

The Good News ...

July 2020

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*)

OUR STAFF:

Senior Pastor - David Nordyke
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OFFICE HOURS:

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My Dad once wrote a song entitled, "Freedom Isn't Free." This title reminds me that much of what we hold dear was fought and paid for with a high price. In fact, my ability to write this letter to you, in my office, in this community and church is in part because of someone else's sacrifice. The car I drive and clothes I wear and the music I listen to and the food I eat, were again provided

because of the great sacrifice that someone else has made. I know that this may seem like a cliché, something that everyone already knows. Perhaps then, it's for that very reason that we need to be reminded of this so we don't take for granted our rights and freedoms. Like the right to free speech, the right to congregate, the right to assemble together...things like freedom of press or freedom to choose the expression of faith that best speaks to our hearts and minds.

It's a sad day when people forget or neglect these freedoms and rights either individually or as a nation. Therefore, the next time we look at the flag, even one tattered and frayed at the edges, may we remember that it's not about perfection. Rather its stars and stripes remind us of the brave people who represent all places in life and all expressions of faith who have given of themselves. Even through our nation's ups and downs, their sacrifice has provided the freedoms and rights that we have and enjoy.

In a similar vein, I am reminded of the great expense that Jesus paid so that I could be Spiritually free...no longer bound by the cords of sin and death. Although forgiveness of sin and eternal life are free to us, it cost Jesus his life. God loved us so much that God gave Jesus as an atonement or sacrifice for our sins so that we could experience eternal life in heaven. My dad is right...Freedom Isn't Free...so thanks to those brave persons who provide for our freedoms on earth and thank you God that we enjoy freedom in Christ!

Blessings,
Pastor David



Rejoice ALWAYS
Pray CONTINUALLY
Give Thanks
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

1 THESS. 5:16-18

July Birthdays

11th Brent Bacon
18th Dea Lou Furgason
22nd Carol Harison
27th Terry Buffington
31st Jake Millsap

July Anniversaries

6th Skip & Bev Umshler
23rd John & Karen Millsap
26th Mike & Debbie Stubbs

June Attendance

Total in-person attendance
*226

Total Facebook Live views
*682

June Offering

*\$11,331.00

*May 31 info included

For we wrestle **NOT** against
FLESH and **BLOOD**
BUT AGAINST Principalities
POWERS
Rulers of the **DARKNESS**
of this world
SPIRITUAL **WICKEDNESS**
in high places
EPHESIANS 6:12

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Insurance company will be contacted regarding storm damage to roof
- Safety Committee working on plan to implement safety procedures and protocol
- New computer and camera to stream on Facebook will be purchased with Memorial Funds in memory of Ernest and Elaine Thrasher
- Worship Services will remain as is at present
- Worship Committee looking for safe options for communion
- Digital solution for all church meetings
- Church Constitution and Bylaws to be reviewed
- On-line giving to be researched by Stewardship Committee
- With COVID-19, church office will remain on current status



Congratulations to Sydney Buffington!!!

Sydney has graduated with her teaching degree and will begin teaching at Stockton in August. First Christian Church wishes her the best in her future as a teacher and prays for many blessings.

Bryston Pryer graduated 8th grade and will be attending Mt. Vernon High School. Congratulations Bryston! First Christian Church prays for a great Freshman year and many blessings.



The updated July 2020 Church Directory is available in the Narthex. If a change, addition, or correction is needed, *please* advise Sherry in the office.

Special Note - To **ALL** my beloveds of First Christian Church. The Gloriousness of God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, may this triune hold for this wonderful church with its most blessed people be always as they are and have been. Each of you have become a part of my life living and teaching of all Christian endeavors and bringing it to me in your caring for me and others. You are so kind to send cards, cakes, breads, calls, & sweet thoughts and so many of ways. Thank you is not enough - so my prayers are for all of you to let me know the diverse ways God uses you. May God keep each of you with His love & care.

His servant,
Harriet Cremeen

Thank You Notes

Disciples Christian Church-
Thank you from the bottom of
our hearts for your Love Gift.