



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)

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**Our Mission:** "Honor God, strive to be more like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others to discipleship, and put faith into action locally and globally."

Rev. David L. Carringer, Minister  
Tamara Byrd, Children's Education Coordinator  
Fritz Sarbacher, Youth Ministry Coordinator

### CHURCH STAFF:

LaRose Clark, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Wilson, Office Assistant  
Dani Layes, Music Coordinator  
Cameron Layes, Pianist/Accompanist  
Cathy Larrabee, Organist  
Charlie Compton, Guitarist  
Becca Koenig, Childcare Attendant  
Bambi Compton, Custodial Service

### CHURCH OFFICERS:

Moderator  
Ronnie Mock, Vice Moderator  
Dixie Carringer, Secretary  
Vicky Brooks, Treasurer  
Linda Beck, Financial Secretary  
Ruth Bosserman, Historian

### MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Bob Packwood, Administration  
Dani Layes, Nurture  
Linda Beck, H.O.M.E.  
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate  
Anita Turner, Elders  
Sally Teichmer, DWM  
Linda Mael, DWM

### TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **John 13.34**

### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



We need donations for our upcoming yard sale. Please start dropping items off at church. The sale is tentatively scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

### News from the Pews

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **"Alive after Five"**

Thursday Aug 5. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, breakdown and hangout at the booth. Set-up begins at 3 p.m. at the church and we pick-up at 9 p.m. Contact Linda Mael for more information on how you can help.

### Splinters from the Board

The Board had to make a tough decision this past board meeting. Our expenses are outstripping our income and so we had to do something. We have decided to limit our outreach giving to the amount we have been giving to the Disciples Mission Fund. Currently this is 5.5 % of the offerings we receive. What is DMF? It is the outreach fund of the Disciples of Christ. More than 75 ministries receive

support through Disciples Mission Fund and Disciples Mission Fund Special Day Offerings. More than 2,500 congregations allow these ministries to touch the smallest of communities in the U.S. and Canada and reach to every corner of the globe.

### Words from the Pasture

Does Jesus call us to a demanding, uncompromising discipleship? Luke 9:57-62

On Sunday a child answered a question by saying, "Jesus is nice." The understanding this reflected seemed to be that Jesus would never ask or make us do something that we didn't want to do. I wonder how much this reflects the general understanding of God. If God is a loving, generous God does that mean that God asks nothing of us, except for belief that God exists. Is this all there is to Christianity? Nice God who lets us do whatever we like, who then bails us out when we get into trouble. Is this God real? Did God send us Jesus just to do nice things for us? Or is God a demanding God who expects us to follow a list of prescribed rules of morality, like a group of petulant children who know that they better do what they are told or else.

When I read scripture I see a God who requires a certain attitude more than anything else. So I offer you some selected passages so that you can decide for yourself what attitude that is.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Micah 6:8**

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

**Matthew 7:12**

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

**Mark 11:25**

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

**Matthew 5:44**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**John 13:34**

### REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

*"Called by God's grace to do together that which by God's design cannot be done apart, and led by the movement of the Spirit of God."*

### **YAKAMA CHRISTIAN MISSION - MISSION WEEK**

**Sponsored by Disciples Home Missions ---  
Sept 4-11, 2010**

**Come for a day, or the entire eight days!**

#### **Scope of work to be completed:**

#1 – Parsonage – tear off existing roof, clean out and replace attic insulation, put on new roof, gut the inside

#2 – Log Church – several repair projects, including log replacement and re-chinking

All volunteers for this project will be fed and housed at the Yakama Christian Mission.

Cost: \$25 per person/per day or \$150 for entire project. (Registration fee covers the cost of food, insurance and project support.) Visit

**DHM Mission Opportunities (click!)** for more information and to register or contact Carl Zerweck (317-289-5061 ~ czerweck@dhm.disciples.org) or Brenda Tyler (888-346-2631 ~ btyler@dhm.disciples.org)

**GENERAL CHURCH NEWS**

*"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*

**DISCIPLES WOMEN ARE RENEWED AND 'AWAKENED' AT THE 2010 QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY**

Disciples women from 44 states joined with their international sisters and other guests at the 14th Quadrennial Assembly to celebrate God's presence among them and the unique gifts that women contribute to church life. The June 23-27 event in Greensboro, N.C. offered opportunities for worship, Bible study, community projects, and fellowship. The conference theme was "Awake! Awake" (taken from Judges 5:12a). Over 1800 women attended the assembly which takes place every four years. Attendees also included 76 men, 40 young people between the ages of 11 to 17 and 20 international guests.

"I think this has been an awesome way to meet all my sisters in God's family from around the world," said Adele Station, of First Christian Church in Reidsville, N.C. To read more about the many activities that took place at Quadrennial, go to:

[www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/652/Disciples-women-gather-in-North-Carolina.aspx](http://www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/652/Disciples-women-gather-in-North-Carolina.aspx)

Dixie Carringer and Linda Mael attended this assembly.

**SCHEDULES, FACT AND FIGURES  
July Attendance and Offerings**

	Attendance	Offering
July 4	83	\$3,533.90
July 11	77	\$5,970.14
July 18	62	\$ 654.75
July 25	65	\$1,333.82

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30 am – Christian Education for children and adults.

11:00 am – Worship

**FELLOWSHIP**

There is always a time of fellowship in the Fireside Room in the basement immediately following worship.

\* An Elevator is available\*

***Scripture Passages for the Sundays in August***

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- Aug. 1: Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21
- Aug. 8: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40
- Aug. 15: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56
- Aug. 22: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17
- Aug. 29: Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14





### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Steven Maas
- 5 Hope Parks
- 12 Sally Teichmer
- 15 Ed Laves
- 17 Wyatt Hancock  
Nancy Briscoe
- 18 Rie Walker
- 19 Aaron Riggs
- 22 Hank Craddock
- 24 Heidi Zellerhoff
- 27 Cathy Dunlap  
Anita Turner

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 6 Wayne and Sally Teichmer

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Hope Parks  
Briana Parks  
Hannah Parks
- 17 Tim Klodt  
Heather Klodt  
Justin Parks  
Rickie Parks  
Ashley Parks
- 19 Anita Turner
- 26 Sally Teichmer

### **First Christian Church**

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### ***Forgive the Inexcusable***

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life - to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son - how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says. -C.S. Lewis

