



July 2021 Newsletter

I am writing this on June 25th, 2021 - the one-year anniversary of Annaliese and I closing on our new home here in McKinney and the whirlwind of movers unloading all of our earthly possessions into random piles that maybe (?) we're finally done organizing. One full year that we've called McKinney home. The middle of this month will mark a full year that our family has called First Christian our church home. The time has passed slowly, and somehow also at warp speed. As a church we have risen to challenging occasions and celebrated significant milestones. We restarted in-person worship. We have welcomed new members! We have baptized new Christians! We suspended long-loved ministries and we got creative with how to keep other things going.

As vaccination rates have risen and infection rates subsided, church has begun to look more like it used to. And while we remain aware of the ongoing impact of COVID-19, we look ahead to another year of ministry together that holds incredible promise. Throughout this last year the assurance of God's nearness in Jesus Christ has been our guide and confidence. We will continue to make great the name of Jesus and his power to transform lives for good. I could not be happier to be your pastor, and I could not be more grateful that our family gets to be part of this church.

Buckle up. We're just getting started!

Peace to you all - Peter



Rev. Peter Mitchell
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Katherine's Korner



We had an incredible Vacation Bible School. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and prayed for such a great week. We made new friends, learned, created, and spent time worshipping God, even in a dragon costume.

VBS is unlike any other week because it's a

whole week devoted to Christian Education and Spiritual Formation. Everybody learns something, even the adults! Sometimes we need the reminder to seek truth, justice, peace, faith, and salvation as we read of those stories in our Holy Bible. "Sparky the Dragon" at the end of every worship time that said, "Let's remind them of our Banner Verse Ephesians 6:10 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power."

Thank you for sponsoring a special week and we pray that you might be reminded of the power and strength of God.

Peace,

Katherine

Rev. Katherine Wright
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DC CAMP DATES

8ers June 27-July 3

DC Youth July 5-July 9

DC Kids Aug 2-Aug 6



Send Mail to Our Campers & Interns!!

[Camper's Name]

[Camp Name] – Disciples Crossing Camp

3693 State Highway 31

East Athens, Texas 75752

Don't Forget -Bryanna Britton & Abigail Magruder
are interns at Disciples Crossing Camp this summer.

Focus of Worship for July

Summer Camp

July 4th

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Theme: Free Time

God's gift to eat, drink and take pleasure



July 11th

Scripture: Genesis 2:1-3

Theme: Rest Time

Taking Sabbath

July 18th

Scripture: Luke 24:28-35

Theme: Dining and Dessert

Discovering Christ in the breaking of the bread

July 25th

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-29

Theme: Campfire/Evening Worship

Tell of his salvation day after day.

Month At A Glance



Independence Day

4th

Church Office Closed

5th

Church 'Shut-Down'

5th-25th

*Church Buildings closed except Sunday mornings. Church Office will remain open Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-3:30PM

Stewardship Meeting

20th

*7PM-Butch Irby's Home

Elder Meeting

25th

Board Meeting

Cancelled



Outreach Update

Mid-2021 donations have been made totaling \$22,225, which include:

- \$2,500 SWGSM
- \$5,000 N TX Area Christian Churches
- \$2,750 Community Lifeline Center
- \$2,525 Community Food Pantry McKinney
- Several other worthwhile organizations

We greatly appreciate everyone's offerings and prayers supporting these ministries which are vital in helping those in need during these critical times.

FCCM is considering a collaborative effort relating to food distribution with Community Lifeline Center; please give prayerful consideration to participating in a more hands-on effort. If you are interested in volunteering, contact June Browne or Rev. Katherine Wright.



The Stewardship Committee has been working with the Endowment Committee and disbursements are being made. We will be talking about our Building Insurance at the next meeting. Our deductible has increased and we need to make sure we reserves set aside in case of storm damage, etc. We continue to run a deficit in our monthly giving. We set aside some funds for Peter and Katherine to do some special events. If you haven't made a Wednesday night Summer Camp event, you are missing out.

Stewardship continues to appreciate our congregation members and their continuous giving.

June Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Ralph Youngdale

Dane & Cathy Bailey
Larry & Margaret Collins
Maurice & Mary Foster
Time & Donna Griffin
Sue Horn
Butch & Terry Irby
Hannah Kunkle
Janice McCullough
Children of Nita Card Smith
Don & Charlotte Whitten
Paul Youngdale, Jr. Family



In Memory of Michael Waco

Larry & Margaret Collins
Maurice & Mary Foster
Butch & Terry Irby



VBS AT FCC

Quest for the King's Armor



This year's VBS took place June 21st thru the 25th at North Castle, hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights (VBS Kids) enjoyed an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they went on a quest in search of the King's Armor.

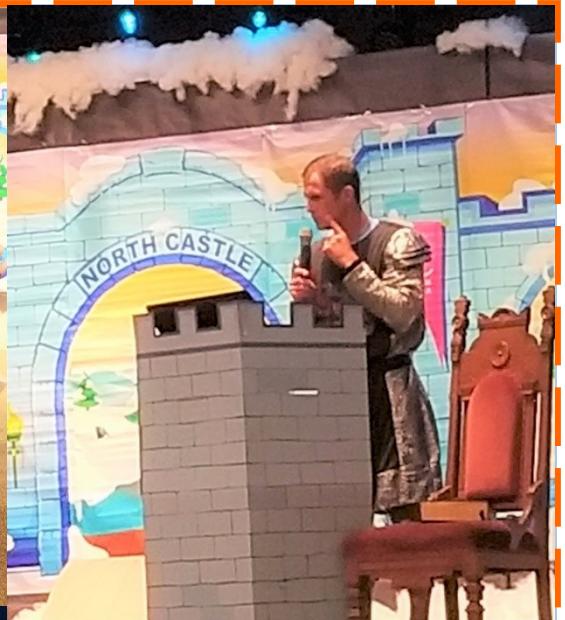


The King's Armor, invites kids to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. VBS kids took on the role of brave Knights and began their quest each day by opening the King's Book. They explored both Old and New Testament stories and discovered different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explored how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

After a high-energy opening assembly, the Knights took part in interactive Bible lessons that revealed 'Castle Callouts' to equip these young knights for an active life with God. They expanded on what they discovered by participating in a variety of activities: arts & crafts projects, singing new songs, exploring the wonders of Science, playing games, and enjoying tasty snacks.



VBS AT FCCM





WELCOME New Members

Betty and her husband, Bobby, live in McKinney. Betty has lived in the Dallas area all her life so of course she is a Cowboys fan. She loves to get together with her family for a good meal and good conversation. Betty's favorite movie is 'An Affair to Remember', a 1957 classic, starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. Betty loves to travel. Her favorite vacation was a cruise she took with friends, around the Hawaiian islands. The cruise ship stopped at a different port each day, she was able to visit every Hawaiian Island. If you haven't yet met Betty, next time you see her at church, please take a moment to welcome her.



Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their time & commitment to the FCC community!

Cathy Buchfink

Bill Rasor

Karla Chunn

Emily Hensel

Byron Magruder

Amy Maisberger



Betty Edwards is the newest member of our church family. If she looks familiar, it is because she has attended services with her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Stacy Edwards, for quite some time. She has volunteered her time at the November Women's Ministry Bazaar several times.

CAMP FCC

SUMMER FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:30

6/2 COOKOUT & WATER GAMES
6/9 ENERGIZERS & COLOR GAMES
6/16 WESTERN DINNER & DANCE
6/23 GAME NIGHT & SNOWCONES
6/30 SCAVENGER HUNT!!
7/7 - NO GATHERING -
7/14 BYO PICNIC & ACTIVITIES
7/21 KICK BALL TOURNY
7/28 S'MORES & SO MUCH MORE

1800 W HUNT ST, MCKINNEY, TX

Approved Nominees for 2021-22

Thank you for your willingness to serve & lead!

Member	Name	Board Position
Butch	Irby	Executive Committee -Treasurer
Ross	Wells	Executive Committee -Chair
	TBD	Executive Committee -Co-Chair
Kathi	Livezey	Executive Committee -Secretary
Sharon	Gotcher	At Large
Hank	Dres	Deacon
Sarah	Hendricks	Deaconess
John	Chunn	Endowment Committee
Christi	Crump-Parker	Endowment Committee

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Dixon	07/01
Michael Hodson	07/25
John Baltzer	07/09
Blanca Helland	07/09
Bowen Knight	07/09
Mark Cyperf	07/10
Gunner Tarver	07/16
Holli Turrentine	07/18
Hank Dres	07/19
Maurice Foster	07/19
Becky Rasor	07/20
Emma Woods	07/21
Emily (Westbrook) Hensel	07/23
Cindy Peters	07/26
Vickie Williamson	07/27
Bill Turrentine	07/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Kim Guthrie	07/14
Jim & Leah Couperthwaite	07/28
Blake & Michelle Britton	07/31

* We want to celebrate everyone's birthday and anniversary. If we missed yours, please contact the church office so we can make this correction. Thank you.