



# The Norman Christian

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:00/9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

***Worship will also be livestreamed  
at 10:45 a.m.***

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 20 - 33, Luke 12:56  
Sermon: *Light and Warmth for the Journey*

Worship & Wonder: The Light

***Evensong Worship***

***Tuesday, September 2nd, at 5:15 p.m.– Chapel***

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the church office will be **closed on Monday, August 18th and Tuesday, August 19th** as our staff will be away for a retreat. This is a valuable time for rest, renewal, and planning as we continue to seek God's guidance for our ministry together.

Because of this, next week's newsletter will be sent out on **Wednesday** instead of the usual Tuesday.

Thank you for your understanding and prayers for our team during this time!

## MOUNTAIN OF FOOD OFFERING CONTINUES - AUGUST 17,24

Last Sunday began our congregation's three-week Mountain of Food offering. This is our local offering that has always provided needed assistance to those experiencing hunger in Cleveland County.

The gifts the church provides are used to purchase gift cards for food, clothes, or gas. The cards are distributed by staff at Food and Shelter, Inc. who are able to give to those with the greatest need. Thank you for your generous support; now and in the past.

## LOGOS

We are excited to welcome back our kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> graders, beginning next Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open (please use the link or QR code to register).



Please register your children at  
<https://fcc.link/logos>



## HELPING HANDS NEEDED EACH WEDNESDAY:

(2) playground supervisors (2:45-3:45pm);  
Kitchen clean-up (5:30-6:30pm & 6:30-7:30pm); (1)  
Shepherd for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> gr.; Transportation; Table parents.  
Please contact Elizabeth Bass or Eula Hledik

## PROGRAM DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The newest edition of the church's Program Directory detailing opportunities for worship, study, fellowship as well as meeting times and places for our many groups, is now available in the Gallery and narthex of the church, as well as in the church office. You may pick up a program directory any time you are here during the week. The Membership Directory should soon be available.

## ChARM ADVENTURES:

Wednesday, August 13 – 11:30am – Complimentary Fried Chicken Lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by the movie *Babe* in the Parlor. Please RSVP so I order enough food.

Friday, August 29 – 8:00am – Take the Church bus to Sonny's for breakfast or drive your own vehicle and meet us there. Please RSVP either way.

Saturday, September 6 – 6:00pm - OU vs. Michigan Football Game Watch Party at the Gasaway's Home. 4704 Manor Hill Drive in Norman. Please bring a snack to share. Please RSVP.

Thursday, September 11 – 10:45am – ChARM Day in Tecumseh! Let's wear our ChARM shirts please. Please RSVP for your seat on the bus.

Friday, September 26 – 8:00am – Take the Church bus to Sunny Side Up in Moore for breakfast or drive your own vehicle and meet us there. Please RSVP either way.

Monday, September 29 – Noon – 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Dutch Albert is our speaker!!!

## BRANSON HERE WE COME...

The final payment for our October 14 – October 17 Branson Trip is due on or before September 1. If you have any questions or would like to join the trip, please contact Stephanie in the Church office.

## DO YOU NEED A ChARM SHIRT?

Long sleeve RED ChARM shirts and GRAY ChARM sweatshirts are available for order. Cost is \$25 each.

The long sleeve shirts come in both men's and women's sizes and the sweatshirts are unisex.

I will take orders until August 15. No money is due until the shirts arrive.

Please contact Stephanie for more information or to order.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP BEGINS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

The Spiritual Formation Group meets monthly on the second Saturday, from 9 am to 10:30 am, in the FCC Chapel and Conference Room. Starting in September (the 13<sup>th</sup>) and running through May—for a total of nine months—the group explores various spiritual practices such as contemplative prayer, hospitality, simplicity, and creating a personal rule of life. It also emphasizes ways to incorporate these practices into daily living. Please email Tom ([tom@fccnorman.org](mailto:tom@fccnorman.org)) for questions and to reserve your spot. Thank you!

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Sympathy is extended to Lynne Levy following the death of her husband, David Levy, on Saturday, August 9th.

## CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES AUGUST 13TH

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsing on Wednesday, August 13th after its 4-week summer break. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 in the chancel of the sanctuary. During rehearsal, led by Director Dr. Steven Curtis, the choir warms up for about 10 minutes, sings through the 3 hymns for the upcoming Sunday, and then rehearses 4 or 5 anthems. The choir also takes a few minutes for announcements and to share any concerns and joys!

The one hour rehearsal moves along crisply—in fact it is amazing how much singing can be done in one hour! You need not be able to read music, as there are always singers in each section who read music well. You need only enjoy the opportunity to sing a variety of beautiful hymns and anthems as part of the church's Sunday worship. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Steven Curtis. Thank you, and give the Chancel Choir a try!!!

## NEWS FROM DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The DoCWM Council met on Tuesday, August 5. Plans were made for the Central Area Disciples Women meeting that will be at our church on Tuesday, August 26, beginning at 10:00. If you are interested in coming please register by contacting your group leader, DoCDW President Bev Hall, or the church office. There is a cost of \$10 for lunch.

Plans were also begun for the Fall Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 8. It is not too early to begin making items to sell if you knit, crochet, sew, do woodworking, or any crafts. We will also have baked goods and frozen items. Save the date on your calendar.

## EULA HLEDIK AT DISCUSSION 1

Discussion Group 1 will meet Friday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

The presenter will be Eula Hledik, who will share her study of fascinating women in history who transformed the church, especially in the late 1800's and early 1909's--women like Fannie Shedd Ayars and Aimee Semple McPherson.

The group begins with a covered-dish supper and invites others to come who may be interested in this program or want to explore the possibility of continuing with the group. For further information, contact Hugh Wilson

## YOUTH GROUP

Check the youth list email, Facebook, GroupMe, and the iMessage group text for meeting information. Please contact Shannon if you have any questions!

Chi Rho is for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and CYF is for youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are welcome to join us for any and all events, and friends are always welcome!

**August 13**—No youth meetings.

*School Year Schedule*

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho Free Time—4:45-5:15 p.m.

Chi Rho Meeting—5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30-7:15 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m.

**August 20**—School Year Kick Off! We will return to our school year schedule, with pick ups from Norman Public Schools middle schools.

**August 27**—Photo Scavenger Hunt

**September 3**—Study on Saul/Paul

**September 10**—Service Project for Food and Shelter

*All Chi Rho and CYF youth must have a registration on file by the first meeting in August!*

Visit <https://fccnorman.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/13cde659-783d-4d92-9157-9bfd113a1d85> to fill out the registration form.

## NEW ASSISTIVE LISTENING TECHNOLOGY IN SANCTUARY

Auracast is a new technology that allows for some hearing aids, earbuds, and headphones to receive a digital audio signal being broadcast by an Auracast transmitter. Auracast transmitters will become common in public spaces over time and can be used not just for hearing aids and assistive listening, but also in places like restaurants and workout facilities where there may be a variety of audio sources that guests or customers might want to listen to—for example, a gym with many TVs. In the last year, some hearing aid brands have introduced models that support Auracast: ReSound, Jabra, and Beltone all have capable models. Phonak, Philips, and Signia have indicated that some of their models will receive future firmware updates allowing them to receive the Auracast signal. The church has purchased and installed an Auracast transmitter for the sanctuary, and you may have seen Jeff Champeau and Stephanie Gasaway in worship testing it in recent weeks. We also purchased two standalone Auracast receivers that can be used with headphones, and they will be kept in the northwest corner of the Sanctuary. If you'd like to try one, pick it up before worship and return it to the charging base after. The existing telecoil/loop-based system has not been affected and will remain in place.

## WHERE HAS ChARM BEEN LATELY?



Pryor's Pizza Kitchen & Bus Tour around Norman



American Pigeon Museum & Lunch at Toby Keith's



Breakfast at OK Cafe



Summer Celebration

## Church Calendar

### August 13, 2025– Wednesday

*NPS Begins*

11:30 a.m. ChARM– Lunch & Movie  
6:30 p.m. Search Committee Meets  
7:30 p.m. Choir

### August 14, 2025– Thursday

6:30 p.m. Search Committee Meets

### August 17, 2025– Sunday

*Mountain of Food Offering*

8:40 a.m. Worship  
9:00/9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Luncheon

### August 18, 2025– Monday

*Church Office Closed– Staff Retreat  
MDO Begins*

### August 19, 2025– Tuesday

*Church Office Closed– Staff Retreat*

## INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants in the infant–Pre–K area continue to provide loving care for our youngest children, creating a safe and nurturing environment while introducing them to faith through story, play, games, and crafts through Bible stories of transformation.

## VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Voyage Into Discipleship gathers for all children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each voyage sets sail from the third floor in the children’s education area at 9:30 am every Sunday. This Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> we begin our Voyage through creation.

## ACCESSING LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 10:45 worship will be livestreamed so you can watch or listen from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Simply search Facebook for “First Christian Church of Norman” or, if you aren’t on Facebook, point your browser to <http://live.fccnorman.org> for links to stream on YouTube and other social media platforms. If you are not able to watch live, the video will be available for later viewing. To access the church homepage please visit <http://fccnorman.org>.

### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

*Jesus Loves Me!* (113)  
*We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord*  
*Holy Wisdom* (258)

Sunday Worship will be both video and audio  
livestreamed at 10:45 in the morning

## WORSHIP PODCAST

The morning prayer, anthem, scripture, and sermon are now available each week in podcast form. Simply search Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify for “First Christian Church of Norman.” You can also listen right in your browser at [podcast.fccnorman.org](http://podcast.fccnorman.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your faithful stewardship that makes possible the excellent work of the church in its many ministries of outreach, education, worship, care, and fellowship. As a reminder, you may send your contributions to the church in one of several ways...

\*Checks can be mailed to the church at 220 South Webster Avenue, Norman, OK 73069.

\*Calling the church office (329-2192) and charging on a debit or credit card.

\*Setting up a recurring weekly or monthly payment from a checking, savings, debit or credit card.

\*Givelify—you can give from your computer or mobile device by visiting <http://give.fccnorman.org> to donate online or search your device’s app store for the Givelify app.