

All Church News

Minister's Message – Proximity Always Changes Your Perspective

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Every once in a while we get a wake-up call as a church. It's not hard to get comfortable with the core things you already do well and to begin to be less aware and a little less informed about what is happening to people around you. But somehow the disturbing news breaks into our awareness, and we must decide. Do we ignore this news? Do we accept with a kind of realism that "well, this is just the way things are?" Or do we get involved?

A few weeks ago, the Church Board invited some local educators to come and share with our church leaders about some things that are threatening this generation of children who are being raised and educated right here in Edmond, America. A local elementary principal told us a story of her school where the most basic and fundamental missing school supply is not pencils, paper, or crayons but food. More than sixty percent of her 490 students are clamoring for the free and reduced breakfast and lunch that are provided by the school. For this principal and her staff Fall break, Christmas break, Spring break, and the long summer vacation are what keep them awake in the night. Without the undergirding of the school food program, how many meals will they miss?

In response to hearing this story, some First Christian leaders and volunteers have begun to visit this school to "see for ourselves" what the scale of challenges look like inside the school. Is there a role and place for us to come alongside these educators to fill in some of the gaps, so they have a little more time to plan, organize, and teach? In a school that has many committed parents but who are working more than one job to make ends meet, can we serve as the extended family to read, mentor, volunteer, and serve when they can't?

During our annual fall generosity campaign, we are inviting the good people of our church to move a little closer to some of the realities that are threatening the present generation of children. And before any of us pass judgment, make statements, pronounce solutions, or vote for anything, we agree to "go see for ourselves." I recently read these words from a sermon preached elsewhere "We should never measure success by how many show up here to sit on Sunday. We should measure the success of this church by how many are willing to show up in the lives of other people."

Soon you will receive a letter asking you to make a financial commitment to support the core ministries of our church in the coming year —children's ministry, youth ministry, adult ministry, music ministry, and our outreach ministries. But this year your church needs a lot more than money. Your church needs you to move closer to some of the brokenness in our community. So, inside your letter, not only will you find a Commitment to Give card, but you will also see a Commitment to Serve sheet. Your church is asking you, your family, your Sunday School class, and maybe your friends or neighbors who are not a part of our church to show up in the life of a child or a child's school who desperately needs your love and help. Nelson Mandela said, "*Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.*" Can we, First Christian Church of Edmond, help ensure that all elementary children have the same opportunity to realize their potential? We believe that together, we can overcome disparity of opportunity which is evident in this Title One school that is tucked away in our community, hiding in plain sight just eight blocks away from our campus!

Better Together – Our 2018 Annual Campaign

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Our 2018 Annual Generosity Campaign is officially underway at First Christian. Our theme is "Better Together." We ask for everyone to let us know their intentions to give funds in the coming year because it takes all of us, working together, to support the ministries of First Christian.

Each fall the Church Board depends upon these commitments to make solid plans for the coming year's operating budget. We do this every year because many things change in our lives on an annual basis. If we have a new child, if we send another kid to college, or if we are about to retire all of these events can change our financial circumstances. There have also been substantial changes to the tax laws and charitable giving, and the Finance Committee is wondering how this might or might not impact people's ability to support the ministries of the church.

By turning in a Commitment to Give card this month you can help us remove some of the uncertainty in planning next year's budget. Every commitment and gift matters. These gifts, when combined together, do far more than any one of us could ever imagine! We utilize these gifts to support the intentional faith development of our children, youth, college, adult, music, and outreach ministries.

As a community of faith, we are inspired by a careful reading and interpretation of Scripture, motivated by the calling to serve our neighbors, and convinced that we have vital things to do in the Edmond community. This week you'll receive cards that let you make your commitments to give and serve. In 2019 how will you be involved in what we aspire to do together?

Let's Spread Good Together!

"Together two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better..." - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

Like peanut butter and jelly, milk and cookies, or coffee and donuts, some things just go better together. As Christians, we know we too are **better together**, and God calls us to do GOOD together! During October we hope you'll come to worship and catch the good news of the vision God has given us to spread good in the lives of children who wrestle with real challenges. We'll be issuing a challenge to join us in **spreading good** throughout the month of October. Through simple acts of kindness, and doing good deeds daily, we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Write a note of encouragement, take milk and cookies to a neighbor, deliver coffee and donuts to a teacher, share a huge smile and "Good morning!" with a stranger at the store. Just imagine the impact the people of First Christian can have with a month of spreading GOOD!

So be thinking of ways to spread goodness together. We have some special cards we'll give you to pass along when you do. Go out and spread GOOD as thick as you would peanut butter! When you do, take a picture and share it with us. You can email pics to news@fcedmond.org or tag us on social media **#fcedmond #SpreadingGoodTogether**

Church Golf Tournament

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This coming Sunday, October 7, there will be an 18-hole fundraising golf tournament for First Christian Church at Kickingbird Golf Course. This will be a two-person scramble and two divisions (2 adults or parent/child team) with prizes to be awarded for both. To sign up to play, contact Scott or Randle (above).

The tournament committee is looking for sponsors interested in donating raffle items. These will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the FCC's General Fund. All interested parties contact Scott or Randle (above).

Submit Your Photos for Veteran's Day

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Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11 and First Christian Church would like to honor our veterans with a slide presentation prior to worship service on November 11. If you would like to be honored or have your loved one honored, please submit a photo in uniform, including full name, title and rank. Send submissions to news@fcedmond.org or place in Jennifer Humphrey's church mailbox in the workroom - by Sunday, November 4. (Note: If you have previously submitted a photo, you may confirm its submission by emailing Jennifer, above.)

Newsletter Frequency Changes for 2018

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As our Executive Committee of the Church Board implements strategies to ensure a more balanced budget, a change impacting us all is the decreased frequency of our newsletter, the Chalice Connection. Starting with this October issue, we are now sending monthly newsletters. This will require staff and lay leaders to submit articles earlier than in the past, but it will also conserve dollars and staff time. We ask for your patience and support as we make this transition. Newsletter

publication dates for the last two months of 2018, and their corresponding submission deadlines are as follows:

November 1, submission deadline October 25

December 6, submission deadline November 29

Please submit news articles to news@fccedmond.org and contact Jennifer Humphrey at jhumphrey@fccedmond.org or 405.341.3544, ext. 105, if you have questions about how to best share the news about your ministry area.

Family Camp 2019

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Sign-ups have begun for this year's Family Camp in the Rocky Mountains of Estes Park, CO, from June 22 – 29! Enjoy an exciting week with friends and family hiking, car hiking, water rafting, horseback riding, campfire sing-a-longs, and so much more! This year's lodging is at Wind River Lodge at the YMCA of the Rockies. The cost is as follows:

1 person in a room \$1248.00

2 persons in a room \$741.00 per person

3 persons in a room \$572.00

4 persons in a room \$487.50

5 persons in a room \$437.00

(Children, ages 6 -12, are \$138; and under 6, are free.)

There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit for each room. Payments can be made in advance to the church office – indicate "Family Camp" on the payment. The final payment needs to be made by April 1, 2019. Information packets are in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Susan (above).

Wednesday Evenings at FCC – Come UNITE!

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From Bible Study to Legacy Planning, Singing to Yoga, Dinner to Small Groups, UNITE has something for everyone! UNITE is a semester of Wednesday evenings when people of all ages—children, youth, and adults—can spend time together, form lasting relationships, and grow in their faith. For a calendar of dates and Wednesday night time schedules, visit www.fccedmond.org/unite

Dates to Remember

October 4, 18 & November 1 – Lunch Bunch, 10am games, lunch served at 11:30am

October 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & November 1 – Advanced Tai Chi, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

October 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 – Advanced Tai Chi, 10am, Hallway by Rotunda

October 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 & November 2 – Beginner Tai Chi starts, 11:15am, Room 201

October 7 – Golf Tournament Fundraiser, 1:30pm, Kicking Bird Golf Course

October 10, 24 & November 7 – UNITE! (October 17 – NO UNITE due to Fall Break; October 31 - No UNITE due to holiday)

October 11 – Chick-Fil-A Night Fundraiser for the Child Care Center, 5:30-7:30pm, 2nd & Bryant location

October 17-19 – Edmond Public Schools Fall Break

October 28 – Life After Loss, 4:30pm, Room 130

October 28 – Children's Ministry Trunk or Treat Event, 5-7pm, front lawn and East parking lot

November 4 – Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back!

Save the Dates – Celebrating the Season of Advent – starts December 2! Go to www.fccedmond.org/advent for more information!

Worship News

On the Worship Schedule

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

October 7, 2018 - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: John 21:15-17; *Children Worship & Wonder: Exodus*

October 14, 2018 - Minister: Rev. Dr. John Regan; Scripture: Mark 8:1-8; *Children Worship & Wonder: The 10 Best Ways to Live*

October 21, 2018 - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Ark & A Tent for God*

October 28, 2018 - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Acts 8:35-40; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Promised Land*

November 4, 2018 - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Jeremiah 32:6-15; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Temple, a House for God*

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 To listen, visit our Sermons page at 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

Outreach Ministry Spotlight – Operation Christmas Child

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Through your generosity, First Christian Church gives to Outreach Partners throughout our community and beyond. A goal of this committee is to provide information about some of these ministries.

This month, we would like to highlight **Operation Christmas Child**, a ministry project of Samaritan's Purse. Through gift-filled shoeboxes, joy and hope are brought to children in desperate situations worldwide. Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship which leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. The next Shoebox Packing Party is set for Tuesday, October 16, at 9am at FCC. OCC's National Collection Week is scheduled for November 12-19. Contacts for OCC are Michele Schlough (ga4three@cox.net) & David Larrison (wlarrison@cox.net)

Children's News

Trunk or Treat Fun!

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Save the Date for **Sunday, October 28, from 5 to 7pm**, for a night of fun at our **Trunk or Treat Event** hosted by the First Christian Church Children's Ministry. All children are invited to "trick-or-treat" in the East Parking Lot and play fun games on the lawn. Bring a canned food item (or TWO!) for a donation to the Edmond HOPE Center. Get those costumes ready! We hope to see you there!

Trunks Needed! Want to sponsor a trunk? We need folks to "host" a trunk or game & you must be willing to dress up!

Come support this amazing family fun event! Register here:

<https://fccedmond.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/230/responses/new>

Children's Ministries Upcoming Events

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Ages 3 years old through 5th grade - join us each Sunday morning at 10:00 am 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)

Save the Dates:

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 28, 5-7pm

Children's Christmas Musical - Sunday, December 9, 6:30pm

Student Ministries News

Youth Fundraiser - Butter Braids on Sale in October

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Starting October 14, you can order butter braids, cinnamon rolls and sticky buns from the First Christian Church Youth and support the Youth Mission Fund fundraiser! All items are \$14 and come in a variety of flavors. Order deadline is October 28 and all orders will be delivered to the church in time for Thanksgiving. Butter Braids make great gifts, too! Order at the table in the rotunda October 14, 21 & 28, or use this form link:

<https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/238/responses/new>

Student Ministries Calendar of Events

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

Wednesdays at 5:45pm - UNITE! Go to 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 can help, check out the Needs List here:

https://fcedmond.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=353

October 21 - Distracted Driving Simulation 12:30-3:15pm, Gym Join us for our first ever Distracted Driving simulation! We have partnered with the Edmond Fire Department, Edmond Police Department, and FCC's own Faith Community Nurse for an afternoon at the Safety Village to learn about distracted driving. You will even get a chance to see how well you can handle distractions while driving all in a safe, controlled environment.

October 28 - Children's Ministry Trunk or Treat, 5-7pm, FCC's East Parking Lot & Front Lawn Come in costume and host a trunk or a game and pass out candy. Have fun helping with our Children's Ministry Trunk or Treat in some way! Watch your email for more details.

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, December 7 - Snowball Christmas Party!

For more dates and times of **all Student Events** - go to www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms

Care News

October is Fire Awareness Month

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Make sure your family knows what to do in case of a fire emergency! Have an evacuation plan with two ways to escape. Make sure everyone knows how to get out and find a safe place to meet. Everyone should know how to dial 911, even small children but call from a safe place. Make sure fire extinguishers are accessible and full. Install and check fire alarms. Don't forget the pets! Firemen have the job of putting out fires and making sure that everyone is safe. They have all the knowledge and equipment needed to put out the fire so don't try to put it out yourself if it is not contained.

Yoga Classes at First Christian

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Our faith community health ministry is focused on the physical and mental well-being of our faith community and offers programs and educational tools for a healthier lifestyle. To support your journey toward wholeness they are pleased to host an 8-week yoga class this fall, meeting Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the basement. The course begins Wednesday, October 3. Our instructor is Alexa Mangum. Free, open to the public, and no registration required. Simply bring your own yoga mat and join us! **Meeting these Wednesdays: October 10, and 24, November 7, 14, 28, December 5 and 12.**

In Our Prayers This Week

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER Bill & Connie LaRue, John & Dot Hammond, Ed & Mary Walker, Karen Baldrige

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO The Smith Family in the passing of their mother, Dene Smith, on September 17. Services were held September 21 at FCC-Edmond.

CELEBRATING A NEW BABY Graham Michael Gibson, born October 1 to Brittany & Shane Gibson. Grandparents are Kristin & Brent Gibson, and Great Grandparents are Mickey & Tana Stufflebean.

Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Contact Pastoral Assistant, Iris Muno Jordan at ijordan@fccedmond.org or 341-3544, ext. 110.

Happy Birthday FCC Friends!

9/30 Margery Wallace

10/1 Greg Garrett

10/2 Cooper Coil, Loretta Dodd, Barbara George, Lorene Smith

10/3 Paxton Shorow

10/4 Becky Endicott, Erica Hannah, Cole Schwab

10/5 Scott Kinnaird, Larry Perdue, Madison Young

10/6 Steffanie Ward

10/7 Emersen Heron, Staci Nash, Amanda Stuke, Isaac VanOsdol

10/8 Gary Owen, Cooper Sulley

10/9 Barry Black, Conner Kious, Coy Parsley, Glenn Sulley

10/10 Emily Gresh, Abi Haley, Saeed Sarani

10/11 Beth Anne Davis, Steve Hanson

10/12 Mitchem Ernst, Karen Walenciak

10/13 Samantha Hoppe

10/14 Wayne Davis, Judy Griffis, Averi Haley, Jennifer Humphrey, Mark Parkhurst, Luke Prejean, Glen Smith

10/15 Clella Adams, Beth Barnes Lott, Ali Fitzgerald, Tonya Fondren, Tami Hines, Emily King

10/16 Belinda Davis

10/17 Amanda Bowen, Martha Fields, Shelley Ryland, Jerry Tipton, Paul Walters

10/19 Brenda Dodson

10/21 Sue Archer, Carter Cain, Gary Cauthen, Ann Crandall, Mark Nash

10/22 Darlene Dooner, Mike Felice, Kay Sullins, Lane Tompkins, Linda Weddle

10/23 Audrey Carder, Ali Haley, Jennifer Hast, Don Keeton

10/24 Richard Finley

10/25 Mattie Huff, Heather Simms

10/26 Virginia Hiebert, Jackie Koger, Teddi Owen, Jim Sill

10/27 Amy Evans, Ronnie Harris III

10/28 Benny Christensen

10/30 Regan Killackey

11/1 Bradley Havenar, Ryan Miller, Mack Mitchell, Jett VanOsdol

11/2 John Earnheart, Paige Medley, John Riester, Joy Riester

11/3 Connie LaRue

11/4 Mark Livingston