.

If you have donations for the blessing box, please put them in the shopping cart in front of the sanctuary or leave them in the office. (Lists are available in the church office of needed items.) Thank you!



# Joys and Concerns

## Thank you for Praying!

### We praise God and rejoice with the following:

- Virginia Lucas is much, much better!
- Sherri Denning's first day back in the classroom following knee replacement was good!
- Paul Anastacio is doing really well and has gotten his job back!
- Kerrie Oates is enjoying her final class in Nursing school.
- Betty Aliff reports that Joe Bailey's hernia surgery was successful and that he was back home by 4:00 p.m.!
- Denise Smith is doing really well following her surgery.
- Susie Miller received a good medical report!

### These who mourn appreciate your prayers:

- Laura and Daryll Turnbull following the passing of his mother
- The family of Baby Mila

### These appreciate your continued prayers:

- Aaron (Ursula Asuncion's son)
- Blaise Bailey (Joe Bailey's granddaughter)
- Brian Herring
- Chase Aubrey
- Denise Smith
- Diana Meyers (close friend of Joe Bailey's granddaughter Alicia Jones)
- Dillon Noland's family (Dillon is Axel's father)
- Fran Herring (Brian's grandmother)
- Hilde Wells
- Joe Bailey
- Lori Anderson

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- Mark Durham (Beverly Watson's brother)
- Mel Cassady
- Melisha Caldwell (David and Melissa Pratt's daughter)
- Michelle Henke (Joe Bailey's daughter's co-worker)
- Mona Whisenant
- Ro Bielinski
- Roy Anderson
- Sherri Denning

## September Birthdays



- 9/1 Tammy Spears
- 9/3 Jennifer Reeves
- 9/4 Teresa Adair
- 9/5 Jack Oates
- 9/15 Ralph Davis
- 9/18 Vincent Mesco
- 9/19 Pat Cassady
- 9/22 Melissa Pratt
- 9/23 Judy Bryan
- 9/23 Don Littig
- 9/25 David C. Anderson
- 9/25 Glenda Brown
- 9/28 Phyllis Bowman

## September Anniversary



- 9/1 Joe Bailey and Betty Aliff

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