

SEPTEMBER,  
2019

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
301 North Third Avenue, Durant, Ok 74701

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# DISCIPLE NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM FROM FROM ANDY....

A couple of weeks ago I let you know about the creation a new Regional Commission in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma. Below is an excerpt from the letter from Regional Minister Pam Holt:

"We know as Christians and people who call ourselves Disciples of Christ, that we are called to love and serve our neighbor. We have neighbors on our southern border who need us. The environment for our brothers and sisters is not only a humanitarian crisis but a faith crisis. We are limited in what we are allowed to do to help, but there are a couple of actions we can take and the Church must act.

"We are developing a Refugee and Immigrant Ministry (RIM) in the Oklahoma Region. Anyone who is interested in being a part can contact Rev. Mary Heath at revmaryheath@att.net. She will be happy to add anyone who cares for this ministry to the group!

"Mary has spoken to a couple of ministers from the Rio Grande Valley. One of the first things we can accomplish is sending help to Rev. Filiberto Pereira at Good Samaritan. Rev. Mary Heath has spoken to him three times to determine the immediate need. All three times he has stated there is a great need to help the children on both sides of the border. Rev. Pereira has told Rev. Mary Heath, that the children are basically going naked."

Over the past couple of weeks churches have been collecting supplies to deliver to Oklahoma City or Tulsa which will be taken to south Texas on Tuesday. It isn't too late to make a financial donation, though. Checks may be mailed to Christian Church in Oklahoma at 301 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73020. Please note "RIM" on the check so it is applied directly to this mission. Online donations may be made through Givelify (choose "Other" and make a note: "RIM").

Please also note the upcoming fundraiser for the Light of Hope homeless shelter:



May God continue to bless us in our efforts to serve our neighbors in his name and as his body until the comes again.

In Christ,

Andy



## MOMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

**Jean McLain...** was in church last Sunday but had to return home for some appointments. She promises she'll get her schedule fixed so she can be with us on Sundays. She's doing well and hopefully will get back soon.

**Maudie Anderson...** is still in her apartment. Please give her a ring (924-3054) or drop her a note. She receives her mail at Robert's P.O. Box 115.

**Drs. Ken and Jane Elder...** for those of you who didn't see the recent prayer gram, Jane has had surgery and now recovering at home and Ken needs to return for still another treatment on a new tumor.



Handbell ensemble played a special last Sunday as the morning prelude. This group featured Dana Haggard, Leslye, Song, and Analye Shinn, Jane Hawthorne and Dr. Erica. A most difficult arrangement - explaining why some of us didn't "make the cut". Didn't they do a wonderful job? Dana has done a great job with this group. If you would like to be a part, please contact Dana. Plenty of room for anyone interested!!

## Fall semester begins at SUNSHINE SCHOOL...



Classes full to the max!

Teachers, parents and kids are so proud of their new rooms with fresh new carpet and bright new tables. Many good things have been heard about



## September, 2019

### ELDERS SERVING AT THE TABLE

September 1st - E. Redman, Corbett

September 8th - J. Redman, Skaggs

September 15th - McLain, J. Redman

September 22nd - E. Redman, C. Kirkpatrick

September 29 - Corbett, Skaggs

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Crystal and Brandolyn

### HEAD USHER

Jack Skaggs

### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS...

Don't forget to say "hello" and welcome some of our recent guests!

**Dr. Wayne Cooper**

**Mr. Tom Henderson, McKinney**

**Mrs. Sharon Lambert, Durant**

*We love seeing new faces!!!*

*Hope all of you will join us Labor Day Sunday for informal Worship and a continental breakfast at 10:00 am in our Fellowship Hall*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LABOR DAY SUNDAY

A "continental breakfast" has been planned for Sunday, 1st, which will be held in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am, in lieu of our usual 10:45 service in the sanctuary. A devotional will follow immediately following the breakfast. Communion will be served as usual. Invite your families and friends to join you for this "holiday" service. Anything you'd like to contribute to the breakfast table will be appreciated (coffee, milk and orange juice will be furnished). Dress will be casual and you'll be out in time to spend the remainder of the day with your families!!! Church office will be closed on Monday, 2nd.



**THUNDER ALLEY....** will be meeting at 6:00 pm every Tuesday evening up-stairs in the Thunder Alley game room. Come join us for Food, Fun, and Friends! Watch TV, visit, do your homework or just a "get away" break from the campus. Invite your friends

## A LIGHT OF HOPE SHELTER SOUP KITCHEN

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS A HOT MEAL

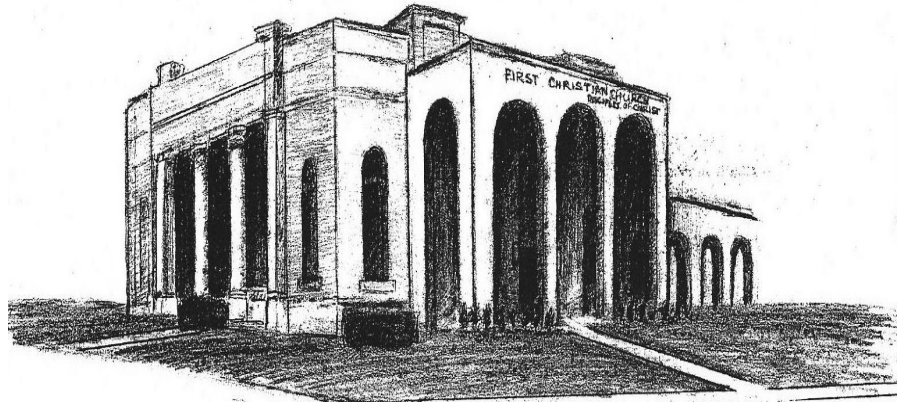
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