

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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**SUNDAY SERVICE
November 5, 2017**

Worship 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon: "A Multitude of People"
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-17

WATCHING OUR FIGURES
October 19: 4 October 22: 83
October 26: 7 October 29: 97

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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov 5, we will remember all of our members who have died in the last year by lighting candles in their memory.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Stacey Swift will be taking pictures for the new Church Directory on Sunday, November 5th immediately following worship. No appointment needed.

CAMP WORK DAY

Saturday, Nov. 4 is a Camp Work Day. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office so we can let the camp know. We will meet at church and leave at 7:30 am. There are jobs for all ages and skill levels.



GRATITUDE JAR

This Thanksgiving Season let us share why we are grateful. Answer one or more of these questions and place in a Gratitude Jars.

Why are you grateful to be a part of FCC (DoC)?

Why are you grateful for this church family?

Why are you grateful for God in your life?

Why are you grateful for Jesus as your Savior?

Look for the Gratitude Jars in the front lobby, the sanctuary and fellowship hall. All answers will be posted around the church to remind each of us to live a life of gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy. You are also invited to e-mail an answer to the church at fccmc803@gmail.com.

THANKFUL HEARTS ARE SHARING HEARTS

Please remember to buy a little extra as you do your holiday shopping. Items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas are:

- Canned green beans and corn (any kind of canned vegetable is ok)
- Canned fruit, pineapple, cranberry sauce or mixed fruit
- Boxed potatoes, scalloped, mashed, etc
- Mac-n-cheese/noodles/ rice
- Boxed stuffing
- Cake or brownie mixes or other dessert mixes, plus canned icing

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SUMMIT

We have several youth and adults attending the regional youth event called Summit. While there we will have an opportunity to do mission projects. In order to do these, we are looking for donations of items to create hygiene kits that will be sent to Church World Services. The items needed are as follows: hand towel measuring approximately 16X27, washcloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clipper, bar of soap in wrapper, toothbrush in original packaging, and six standard size Band Aids. Let's see how many buckets FCCMC can create. Each church is asked to bring snacks to share at Summit. We are looking for donations of: juice boxes, oranges and cookies.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER



- Deacons:** Barb Escobedo, Juan Escobedo, Larry Boewe, Lizzie Irelan, Chuck Wiles, Lesley Hipsher
- Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue
- Communion Preparers:** Ginny Brown & Sarah Wisner
- Sanctuary Straightener:**
- Elder on Call:**
- Acolytes:** Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

OFFERING - Oct. 22, 2017		OFFERING - Oct. 29, 2017	
General	\$1,578.00	General	\$2,946.00
Sunday School	5.00	Sunday School	16.00
Outreach	8.00	Memorial Fund	25.00
Fellowship Time	32.00	Reconciliation	25.00
Website	100.00	Week of Compassion	5.00
Initial Offering	5.00	Outreach	8.00
Week of Compassion	25.00	Total:	\$3,025.00
Total:	\$1,753.00		



Asher Lathrop, Charlene Daniels, Donna Litherland, Melodee Craig, Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, 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, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, 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.

EVANGELISM



Evangelism invites you to donate items to create Matthew 25:40 bags. These will be available for members to carry and give away to those in need.

Thank
you

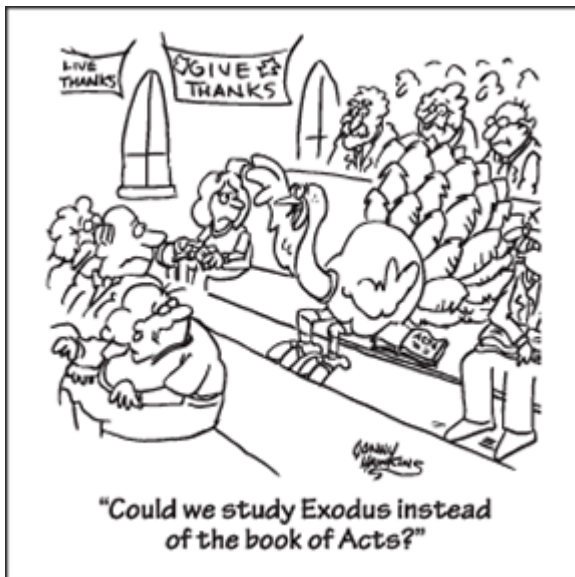
Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Hot Breakfast!
Membership Committee

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the grant money for our playground project. It was very much appreciated.

MCES Pre-K Program

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,
Thank you very much for another financial gift which you sent earlier this year for my work with Global Ministries here in Lesotho. Your support, as always, benefits our partner church in Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa (LECSA). Thank you for sharing generously in God's work in another part of the world.

God bless, Mark Behle



November 2017: Safe Roads for All

By [Ricardo Mayol](#)



We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

I traveled from San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, to Managua, Nicaragua by bus. As we arrived at the Salvadoran side of the border with Honduras, a police officer entered the bus to make a check. I was focused on writing in my diary and did not pay attention. I think that made him suspicious and I was asked to dismount the bus for a check. I got off the bus, picked up my suitcase, and went to an office where three policemen started interrogating me about who I was and what I do. I told them that I am a missionary and pastor. Checking my luggage, they found my prayer cards that corroborated what I was saying. After a while, I was released and I left very angry about their rude treatment.

Despite the fact that I passed the test, the incident continued to irritate me. Back in El Salvador, I learned that Charlie, a young boy whose best friend disappeared, lived terrified by gangs. One gang accused him of handing his friend over to the opposite gang, and the other gang chased him for introducing his friend into their territory. Both gangs threatened him with death. He could not endure more and chose to migrate without documents to the north and then to the United States. He told me that he hopes to find his mother and that he spent a long time in Mexico and California.

In this young boy I see all travelers like him. I was legal on the bus, and I was treated poorly. He is traveling without documents. He will not be treated the same way I was; they will not be considerate. He is exposing himself to assault, extortion, and kidnapping as he flees violence, looking for safety.

Charlie's story reminds us to bring the protective light of Jesus to those who travel in unsafe and uncertain places. May the light of Jesus open safe roads to those who are in transit and bring peace to this world.

Ricardo Mayol serves with the Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala (Consejo Ecu mico Cristiano de Guatemala – CECG). His appointment is made possible by your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission, and your [special gifts](#).