

## All Church News

### Minister's Message

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. John Regan [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org)**

This summer I have been working with a search committee that is in the process of finding a new director for our child care center. Part of our work has been dreaming about the future of the Child Care Center and where we want a new director to lead it. I stumbled across this quote in some of my early childhood education reading. These words caught my attention, "What happens early in life lasts a lifetime, all behavior has meaning, and 90% of the brain is developed by 5, so we can impact a generation in 5 years. If we want to change society, we must change the way we teach our youngest children."

Every generation of parents and educators are concerned about equipping their children with the knowledge, skill sets, and values they will need to thrive throughout their lifetime. In an era of rapid change and innovation, we are not as clear about what knowledge and skill-sets our children will need to find work, to establish a career, and to earn a sustainable wage as we have been in past generations. We see this in our recent college graduates who find jobs but we know, and they know they will likely change jobs dozens of times before they reach retirement age. We know many people who are self-employed trying to establish a market niche in an internet world that emerged just three decades ago. We have friends who kids or grandkids that work for multi-billion-dollar companies that were established less than a decade ago, and many of us are still trying to understand the gig economy. No matter the speed of the culture or the reach of the market economy, we believe every human being is still desperately seeking a purpose in life and a place to belong.

In the church, we are worried about the youth of our generation and the ones who will come after us. Since we are a community of values, we are shoulder to shoulder with parents and educators. The treasure of community assets we have to offer have not really changed over time. The values that Jesus lived and illuminated are as vital in a digital age as they were in the 1st century. We still aspire to raise our children up in a faith that imparts the values of love, kindness, mercy, and compassion. By age 5 we want our children to know that they are a son or daughter of God, a sister or brother of Jesus of Nazareth, and called to follow the Way of Jesus by serving in the Church and in the world.

### Faith in Film Sermon Series and Film Nights

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow [cshorow@fcedmond.org](mailto:cshorow@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544, ext. 112**

Beginning September 2, we are starting a new worship series looking at faith in contemporary film. This three-week series will look at *Zootopia*, *Amadeus* and *Won't You Be My Neighbor*. All of these films have theological dimensions, and they have something to say about God in our culture.

To accompany the sermon series, we will show the feature film the preceding Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Popcorn will be served!

August 28 - *Zootopia* (PG)

September 4 - *Amadeus* (PG-13)

September 11 - *Won't You Be My Neighbor* (PG-13)

Up first is *Zootopia*, a fun family cartoon adventure about a rabbit and a fox who face discrimination in their culture, yet rise above it and help us realize that old stereotypes limit our mutual understanding. What type of prejudices and stereotypes do we carry around with us? What barriers did Jesus face, and what barriers did he tear down as he reached out to the marginalized in his time?

Next up, *Amadeus* is a very entertaining look at the life of Mozart, as told through the eyes of one of his rivals—Antonio Salieri. The movie's premise is how can God give such a miraculous gift of music to a man as undeserving as Mozart? Salieri attempted to live a faithful and obedient life to God, while Mozart (as portrayed in the movie) was crude, offensive and seemingly undeserving of the talent he had been given. Salieri becomes the "patron saint" of the mediocre. How are God's gifts given to us? Do we deserve what God gives to us?

Finally, *Won't You Be My Neighbor* is a recently released documentary about Fred Rogers—yes, THE Mr. Rogers. A man beloved by children of all ages, his groundbreaking show helped children deal with serious issues in their lives—fear, hatred, divorce, acceptance, and love. The bottom line of his show was that we are all neighbors, so let us act as such. This moving presentation received a spectacular 99% on the Rotten Tomatoes movie critique website, and 97% of the audience loved it! You will be moved by the gentle message of this man of deep faith.

## **Mindfulness and Contemplative Practice Speaker Dr. Andy Fort - September 15-16**

**CONTACT: Rev. Micah James [mjames@fcedmond.org](mailto:mjames@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544, ext. 121**

The Adult Education Team of First Christian Church of Edmond is excited to welcome back Dr. Andy Fort on September 15-16. Andy will lead us in conversations around mindfulness and contemplative practice.

### **Our weekend Schedule:**

#### **September 15** (Open to Public)

9:30am – First Presentation - What is mindfulness, and what is its value today? (Exercise)

10:45am – Second Presentation - Contemplative Practice in a Group Setting (Exercise)

12 noon – Lunch Break

1:30pm – Contemplative Exercises

#### **September 16** (Open to Public)

10am – Panel Discussion: Contemplative Practices

Andrew O. Fort (Ph. D., University of Pennsylvania) is Professor of Asian Religions (emeritus) and Green Emeritus Tutor at TCU. He has published extensively on aspects of Hindu thought and issues concerning teaching, particularly contemplative pedagogy. He founded TCU's Contemplative Studies initiative in 2012 and has been on the Steering Committee of the Contemplative Studies group at the American Academy of Religion. Fort has been executive director of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion and chair of the editorial board of *Religious Studies Review*. He was president of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies and received its John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award. At TCU, he was longtime faculty chair of its award-winning Hunger Week, has been chair of the Faculty Senate and has won many teaching awards, including Mortarboard's Top Prof and the Deans' Award for Teaching. He is currently President of the Board of the Tarrant Area Food Bank. He has been to India numerous times and has also visited China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

## **Annual Ministry Planning Event, Sunday, September 16**

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. John Regan [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544, ext. 111**

Once a year the Church Board hosts a congregation-wide meeting called the AMP, which is an abbreviation for the Annual Ministry Planning event. AMP is designed as an opportunity for members and church leaders to take a long view of the path First Christian Church is moving along.

On **Sunday, September 16**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at noon to share a meal, presentation, and conversation about what's next at First Christian. The Church Board wants to hear your voice and listen to your dreams about the direction of our ministries. The clearer we are about where we believe God is calling us the better we align our gifts, passions, and prayers with God's dreams for us. We will receive an update on the Moving Forward strategic campaign and progress on our strategic plan.

**Child Care and Lunch available with RSVP by September 10.** Child Care and lunch (\$5 per person). Chef Henry will provide the meal of a chicken, broccoli, and rice (gluten-free) casserole, house salad, fresh fruit, rolls and brownies for dessert! Call or email John (above).

## **Save The Date for Church-Wide Golf Tournament**

**CONTACT: Randle Lee [randlee@msn.com](mailto:randlee@msn.com) 405.819.3427 or Scott Peters [speters2576@gmail.com](mailto:speters2576@gmail.com) 405.627.8610**

Save Sunday, October 7 for First Christian's Golf Tournament at Kickingbird Golf Course. Tee times starting at 1:30pm. The format is a two-person 18-hole scramble. There will be two divisions - Adult Division & Parent/Child Division. Additional

details are coming soon! To sponsor a hole or for questions, contact Randle or Scott (above).

## Lunch Bunch

**CONTACT: Susan Huffer [susan.huffer@outlook.com](mailto:susan.huffer@outlook.com) 405.623.2185**

Come eat and have fun with the Lunch Bunch on Thursday, September 20! We meet twice a month, on first and third Thursdays, for fellowship, games, and lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with your Church family and have fun playing games together. Games begin at 10am and lunch is served at 11:30am. No need to make reservations, just come! If you have any questions, contact Susan (above).

## FCC Family Trivia Night

**CONTACT: Lauren VanOsdol [lauren.vanosdol@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.vanosdol@gmail.com)**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9 for a family fun Trivia Night from 5-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the VanOsdol family. All proceeds go to Breakfast on Boulevard and FCC Youth Missions fund. Pre-register online at [www.fccedmond.org/register](http://www.fccedmond.org/register) for \$20 per player, or pay \$25 at the door. Gather a team of SIX players, and we'll provide the entertainment, childcare, pizza, drinks and maybe even some special prizes. Feel free to bring additional snacks for your table. Sign up online now! Questions? Ask a VanOsdol!

## Enneagram Journey

**CONTACT: Rev. Micah James [mjames@fccedmond.org](mailto:mjames@fccedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 121**

A 12-session curriculum designed to help participants learn about the Enneagram, a powerful ancient tool for understanding motivation, behavior, and experience. Led by Suzanne Stabile, a master teacher, and guide, on DVD. Facilitated by Erin Robertson. Materials cost \$40. The class will meet on Thursdays from 6 to 8pm, beginning September 6, in Room 117. Contact Micah (above).

## Come UNITE with us on Wednesdays This Fall

**CONTACT: Jennifer Humphrey [jhumphrey@fccedmond.org](mailto:jhumphrey@fccedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 105**

UNITE – Join us on Wednesday nights, beginning September 5, during the school year for food, fellowship, learning, and fun! Adults, children, and youth - can UNITE for a delicious, reasonably priced meal, share meaningful conversation and experience faith development in one of our classes or small groups. UNITE is a place to grow in your faith and form lasting relationships in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Everyone is invited!

### Children's Schedule - 3 years old through 5th Grade

(Nursery available, from 5pm until 8pm, for those under 3 - Room E11 in the Children's Hallway)

5:00 Music (1st-5th Grades) - Music Room

5:30 Cherub Choir (3 yrs old-Kindergarten) - Room 115

6:00 Check-in/Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:30 Small Groups - Children's Hallway

7:15 Large Group Worship - Chapel

7:30 Check-out/Pick-up - Chapel

### Student's Schedule - Youth - 6th Grade through 12th Grade

5:15 Youth Ensemble - Room 131

5:45 Dinner - Family Life Center

6:30 Chapel

7:10 Small Groups

7:45 Pick-up - Rotunda

### Adult's Schedule

5:00 The Gospels Bible Study - Led by Rev. Micah James, Rm #116 - This class will take a biblical, critical look at how the Gospels were written, their similarities and their differences. This is an excellent class for Bible beginners and anyone wanting to gain more depth in their knowledge of scripture.

5:30 Dave Ramsey's The Legacy Journey Class - Led by Cameron Woods, Rm #117 - *\*Starts September 12!* FCC will host Dave Ramsey's "The Legacy Journey" Class. This course is taught through video teaching, discussions and interactive activities. It is a biblically-based course showing how to live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class runs

from 5:30 pm to 7:45 pm (dinner at 6 pm) each Wednesday evening for seven weeks, excluding October 17 (EPS Fall Break). Course kits are \$50. Register at [www.daveramsey.com/legacy/classes/1068907](http://www.daveramsey.com/legacy/classes/1068907)

6:00 All Church Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:30 The Major Prophets Bible Study - Led by Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow, Rm #116 - This class will take a look at the major prophets of the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. These prophets were active in very turbulent times in Israel's history and had much to say about justice, faith, and uncertainty in fearful times. This will be a broad study covering historical settings and essential issues of faith in each of the books.

6:45 Chancel Choir - Led by Diane Ball, Sanctuary - Choir meets Wednesday nights to practice for services and special events. Through the Choir, you can offer your musical gifts through the year in the 11 am worship service and on special occasions.

### **Fall 2018 Dates**

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 24, 31 (No Unite October 17 due to Fall Break)

November 7, 14, 28 (No Unite November 21 due to Thanksgiving Break)

December 5 (Children and Youth Party Night)

### **Meal Options**

\$4.00 per person per week / \$40.00 per person per semester

\$15.00 per family of 4+ per week / \$160 per family of 4+ per semester

You may pay by cash or check (payable to First Christian Church of Edmond) or pay online via our Unite Payment Form.

## **Be Inspired, Challenged, and Equipped on the Walk to Emmaus Retreat**

**CONTACT: Kay Sullins [sullins.kay@att.net](mailto:sullins.kay@att.net) 405.412.2238**

***Men's Walk October 4-7; Women's Walk October 18-21***

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience beginning on a Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Currently, First Christian Church has well over fifty members who have attended the Walk to Emmaus. Dates for upcoming Walks: Men's Walk - October 4-7; Women's Walk - October 18-21. Both will be held at New Covenant United Methodist Church in Edmond. If you are interested in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus, feel free to contact Kay Mades, Karla & Robert Rowley, Gayle & Jack Smith; Bev Schmoeyer, or Kay Sullins (above).

## **Take a Trip with the Classics to Branson!**

**CONTACT: Winnie Hall [wzhall75@gmail.com](mailto:wzhall75@gmail.com) or 405.659.2568**

November 5-7, the Classics plan to travel to the Ozarks for a whirlwind trip of fun! This trip includes a Christmas show by the Dutton's, a visit to the College of the Ozarks & the Ralph Foster Museum, the production of Samson, and the Hot Rods and High Heels Christmas show. Cost is \$489 (dbl) with a deposit of \$100 due October 1. This includes transportation, three meals and all attractions listed. For more information, contact Winnie (above).

## **Dates to Remember**

**September 3 – Labor Day**, Church Offices and Child Care Center Closed

**September 4 – Family Peace with FCC's Health Team**, 6pm, Chapel

**"Amadeus" Movie Night**, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

**September 5 & 12 – UNITE!**

**September 6 – Lunch Bunch**, 1pm games & fellowship

**September 6 & 13 – Enneagram Journey**, 6:30pm, Room 117

**September 9 – FCC's Trivia Night Fundraiser**, 5pm, Fellowship Hall

**September 11 – UCO's Intergenerational Class**, 10am, Fellowship Hall North

**"Won't You Be My Neighbor" Movie Night**, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

**September 16 – AMP Event**, 12:15pm Fellowship Hall

# Worship News

## On the Worship Schedule

Worship at First Christian – Sundays at 8:15, 9 & 11am

**September 2, 2018** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Isaiah 56:3-8; *Children Worship & Wonder Story: The Good Shepherd*

**September 9, 2018** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: I Samuel 18:6-9; *Children Worship & Wonder Story: The Good Shepherd & Lost Sheep*

**September 16, 2018** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40; *Children Worship & Wonder Story: Creation*

## Watch and Listen to Sermons Online

Watch and listen to sermons from our worship services anytime! To watch live streaming of our services, follow the link at [www.fccedmond.org/live](http://www.fccedmond.org/live) To listen, visit our Sermons page at [www.fccedmond.org](http://www.fccedmond.org) Tell your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers about First Christian Church, point them to our website, and encourage them to watch and listen online!

Need Wifi? Be our guest! Public wifi access is available at First Christian Church. Use password "fccedmond".

"Like" our Facebook page - First Christian Church of Edmond - and stay up-to-date on all the latest events!

## Serve News

### Help Make This School Year Amazing for the Child Care Center!

**CONTACT: Rev. Micah James [mjames@fccedmond.org](mailto:mjames@fccedmond.org) 405.341.3544, ext. 121**

This month our Child Care Center is launching a new curriculum based on the philosophy that babies and toddlers are constantly changing. We know every phase is a time frame to leverage unique opportunities to influence a child's future. We are excited to adopt this research-driven, teacher approved, and parent championing strategy at First Christian Church! There are several items each classroom needs to begin this new curriculum. We have a wish list of items you can donate to provide support for our teachers and our students. The list is on display in the Child Care Center hallway during the week and in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Or simply click here: [https://fccedmond.ccbchurch.com/need\\_detail.php?need\\_id=349](https://fccedmond.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=349) to sign up online! We hope you will support our classes as they learn and grow in this new curriculum. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of children.

## Children's News

### Children's Ministries Upcoming Events

**CONTACT: Jennifer Humphrey [jhumphrey@fccedmond.org](mailto:jhumphrey@fccedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 105**

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade - join us each Sunday morning at 10am in the Children's Education Hallway for Sunday school.

Preschool & PreK (3, 4 & 5-year-olds) - Room E12 (Children's Hallway)

K & 1st Grade - Room E19 (Children's Hallway)

2nd & 3rd Grade - Room E17 (Children's Hallway)

4th & 5th Grade – Room A23 (Family Life Center)

**UNITE on Wednesday, September 5**, beginning at 5pm – FCC's Wednesday night programming, UNITE, begins! Go to [www.fccedmond.org/unite](http://www.fccedmond.org/unite) for more details. **Items Needed for UNITE** - We are in need of a few items for dinner & activities for the Fall UNITE session. If you think you can help, check out the List of Needs here: [https://fccedmond.ccbchurch.com/need\\_detail.php?need\\_id=353](https://fccedmond.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=353)

## Student Ministries News

### Student Ministries Calendar of Events

**CONTACT: Rev. Mark Taylor [mtaylor@fcedmond.org](mailto:mtaylor@fcedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 102**

Join us each Sunday morning at 10am in the Family Life Center for breakfast, announcements and Sunday School classes!

**Wednesday, September 5 - UNITE** starts back! Go to [www.fcedmond.org/unite](http://www.fcedmond.org/unite) for more details. **Items Needed for UNITE** - We are in need of a few items for dinner & activities for the Fall UNITE session. If you think you can help, check out the List of Needs here: [https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/need\\_detail.php?need\\_id=353](https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=353)

**Sunday, September 16 - Youth Interfaith Tour 2018** - This program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference of Churches and is designed to build bridges of understanding between different faith organizations. We will be traveling to three different houses of worship with youth from across the metro area. Go to [www.fcedmond.org/register](http://www.fcedmond.org/register) to sign up for this event!

For more dates and times of **all Student Events** – go to [www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms](http://www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms)

## Care News

### Domestic Abuse Awareness Event - September 4

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Domestic abuse occurs whenever one person in an intimate relationship or marriage tries to dominate and control the other person. It may be emotional, verbal, or physical. Many times, abuse is hidden behind the walls of your home. Left undiscussed, many do not know how to get help. Abusers use fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear down their partner and maintain control. Abusive behavior is never acceptable, whether it's coming from a man, a woman, a teenager, or an older adult. Everyone deserves to feel valued, respected, and safe. The first step to breaking free is recognizing that the situation is abusive. Once the reality of the situation is acknowledged, help can be found.

To learn more, join us **September 4 at 6pm at First Christian Church** as a speaker from the YWCA will share a victim's story, signs of abuse, and how to get help. Rev. Dr. John Regan will speak about the church's view on domestic abuse. For assistance, contact the YWCA (2460 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112) at 405.948.1770 | Rape Hotline: 405.943.7273 | Domestic Violence Hotline: 405.917.YWCA (9922)

### In Our Prayers This Week

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER** Bill & Connie LaRue, John & Dot Hammond, Ed & Mary Walker, Nancy Gaines

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO** Linda Weddle in the passing of her sister, Donona Hayes, on August 12. Services were held August 17 AND TO Jackie Booher, Judy Freeman and Family in the passing of their father, Gene Claar, on August 19. Services held in Iowa AND TO Gabe Robertson on the passing of his uncle, Steve, on August 16.

**CELEBRATING A NEW BABY** Luke Gossen, born August 27 to Alee & Adam Gossen. Proud grandparents are Mack & Sandy Mitchell.

*Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Contact Pastoral Assistant, Iris Muno Jordan at [ijordan@fcedmond.org](mailto:ijordan@fcedmond.org) or 341-3544, ext. 110.*

### Happy Birthday FCC Friends!

**9/2** Gary Allison, Rodney Helms, Marc Pate, Logan Rust **9/3** Laura Bezdek, Jan Cowling, Violet Winston **9/4** Tara Lindley, Traci Sarani, Rachel Wood **9/5** Jay Bibby, Heather Livingston **9/6** Mike Ellis, John A. Hammond, Marissa Kosir, Kimberly Woods **9/7** Scott Anthony, Randy Clark, Dean McElvany **9/8** Bob Eaton, Jason Jones, Richard Randolph **9/9** Nancy Hays, Geri Moffatt, Steve Percival, William Shorow **9/10** Sydney Hammond, Loretta Parks, Madelyn Ryland, Kylee Taylor **9/11** Ally Schreck, Sherrye VanOsdol **9/12** Dana Anderson, Gladys Dronberger, Bob Gallop, Joy Hunt, Larry Mullins **9/13** Brooklyn Havenar, William Larrison **9/14** Ted Garrett, James Kerr, Jacob Weaver **9/15** Jan Harrison, J.W. Michael, Parker Mullins **9/16** Greg Dunn