

# THE LAWTON CHRISTIAN

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



## Happy 122nd Birthday to FCC!



The power of our Lord is in us and among us. Sunday we will celebrate 122 years of serving Christ and the Lawton community! In an age of disposable everything we have stood the test of time and will continue to do so!

We have a lot to celebrate, new members, 50-year members, a new vision and hope! No matter where you are right now, know that FCC is going to continue to grow and succeed. How do I know this? Because God planted us 122 years ago at the very beginning of Lawton, before Oklahoma was a state. As long as we keep our eyes on Him we cannot fail!

Let your hearts meditate on the following verses.

Philippians 4:4-8 (CEB)

"Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything, rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise!"

Keep your eyes on the prize!! He is coming. Be ready to meet Him!

Blessings – Pastor Amber

# CWF Sponsors "FCC 122nd Birthday Party"



Christian Women's Fellowship is anxious to see you August 13th after worship to celebrate the church's birthday. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. All donations collected will go toward the Agape food ministry.

The following FCC 50-Year Members will be recognized on August 13th:

- Teresa Adair
- Beverly Honeycutt
- David Aubrey
- Jeanne Jarvis
- Marilyn Bohlender
- Virginia Lucas
- Nancy Davis
- Marge Lutz
- Sheila Fountain
- Darlene Miller
- Donna Glandon
- Ann Werner

**Christian Women's Fellowship Current Project:** The CWF is asking the congregation to help out with the housekeeping supply purchases for the church. They will be collecting the following products used daily in the church. There is a large collection box around the corner from the church office. Of course, monetary donations will be accepted as well. Simply designate your gift on the envelope or memo line to CWF collection. This project will last through August.

- Powerflex 13 gallon trash bags
- Commercial can liners 45-60 gallon size
- Paper towel rolls - any brand
- Toilet paper (two-ply, NOT Dollar Tree brand)
- Multifold paper towels used in the bathroom dispensers

The CWF thanks you in advance for your donations!

## July by the Numbers

July Tithes and Offerings (General Fund)	\$ 14,528.75
July Expenses to Date for General Fund	\$ 18,105.34
Difference	\$ -3,576.59
Balance Transfers for July from Special to General	\$ 7,600.00
July Average Sunday In-Person Worship Attendance was	48.

## Meet Our New Members!



**Paula Clouse** joined FCC in April. She is retired, and she enjoys reading, beadwork, coloring and Diamond painting. Paula also likes to travel (RV, automobile and motorcycle) and go camping. She has two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandsons.



**Jennifer and Lynn Reeves** joined FCC in July.

**Jennifer** (left photo above) works at Southwestern Medical Center as a medical office assistant. Her hobbies include helping others and doing crafts.



**Lynn** (right photo above) is one of our nursery attendants here at church. Her hobbies include reading or watching true crime documentaries.



**Mark and Nicole Wernette** joined FCC in June.

**Mark** is the Chief Financial Officer at Fort Sill National Bank. His hobbies include hiking, kayaking, movies, reading, traveling, and cooking.

**Nicole** takes care of their precious daughter **Lily** at home. When she has a spare moment, Nicole enjoys hiking, kayaking, travel, reading, movies, quilting, and baking.



**Beverly Watson** is no stranger to us here at FCC, but she officially joined the church in July. Beverly is also one of our nursery attendants. Her hobbies include camping, road trips, picnics, cooking, spending time with family and friends, and going to concerts and casinos. She also says she is a "coffee snob"!

# August Worship Leaders

## Sunday, August 6

**Elders:** John Adair and David Aubrey  
**Worship Leader:** Sheila Fountain

## Sunday, August 13

**Elders:** John Adair and Becky Tannery  
**Worship Leader:** Joe Bailey

## Sunday, August 20

**Elders:** Joe Bailey and John Adair  
**Worship Leader:** Jane Springli

## Sunday, August 27

**Elders:** David Aubrey and JoJo Aubrey  
**Worship Leader:** Kathy Cooper

## Deacons for August

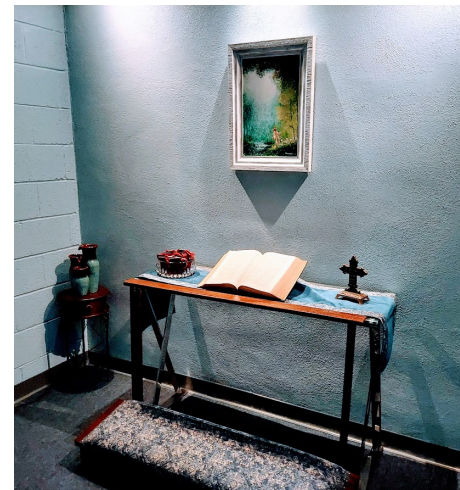
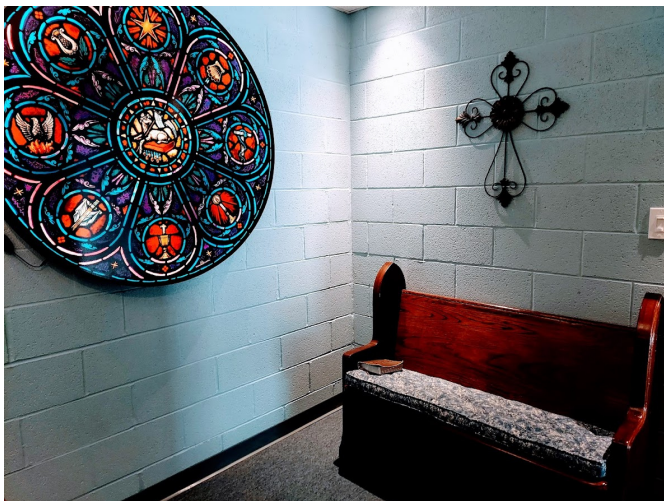
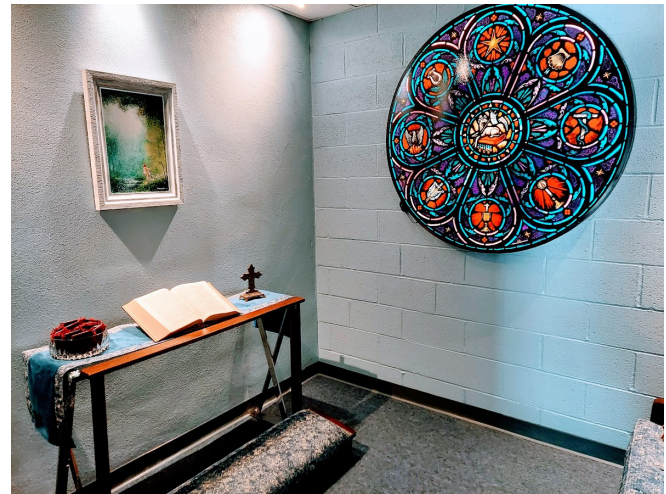
Patsy Bassel, Brian Birdwell, and  
 Deanna Deville

## Prayer Room Remodel is Complete

Our church's Prayer Room has been remodeled by Cindy Davis in memory of her parents Joyce and Gene Davis, her dear brother George, her beautiful daughter Jennifer, and precious grandson Jacob.

Cindy says, "May the Prayer Room bring you closer to God as you thank him for your blessings, go to him in times of sorrow, and trust in him to give you guidance, hope, comfort, strength, and peace."

The comfort crosses on the small table in the prayer room are there for you to keep.





# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  1 pm CWF Business Mtg.	2  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	3	4	5
6  10:30 am Worship	7  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  6 pm Boy Scouts	8	9  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	10  7 pm Anna Group Meets in Parlor	11	12  9 am Weight Watchers
13  10:30 am Worship/  122nd Birthday Potluck Luncheon after worship	14  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel 1 pm Ruth Grp. at Arandas Mexican 6 pm Boy Scouts	15  6 pm Girl Scouts	16  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	17	18  5 pm Girl Scouts	19  9 am Weight Watchers
20  10:30 am Worship	21  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  6 pm Boy Scouts	22  6 pm Girl Scouts	23  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	24  11:30 am Girls' Lunch Out at Silver Spoon  6:30 pm Board Meeting	25  5 pm Girl Scouts	26  9 am Weight Watchers
27  10:30 am Worship/	28  Monday Morning Minute on FCC YouTube Channel  6 pm Boy Scouts	29  6 pm Girl Scouts	30  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal and Study	31		

# 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

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

**August 9th** - Pork eggrolls

**August 16th** - Chicken patty sandwiches

**August 23rd** - Spaghetti

**August 30th** - Chicken salad, fruit

**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.

## Joys and Concerns

### Thank you for Praying!

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

- Sandy Oates is home from rehab.
- Randy Springli credits his love of the Lord for his success in completing another milestone on his journey to end supervision by the court system.
- Jon Phillips doing better following surgery.
- Paul Anastacio is recovering well from his leg amputation.
- Little Axel has started swim therapy, and he loves it!
- Sherri Denning received good news from her PA at McBride.
- Mark Durham, Beverly Watson's brother, has made some progress.
- Gaila Kindt's friend Clayton Parrish is doing wonderful!

#### These who mourn appreciate your prayers:

- Family of Jimmy Grogan (Pastor Amber's cousin)
- Family of Jimmy Hatfield, (Jennifer Reeves's Step-Father)
- Family of Harold Buck
- Family of Amy (David Pratt's sister)
- Family of Barry Bohlender (Marilyn's ex-husband)

#### These appreciate your continued prayers:

- Aaron (Ursula Asuncion's son)
- Blaise Bailey (Joe Bailey's granddaughter)
- Dillon Noland's family
- Fran Herring (Brian's grandmother)
- Hilde Wells
- Kay Delger (Konrad's mother)

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- Konrad Delger
- Lori Anderson
- Mark Durham (Beverly Watson's brother)
- Mel Cassidy
- Michelle Henke (Joe Bailey's daughter's co-worker)
- Mona Whisenant
- Ro Bielinski
- Roy Anderson
- Sherri Denning
- Teresa Briggs

## August Birthdays



- 8/6 Lori Anderson
- 8/7 Donna Glandon
- 8/9 Denise Smith
- 8/10 Joe Bailey
- 8/11 Evan Aubrey
- 8/12 Melissa Lutz
- 8/13 Brian Birdwell
- 8/15 Kevin Brown
- 8/24 John Adair
- 8/26 Bill Barker
- 8/28 Mark Wernette
- 8/29 Paula Clouse
- 8/30 Jack Bryan

## August Anniversaries



- 8/19 Jack and Judy Bryan
- 8/22 Ralph and Nancy Davis
- 8/25 David and JoJo Aubrey

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