



**Western Hills Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

The Messenger

Empowering Christ-Centered Lives

September 11, 2018

***In Essentials...Unity
In Non-Essentials...Liberty
In All Things...Charity***

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Please get your articles in by
Monday at Noon so it will be in the
2nd & 4th Tuesday Newsletter.
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MESSAGE FROM REV. BRENT POMEROY

Five years ago Donna and I took the kids on a trip to California because we really hadn't seen much of the west coast. We drove north from L.A. to San Francisco on Interstate 5 looking out the window at miles and miles of vineyards, orchards and open land. It was mostly a desert climate, dry and dusty and unforgiving. We were too far from the coast to see the ocean and there were no lakes or rivers to be found, but just off to our right, running parallel to the highway, was the deep blue water of the California Aqueduct.

Construction of the California Aqueduct began in 1963 and was completed in 1997. It is 700 miles long and carries water collected from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and valleys of Northern and Central California down to the southern part of the state. Its sheer size makes it an impressive thing to see and quite frankly it's something you wouldn't expect to see. There you are, surrounded by dry, barren land, and yet there is this "river" that cuts a path through the wilderness bringing life-giving water as it goes.

I think the spirit of God comes to us in much the same way. It often comes to us when we are walking across our own spiritual desert. It often comes to us when we are experiencing a time of spiritual barrenness. Like a cool, refreshing stream the spirit of God flows across the dry landscapes of our lives giving us strength for today, hope for tomorrow and peace that passes all understanding.

So as our fall season begins here at the church let's be on the lookout for what the river of God will be bringing. God is bringing something for you and for me. It's life-giving. It's life-sustaining. It flows freely, so let's "go with the flow" and get ready to be part of what God is doing at Western Hills. And by the way, there are going to be a few fun surprises coming in October so be sure to come and see it's all about. I'll see you in church.

Brent

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Please Pray For:

Larry Riley
Family of Gerald Cothran
Stephanie Perez
Susan Wells
Donna Grohman
John Miller
David Brown
Jim Fowler
Alma Frausto
Ken & Marlene Long



Prayer requests for family and friends will be listed for four weeks. If you feel they should be listed longer, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Visitors

**BIBLE BOOK
FOR
SEPTEMBER**

2 Samuel



SUNDAY MORNING

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 AM**

**COFFEE CUP
10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE
10:40 AM**

*They may not remember
what you said, they may not
remember what you did, but they
will always remember how you
made them feel"*
-Maya Angelou

NAME TAGS



Any church member needing a name tag, please contact the church office at 210-690-9327.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



9:00am to 3:00 pm.

CHALLENGE!! LET'S GET READY TO RUUUUMMMBBLLEEE!!!!

Our challenge this month is by sections. The sections to the right of the pastor are sections 1 & 2 and section 3 and the choir loft are to the left of the pastor. The challenge isn't about the correct naming of the sections so don't get sidetracked! We are in need of paper towels and toilet paper. Collections will be made for the rest of September. Look for containers in the foyer. Remember we count by the pound so that will determine the winner:)

The Food Bank Team



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH! Our small groups are back!

Wednesday, September 12, 6-7pm, is KidTime. We will learn all about hospitality this semester through stories, music, games and snacks. This is for 4 years and older. If you feel you are too old for this group, we will plug you in as a helper. You may earn service hours for school.

Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm, is Youth Group for 6th-12th grades. We have a lot of fun things planned, so keep tuned!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Please note, this Sunday, September 16, we will not have an evening meeting.

WANTED: Loving, caring adults with "kid hearts" that feel God's tug to be a mentor/sponsor for youth. Western Hills Christian, as well as our area outdoor ministry, is currently planning the 2018-2019 year. Please see maggie with your dreams.

SIGN UP TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER! The effectiveness of prayer is powerful. Maggie is in the process of matching every child in the congregation with an adult. The only requirement is to prayer for each other as often as you can. Birthday cards are nice. Smiles and hugs are not out of the question. This is an opportunity to make new friends in the name of our God. Sign-up Forms are in the lobby.



2018 CCSW MEN'S RETREAT

September 21-23, 2018

Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat
9105 CR 460, Brownwood, TX 76801
(325) 784-5133

Theme:
"Is Reformation Theology Still Relevant Today?"

SPEAKERS

Rev. Dr. Doug Skinner , Sr. Minister
Northway Christian Church, Dallas, TX

Rev. Dr. Chris Wilson, Sr. Minister
Rush Creek Christian Church,

Cost is \$120.00
Due by August 31
to the Christian Church in the Southwest.

For more information, please see in the foyer the 2018 CCSW Men's Retreat Flyer & Registration Form.

The Western Hills Christian Church, **Thursday Night Bible Study** will resume on September 13, 2018, from 7:00-8:00 pm. Special Speakers for the month of September will be Pastor Harold Guess on September 13, 2018, and Pastor Maggie Mossler on 20 and 27 September. This series will focus on What is the job of the Pastor? And What is the congregations' role in supporting their Pastor?

This year, a special attempt will be made to adhere to the one hour time frame to allow those to attend, who have difficulty driving after dark.

Alton Knight

News from Disciples Women Fellowship

Power of Prayer-What does it do for you? Our lesson for September will be looking at prayer, why we pray, how we pray and where we pray.

The meeting Wednesday, September 19 will begin at 9:30 with refreshments. After our lesson we will have a business meeting to discuss our upcoming events.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Crayons	21
Markers	3
Pens	2
Pencils	6
Colored Pencils	2
Glue Sticks	16
Scissors	10
Erasers	2
Pencil Bags	3
Rulers	4
Spiral Notebooks	8
Comp Books	8
Loose Leaf Paper	3
Folders	4
Index Cards	1
Snack boxes	22



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: This is a list of what was contributed to the NISD
: School District. It was delivered on 9/5/18...
: Thank you for your support WHCC!
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RECONCILIATION OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS MONTH

The Reconciliation Offering which will be received the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October supports the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the Christian Church. When crises occur, like in Charlottesville and other U.S. cities, our Reconciliation workers go in to help settle the turmoil and work with persons affected by the hostility. It is an important ministry. Worship bulletin inserts and offering envelopes will be available for your use in Western Hills Church.

We also have five other special offerings each calendar year.

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church. General ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations. Read more about the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 14 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church. See a list of the colleges, universities, seminaries, foundations and divinity houses.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. In 32 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Week of Compassion

The Week of Compassion Offering leads the relief, refugee, and development work of the Church. This offering, which we have come to know well, are received in many congregations on the last two Sundays of February, plus seasons of crises.



Hey all! You are invited to join the Chi Rho Girls (6th-8th grades) at Western Hills Christian Church for an All-Girl's Lock-in.

The pressure to live in middle school can be pretty awkward, so we are planning an evening of #letyourhairdownandbeyourself. We are talking food (no diets allowed), conversations about relationships and how to get through middle school alive, as well as girl stuff activities like beading, braiding, make-overs, etc.

Here are the details:

- Who: Girls, 6-8th grades. Yes, friends are invited!
What: A night of fun and information/collaboration.
When: Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7pm through Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 9am.
Where: Western Hills Christian Church. 8535 Huebner Rd. San Antonio, Tx 78240
Why: Survival
How: Let Maggie know you wish to come. 830-708-5536.
- Bring: Bedding, Toiletries (Sorry, there is no shower at the facility, but we do have hot water.), clothes to sleep in, a craft if you wish to show off a skill, make up if you wish a makeover, a snack to share.

Provided: Extra snacks, Breakfast, crafts supplies, speakers for each topic, a spa.

Schedule, which can be flexible:

- 7:00 Settle in and decorate
7:30 Name Game, Snacks
8:00 Talk #1 - What challenges are we facing right now? How to and why be a friend
to each other.
8:30 Activity - Game, craft, etc.
9:00 Talk #2 - What's the deal on relationships?
9:30 Freetime
10:00 Talk #3 - How does faith work in to it all?
10:30 Plan Worship
11:00 Break, snack, etc.
12 Midnight Worship
Then freetime, bedtime, movie "Mean Girls"

You are loved and prayed for!

Maggie 830-708-5536

Honored to Serve

	Sunday September 16, 2018	Sunday September 23, 2018	Sunday September 30, 2018
Sermon Text	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	TBA
Worship Leader	Angela Knight	Brian Brown	David Rico
Bread Elder	Betty Wright	Angela Knight	Brian Brown
Deacons	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
Children's Moment	Betty Wright	Jody Campbell	Ann Griffith
Children's Church	Rev. Maggie, Jeremy	Tammy Miller, Rhianna	No Children's Church
Acolytes	Rhianna Burgess	Rorie Griffith	Sadie Griffith
Stewards	Earl & Lou Critchlow, Myrna Lorenzana	Frank Gloria, Linda Kirk	Bob & Carolyn Edwards, Karen Brown

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Senior Minister	Rev. Brent Pomeroy	210-464-5267	pastor@whccsa.org
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Secretary	Patty Blake	210-690-9327	secretary@whccsa.org
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Elder Chair	Cathy Bee	210-884-4750	
Prayer Band	"B" Moore	210-492-5284	

Lectionary Readings



September 16, 2018

Proverbs 1-20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23, 2018

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30, 2018

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Marketplace

Catering

Doug Critchlow 210-414-6948
c/o Annie Marie's Catering 210-545-2249

Mom's Maid to Order

Cleaning, Decluttering, Organizing & Household Needs
Pat Janke 512-787-4087

House & Garage Cleaning/ General Organizing & Independent Advocare Consultant/Distributor

www.advocare/130457732.com health and wellness Supplements
Loretta Clayton 210-872-8726

Fire and/or carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

- someone will be sent out to install them for free (for single-family dwellings only)!

Call the Fire Chief's office at 210-207-8400

Real Estate

Irene Lime 210-681-8818/cell 210-573-6169
SA Homefinders—Buy/Sell & 10% donated of the commission to WHCC
Property Management

Dianne Cortez 210-535-2059/cell 210-684-7349
Spiros Realty, LLC

Health and Wellness Consultations

Alternative Health Protection Donna/Bob Gebing 210-521-9111
or NASA Purifiers Air/Car/Heater/Laundry Join/Learn FREE at
www.Vollara.com

Roofing

Carlos Cortez 210-696-9812
Cortez Roofing
Drywall/Painting/Tree Trimming/General Handyman

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sept 13	7:00PM-8:00PM	Bible Study Resumes
Sept 21-23		CCSW Men's Retreat @Lake Brownwood
Sept 23		During Worship—Teacher Appreciation
Sept 23	5:30PM-7:00PM	Youth Group (6th-12th grades)
Sept 29	9:00AM-3:00PM	Craft Bazaar
Oct 5-7		BBA/LRGVD Disciples Women Retreat @Camp Gonzo
Nov 9-11		CYF (Grades 9-12) Fall Rally @ Camp Gonzo

 ***"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."***