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November Sermons

Each month brings a fresh emphasis for our Sunday Worship Sermons. We've moved from considering *God's Character* {how BIG God is}, to navigating the challenge of *Moving Forward*, to this month's theme: **While We Are Waiting**. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us '*there is a time for everything*' and some things, are to be present in every season. Join us for these messages:

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| November 4 | Waiting – Refining Our Faith, Maintaining a Healthy Tension
Psalms and Isaiah |
| November 11 | Generosity – Conduits, Not Just Containers 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 |
| November 18 | Gratitude – The Laughter of the Soul <i>Bene, Bene, Bene</i> |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving weekend – Zenobia Mayo will bring our sermon |

What we see influences what we think.
What we think shapes our actions.
What we do determines our destination and outcome.

November Ministry Council Meeting, Nov. 11

In addition to our normal reports, this meeting will include the Council's approval of our 2019 Leader-Servant team. It will also include a **[very important Information Item]** brought to the congregation from our Moving Forward task group. This information is proprietary to the congregation and its current members. Information handouts were available November 4, with copies available in the Church Office. Please read the information carefully. This is a proprietary document and confidentiality is paramount. Questions? Contact: Kathy Davis, Moderator (918.527.7816); Clarke Kendall, Chm of Trustees (918.636.5745); or Pastor Lynn, (316.213.8689)

Christian Women's Fellowship

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m.** and join your sisters-in-faith for a time of study {Women in the Bible}, prayer, activity and fellowship. *Questions?* Call Zenobia Mayo, (918) 000-0000

2019 Leadership Nominations Update

Our Nominating chair, **Jean Swanson** and her crew have done a great job in securing people for our 2019 FCC Leadership & Servant Teams. If you have a question about serving please contact Jean, Home- 918 446-8477 or Cell- 918 740-3626.

Officers (one-year term, eligible for two years maximum)

Moderator – James Howard
Vice Moderator – Jean Swanson
 Secretary – Karen Williamson 2019
Treasurer – Jay Gibson

Ministry Council positions (two-year terms, two terms max)

Worship - Mary Ann Hargrove 2019
 Administration – **OPEN**
 Nurture and Healing – Currently Elders
 Resources – Bill Osteen 2019
 Spiritual Growth – **OPEN**
 Outreach – Pattie Gay-Sittler 2019
 Hospitality – Christy Brooks
 Communications – Office will take responsibility for this area
 Planning and Evaluation – Dorman Walton

Elders by Class Year (One-Year term, max 3 consecutive years)

OPEN
 Jay Gibson 2020
 Mary Ann Hargrove 2020
 Charles Hargrove 2020
 Joan Hauger 2020
 James Howard 2020
 Richard Lawson * 2020
 Zenobia Mayo * 2020
 Jean Swanson 2019

Deacons by Class Year (One-Year term, max 3 consecutive years)

Darlene Blackburn	Samantha Cox	OPEN
Karen Garner *	Sandra Lewis *	OPEN
Linda Hess *	Bill Osteen *	Bob Parker
Mary Lynn Howard *	OPEN	Sue Parker
Joyce Kendall *	Patti Gay-Sittler	Susan Prabhu
Don Swaason *	Dorman Walton	Ray Wright

Trustees (3-Year Term). Total of 7 people serving staggered terms.

Jay Gibson 2020
 Kim Hauger *

Zenobia Mayo *
Wayne Rumley 2019
Dick Willhour
2 OPEN positions

According to the FCC Bylaws, qualifications for Officers and Ministry Council members are that the person should be a member of the congregation and have served at least one year as an Elder or Deacon.

FCC People News –

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the following commitments of faith regarding FCC Tulsa Membership:

Zenobia Mayo, 918.694.1996, Zenobia is a retired Tulsa Public Schools Principal, and a Phillips Theological Seminary grad, who interned with FCC.

Kaicee Mayo, 918.694.3338, Kaicee is mom to Jackson, is very active in Tulsa's thespian community.

Tiffany Riggins, 682.241.5858 Tiffany is a flight attendant, and a long time family friend to the Mayos

Joys and Concerns for your Prayers

- .. We extend condolences to **Molly Krumme** at the passing of her husband, **Larry Gibson**. His Memorial
▶ Service will be held Saturday, November 10, @ 10:30 a.m. in our FCC Sanctuary.
- .. We also want to recognize the passing of long time member **Bob Miler**. His graveside service was October 29. Our condolences to Carlene and the extended family.
- .. **Mary Lynn Howard** was back in worship November 4, but the stress fracture of her back will require more time until full recovery. Pray for that recovery.
- .. **Anna Tarpenning** relative **Trystan** who lives in Arkansas has shown some improvement with his spinal meningitis. Please continue to uphold this little guy.
- .. **Mary Byrne** and **Bob & Sue Parks** requests prayer for former member **Craig Eiland** who is in St John's with terminal cancer.
- .. **Joan Bell** requests prayer for former member **Carl Oliver** who is in hospice care at Inverness.
- .. **Leslie Hames** has recently had a couple of multiple day stays in the hospital but is now home at Montareau. He misses seeing his FCC friends.

2019 Ministry Vision Plan

A current update. October General Fund receipts {not counting designated giving, special funds and accounts} totaled \$34,127.85. An additional income of \$15,331.61 was received from special funds and accounts). Expenditures for October totaled \$43,552.26. Your faithfulness and sacrificial giving continues to make a significant difference.

As we prepared our 2019 estimated Ministry Vision Plan – REMEMBER: Typically the congregation's budget estimate is predicated on three (3) major items:

- ▷ **Personnel costs** {salaries, allowances, taxes withheld, and other compensation benefits}; We are projecting that this area will be less in 2019 due to a reconfiguration and reduction of support staff.
- ▷ **Operational Costs** {keeping the doors open – utilities, maintenance, insurance} We are projecting that this area will be slightly less in 2019. 2018 has been lower than 2017 due to the absence of the

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CDC in our building. Consequently, with less building usage, we have or are in the process of renegotiating some of our service contracts to our favor that will especially effect 2019.

- ▷ **Ministry Costs** {sustaining or funding worship, education, outreach, membership initiatives}

Specific details of the 2019 Ministry Vision Plan will be available, Sunday, November 18.

October's financials will be available in detail at **November's Ministry Council meeting, Nov. 11.**

Happenings – at First Christian Church

The October Outreach Mission – Share the Warmth was very successful. We appreciate the donations of coats, hats, gloves and other clothing items that will be shared with homeless community we ministry to with our three day a week Snack Pack Ministry. Cold Weather is coming and these neighbors will especially appreciate your kindness. Gently Used and Washed &/or New items may still be given..

Together we Can make a Difference

Proverbs 22:9

Your Outreach Committee

Questions call: Pattie Gay-Sittler 918-693-0592

Sunday, November 11, is Veterans Day. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. A lot of Americans struggle to differentiate between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who *gave their lives for our country*, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have **served the country in war or peace** — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

We will take a moment in our Sunday service to recognize and honor the men and women of First Christian Church have served our country in the Armed Services, preserving and defending our freedoms.

We ask that all Veterans bring a picture of yourself in uniform.

- ▶ Two more rooms have been repaired and updated by our Maintenance crew. Former CDC rooms **112** and **113** (1st floor, Sanctuary building) have fresh paint and newly surfaced floors.

A Message from Lynn

As we approach **Thanksgiving** I wanted to share these reflections.

Each place of ministry where I have served has been an adventure of faith. Accomplishments, Yes. Disappointments, some. A Pastorate has its 'work' profile but what has always motivated me was the transforming work of Christ's Gospel and Kingdom, i.e., transformation, hearts changed, minds challenged. As I look back on those other places and congregations I smile and remember the names and faces of those who gave themselves alongside me. Those people made my role as a leader much easier and more successful by their smiles, words, and service.

I enjoy all of you but I want to recognize the following for their service to FCC and The Lord's Kingdom.

Kathy Davis will soon step down as our Moderator. She has served unselfishly. Lots of meetings and discussions and conversations. She helped the congregation navigate a difficult period. I have enjoyed

her immensely and so appreciate her heart. **Brian Knight** has also given a huge number of hours as our Treasurer. When Susan Payne departed in January, Brian and Kathy, was the glue that held things together while others were learning their way. I lost count months ago of the number of hours and trips both made to the Business Office to help insure things were being done well. **Clarke Kendall**, has served with distinction as Chairman of our Trustees. His legal background and community contacts has served us very well. The critical corporate decisions we have already made and those which are now being placed before us are a tribute to his heart and expertise. All three of these individuals were present when we needed them. They were here for such a time as this.

We will soon have new people in these positions as each of the above will be beginning a well-earned and deserved break. I'm very thankful that they were present and serving in 2018. They've made a difference. *Honor to whom honor is due!*

“From of old no one has heard or seen a god like our God,
Who acts for those who *wait* for Him.

The Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion,
For the Lord is the God of Justice. Blessed are all who *wait* for Him.”

Isaiah 30:18; 64:4

Lynn Taylor – Interim Senior Pastor [vlyntaylor@gmail.com](mailto:vllyntaylor@gmail.com)

Paul Pinkosky – Organist, Choir Director

Deborah Ahearn – Bookkeeper, Office Assistant

Dwight Wallace – Head of Building Maintenance

Sunday Schedule

Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Choir Warm Up	10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:15 p.m.

Weekday Hours 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. {closed Saturdays}