

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**SUNDAY SERVICE
September 10, 2017**

**Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM**

Sermon:
“Work It Out”
Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Matthew 18: 15-20

WATCHING OUR FIGURES
August 27: 94
September 3: 92

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ENRICH YOUR FAITH



Have you visited a Sunday school class to find one for you? Now is the time as we gear up for the Fall. Here are some great options for your Sunday morning learning and growing time (after worship):

The Nursery offers a lesson for children younger than Kindergarten

Kindergarten-5th grade class meets in the Noah's Ark Room on the first floor with three teachers in rotation, Janet Payne, Lizzie Irelan and Stacey Swift.

Middle School (6th-8th) meets upstairs in the balcony and is taught by Lesley Hipsher. They will do lessons and art work with a new twist.

High School (9th-12th) meets upstairs in the balcony and is taught by Alison Mayhue or Jessica Williams.

Adult classes include:

The New Beginnings Class meets in the Parlor and is a Bible study class taught by Kim More, meeting in the Parlor.

The I Can Class meets on the first floor of the education wing by the back doors studying different books led by class members.

The C-Cubed Class meets on the 2nd floor of the education wing and discusses current events and topics in relation to their faith.

The TNT class meet on the first floor of the education wing in the Senior Room and is taught by Ben Ross and uses a book of Bible lessons.

The Bible Scratchers meet in the church library and is led by Jackie Summers with an overview of the Old Testament.

SOMETHING SPECIAL COMING SUNDAY

The CCF will lead us Sunday in how we might help those around the world who are suffering from severe flooding. Join us in worship as we work together to help others led by our children.



GUEST PREACHER AND LEADER

Sunday, Sept. 17 we welcome Scott Woolridge, Associate Regional Minister of CCIW back to our pulpit to share the Good News. We will also have a potluck lunch with meat and drink provided. Please bring a side to share. Scott will also meet with our Elders at 1:00 PM that afternoon. We hope to see you as we share in worship together.

BIBLES TO FIRST GRADERS



All first graders are encouraged to be in worship on Sunday, Sept. 10 to receive their new Children's Bibles from the church.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott September 22-24. Judith Guy, a recent University of Chicago graduate will speak. The theme is Stories Intertwined and how our faith stories intertwine with faith stories of women of the Bible.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER



Deacons: Bill Hackler, Brennan Lathrop, Kelsey Phelps Wilbur Brown, Kim More, Connor Anderson
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Lynette Wiles & Sharon Mobley
Sanctuary Straightener:
Elder on Call: David Foshee
Acolytes: Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

| OFFERING - August 27, 2017 | | OFFERING - September 3, 2017 | |
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| General | \$2,297.00 | General | \$3,270.00 |
| Sunday School | 14.00 | Sunday School | 12.00 |
| Outreach | 8.00 | Website | 100.00 |
| Blessing Basket | 3.25 | Outreach | 8.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 100.00 | Week of Compassion | 10.00 |
| Website | 200.00 | Total: | \$ 3,400.00 |
| Total: | \$2,622.25 | | |



We are in need of someone to keep a bulletin board updated. It is the one with church member pictures from the newspaper. Please contact the church office if you will help.



Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, Avery Swift, Laverne Sherman, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, Billie Sue "Sudie" Morris, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Larry Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.



*Dear Disciples of Christ Members,
Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Belize Children's Program. It is appreciated so much, I hope some of you can meet these children while they are here for treatment that they can't get in Belize. Peace and love to each of you.*

Marilyn Hogan

*Thank you so much to your generous donation to Mt. Carmel Grade School. I realize organizational bins may not be the cutest or funniest thing in the library, but they are much appreciated. It will help our young students navigate the library much easier.
Sincerely, Melony Healy-MCGS Librarian*



CAUGHT DOING GOOD.....

- Janice & Eudine for laundering choir robes.

I CAN CLASS CHOWDER

The I Can Class will host a fund-raising chowder on Sunday, October 15th starting at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds are going to the Brown Bag Buddies.

September 2017: Hope and Transformation

[Nia Sullivan](#)



*Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in God.*

Psalm 31:24

Many tourists share their stories of unparalleled relaxation and breathtakingly beautiful accommodations while visiting the motherland. To them, Cape Town is paradise. Yet scores of South Africans struggle daily from the unaddressed injustices that flow from apartheid.

Underneath the city's glamorous surface are the often-unreported realities of Cape Town citizens who live in unspeakably horrible conditions. Among those in Cape Town who live in such conditions are children, particularly girls who live on the streets. Having escaped from physical/emotional abuse and neglect, poverty, gangs, and many other deplorable conditions, these girls learned to survive by navigating the often violent and unforgiving realities of street life where they lived in fear and constant danger. Left to fend for themselves, many of these girls have found safety and security in Ons Plek, a Cape Town residential child and youth care center designed specifically to provide support and care for street girls.

Ons Plek provides educational, developmental and therapeutic services to Cape Town's former street girls. Ons Plek offers a bridging school program for girls who are currently not enrolled in school to gain admittance and perform at their proper grade level. As a teacher at the school, I typically begin my mornings with the girls sharing stories, laughter, and their favorite songs. This helps us form and strengthen relationships with each other.

My life has been transformed dramatically through serving at Ons Plek. Everyday, my belief in the life-changing ability of God increases and I feel grateful to play a role in this process. I am inspired daily by the strength and resolve of the girls, and the commitment and love expressed by the staff members. Although so many of the girls have endured injustice and trauma in their lives, their past does not prevent them from experiencing moments of laughter, learning, and growth. Without a doubt, the redemptive power of Christ is at work in the lives of all at Ons Plek.

Nia Sullivan serves as a Global Mission Intern with Ons Plek Projects for Girls, South Africa. Her appointment is supported by [Week of Compassion](#), Our Church's Wider Mission, Disciples Mission Fund and [your special gifts](#).