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For the Friends and Families of Azle Christian Church

February 6, 2018

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The Heart of Prayer

Lent, the forty days of preparation before Easter, begins with Ash Wednesday. This year that happens to be February 14. You are invited to bring your loved ones to church at 6 that night for pancakes (from the tradition of getting all of the yeast and leaven out of the house before the season begins). Then at 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, meditation and the imposition of ashes. This image is rooted in the concept that as we contemplate the passion of the Christ, we will also recognize our own mortality. The Biblical phrase is sometimes repeated, “from dust you came and to dust you will return, (Genesis 3:19).

Often we remind people of the words of Joel, “Even now, return to the Lord,” (Joel 2:12). We speak of repentance, a word which literally means, “turn around and head in a new direction.” Lent, then, becomes a time of self examination, a time for us to let go of some of the bad habits that have moved us away from God’s path. We embrace some new and sometimes unfamiliar disciplines, in order to fully follow Christ.

Our theme for this season will be “Finding the Heart of Prayer.” We will explore some prayers that are found in the Bible as well as some prayers by people through the centuries. And we will encourage each other to spend more time in prayer.

On Thursdays, at Noon, in our Heritage Chapel, we will have Lenten devotionals led by ministers from around the area. These short sessions will be followed with a light lunch in our fellowship hall. We’ll finish by 1:00 p.m. so you can make it back to work or wherever you need to be on those afternoons. We’ve had a great community response to these times for learning, fellowship, prayer and reflection. Hope you’ll join us as well.

Grace and Peace,

Alan

Family Photos

We are working on an updated photo directory for our church family and we want you to be in it. We've made arrangements with a local photographer to be at church on SATURDAY, February 24 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. He will scout out the best location for our photos and set up. You will be contacted to set up an appointment with him. We will have a second photo opportunity for those who are not available that afternoon. Here's the best part. For \$20 you will be given an 8 x 10 photo of your family And unlimited access to the photographer's website to view and print as many of your family photos as you want. The church will receive a CD with all the photos and we will publish a photo directory soon.

New Tutoring Program

Azle Christian Church is beginning a new program to help the students and teachers of Silvercreek Elementary School. We will be tutoring individuals or very small groups to help them prepare for the STAAR test during and after school.

We need lots of caring adults and high schoolers to help in this vital community service. You do not need an education background to be a part of this program, just a love of children. Please contact Holly Davis at 817-937-2103 with questions or to volunteer.

(A current Azle ISD background check is required.)

Azle Christian Church Prayer Ministry would love to welcome new members.

The group is large, but due to age and health, only about 5 are able to meet on Wednesdays.

If you feel you would want to be part of this group, whether in person or on the email list to pray from home, please contact Eileen at tidwellent@verizon.net, or Dollene at (817) 723-4246, or (817) 444-4127.

The group meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Seekers Classroom, with pot luck brunch.

We have a large number of folks who stay updated by email and pray from home. Some of them from as far away as Colorado!

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30p

Financial Piece

Sunday, February 11 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 18 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25 at 5:00 pm

No Cabinet Meeting in February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

Pancake Supper 6:00 pm

Service at 7:00 pm

Thursday Devotional

February 15 at Noon

February 22 at Noon

March 8 at Noon

March 15 at Noon

Catered Meal

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21 at 7:15 pm

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The next Advance will be mailed out **February 21, 2018, 2018**. If you

have an article please send it to

Robin at the church office by:

February 19, 2018 @ Noon.

Email to:

secretary@azlechristianchurch.org

Food Hub

February 24 at 9:00 am

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In Worship – Serving Schedule

If you need to make a change, please contact your committee leader.

Date	February 11, 2018	February 18, 2018	February 25, 2018
Special Day			
Preaching	Alan Lobaugh	Alan Lobaugh	Logan Fraser
Praying	Alan Lobaugh	Alan Lobaugh	Alan Lobaugh
Worship Leader	Lloyd Harper	Rick Seeds	Dollene Price
Table Elder	Logan Fraser	Alan Lobaugh	Valerie Piercy
Bread Elder	Rick Seeds	Valerie Piercy	Joe Bob Porter
Wine Elder	James Cudd	Susie Hiles	Diane Weger
First Greeter	David Jett	Laurel Porter	Mark Hiles
Second Greeter	Janie Musick	Shannon Vick	Lindsay Schlueter
Deacon	Chad Weger	Trish Comstock	Eddie Weger
Deacon	Lauren Hernandez	Aaron Ipser	Linda Clark
Jr. Deacon	Taya Pope	Madison Howell	Isabelle Piercy
Acolyte	Madi Bayse	Landri Seward	Ty Hernandez
Children's Moment	Becky Stults	Logan Fraser	Alan Lobaugh
Children's Church	Jennifer Pastre	Becky Stults	No Children's Church
Visitation	Serving Deacons	Serving Deacons	Serving Deacons
Home Communion	Nancy Robbins/ Lauren Hernandez	Aaron Ipser/ Lloyd Harper	Linda Clark/ George Addington

YOU NEVER KNOW

You never know what you do may somehow impact someone else. On my last delivery date of Meals on Wheels, I found that the street, where 4 clients live, was being resurfaced. There was a man standing by city pickup and another man in a road grater. I told the man by the pickup that I was delivering MOW if I could be quick and begone. He said go ahead but don't drive over any mounds that the grater made. Well at the first house I couldn't get anyone to come to the door. I knew I to move on. When I got to the car the lady hollered that she was home. I took her the meals and was about to drive onto the street when another man in city pickup drove up. I thought I've got to get out of here, cause my time was up. The man said, "you the lady that's delivering meals." I said yes and I would be out of the way in about 5 minutes. He said, "How do you get on their list." For meals, I thought. He said, "I've always wanted to deliver MOW." Well Honey I've got their number. Like I say, you never know.

Scottie



Trinity-Brazos Area Women's Retreat

April 27 - 29, 2018

Disciples Crossing Camp & Retreat Center
3693 State Hwy 31 E. Athens, TX 75752

Keynote Speaker: Grey Zachary
"By Our Love"

Early Bird Rate (Dec 15 through Feb. 28) \$95.00

Regular Rate (March 1 through 31) \$100.00

Late Registration Rate (April 1 through 27) \$110.00

Questions, email: tbadwmcoordinator@gmail.com

Registration forms are in the Church office (you can't register on line yet)

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Unless noted otherwise

DWM Meeting

February 28 at 6:00 pm

Disciples Men's Meeting

1st Tuesday every month at 6:30 pm

Disciples Women's Meeting

4th Wednesday of every month at
6:00 pm

Grief Support Group

1st Tuesday every month at 1:30 pm

Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

No Bible Study February 14

Ukulele Practice

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

Youth Group

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Kid's Zone

Wednesday's after school
3:45 pm-5:00 pm
Azle Christian Church
For 1st through 5th graders

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Disciples Women - important events in 2018

Registration is open for Leadership Conference at
<http://ccsw.org/disciples-women/>.

You will not need to book a room for Leadership Conference – we have a gracious host willing to open their home to us. Please let Susie Hiles know if you are interested in attending this event (susie.hiles@att.net or 817-313-4036).

SAVE THE DATES

CCSW DWM

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MARCH 2 - 3, 2018

Lakewood Christian Church Waco, Texas

Theme: "LEADERSHIP"

Speaker: Rev. Kristin Jack

Springhill Suites Marriott

Please call and reserve your room
as soon as possible @ 254-732-7979.

Ask for the room block listed under
CCSW Disciples Women's Ministry.

Rates are \$109.00 a night plus tax,
breakfast is included in this rate.



CCSW DWM

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 22 - 24, 2018

Radisson Fort Worth @ Fossil Creek

Theme: "What the World Needs..."

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Virzola Law

Senior Pastor of Lindenwood Christian
Church in Memphis, TN

Please call and reserve your room
as soon as possible @ 817 - 625 - 9911.

Ask for the room block listed under
CCSW Disciples Women's Ministry.

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Year to Date

2/07/2018

Contributions	\$20,899.69
Operating Expenses	\$20,617.23
Surplus (Deficit)	\$282.46



A stewardship message is sometimes difficult for me to give. I find this true for two reasons:

First:

Because you all already know everything about time, talents and treasure. You either believe that every cent and every gift we have come from God, and that our tithes to this church is our way to show our love and appreciation.....Our thank you, if you will, to our all-loving, all-giving, Lord.

Second:

Because you've been told over and over of all the good works that are accomplished or supported in the name of God by the members of Azle Christian church. The list is so long, and so varied that it takes too long to list each Sunday. I think we need a banner to remind you of "Let me count the ways.." Recently I saw two wooden plaques posted side by side in a theatre I was attending. The first read This needs to be done and had listed jobs, desires, and problems needing solutions The second read This was done by and had the person or group that filled the needs' list. Maybe we need something like that here. Everyone has special gifts and talents all of which are not being shared with this church family. Maybe you see, or even have a need that is not being addressed by this congregation. Perhaps your gifts could address this need, or maybe your gift is in the discerning and instigating a fulfillment. We only grow in faith by branching out and leaving our comfort zone. A church must respond to the needs of its people, just as a congregant must respond to the needs of his/her church. How can you respond?...Just thinking.

Dollene Price

Tax Planning

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and you are 70 1/2, you can make donations to charitable entities directly from your IRA. While these contributions are non-deductible, the contributions are also non-taxable and can satisfy the mandatory IRA distributions required when you reach 70 1/2. Under the new tax laws there may be advantages to reducing income rather than getting charitable contribution deductions. Consult your IRA custodian or financial advisor for further information.

Our Father, Together We Pray ...

Azle Christian Church Prayer Concerns as of February 6, 2018

Your presence would bring comfort, healing and courage to these people:

Tom Mundheim	Dale Morgan	Camilla Spruill	Shannon & Dustin Green	Carrie Jernigan
Theresa Hughes	Frank Ryan Jr	Dana Everett	Matthew & Caitlin Kropchuck	Butch Morris
Peggy Grogan	Paul Fischel	Kadence Poe	Sandra Parker	
Pete & Elaine Tamez	Susan & John Connol	Tyler Barnard	Amy Lawson	
Lauren Hernandez	Dan Falmer	Benjamin Davis	Sheila Langston	
Sandy & Pat Wood	Hunter Green	Andrew Davis	Ryan Stults	

Prayer requests will remain for 30 days, if you wish for your request to remain longer please contact church secretary.

Your loving spirit to be the hope of the people we continue to hold in prayer:

Barbara & CW Earp	Payton Laisure	Drew Davis	Martha Frome	Chuck & Gloria Harrison
Jane Hargrove	Dot Harston	Glen Fagen	Leah Vann	Bob & Barb Upchurch
Jack Cowan	Sandra Gallatin	Jon Saurenmann	Pam Dovey	Hadley Davis
Gay & Harry Dekin	Phillip Admire	Sandra Bishnoi	Bobby Luna	Savana Erwin
Paul Reed	Russell Eagleton	Crystal Harris	Ann Gavin	Bill Tosh
Bob Knoblock	Marie Foster	Ricky Stults	Nell Brackin	John Saylor

Your presence would sustain the families and friends of those who have passed away

Jacques DeJean
Bobby Wickline

Your guiding spirit to be strength & inspiration for those who serve our country:

1st Lt. Katie Clark, Cadet Jake Clark, Chad Tidwell, Korea; Brandon Carroll, Persian Gulf, Iraq; Nick Schultz, Afghanistan; Jonathan Davis, N. Carolina; Sean Lee, Afghanistan, Ken Simmons, U.S.A.



Global Ministries Weekly Prayer:

[Pray with the Philippines on Sunday, February 11, 2018](#)

For more information visit http://www.globalministries.org/weekly_prayers

**We are nourished and encouraged by your presence in our lives.
Help us be a blessing to those we meet.**

Amen

Attention! Attention!

Those who are interested in mission trip work. The adult spring mission trip is scheduled for April 14-21, 2018. We will work with Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Bayview TX. We are having a information meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall (before the church meal). So come out and hear about the trip, get forms & information, see some pictures, ask your questions, etc. We look forward to chatting with you!!

For questions in the meantime, contact Jan Flavin or Scottie.

Disciples News Service

Volunteers needed for serving in mission in 2018

By Revs. Caroline Hamilton Arnold and Josh Baird



“God is great. Working through you,” said Rev. Dave Troxler of First Christian Church, Daytona and the Volusia County Interfaiths/Agencies Networking in Disaster. “Just when we need it you have given us new hope for continued recovery work. We have a volunteer team coming in this weekend. We just approved six cases for repair...Thank you so much for your caring.”

In 2017, words like “historic” and “epic” lost some sense of meaning, at least regarding natural disasters. While hurricanes and wildfires led the headlines, everything from flooding and tornado outbreaks to freezes and droughts took their toll across the United States and Canada in record breaking numbers. Disciples congregations responded with an outpouring of support. Many of you reached out to ask how your congregations could support communities affected by these many disasters.

Your offerings to [Week of Compassion](#) have provided for immediate relief and will enable sustained support for recovery. While your financial gifts continue to be crucial, there are multiple opportunities for “hands-on” response, as well.

[Registration](#) is open for our [Harvey Recovery Mission Station\(s\) in Texas](#). Because it is still early in the recovery process, needs and opportunities are evolving. [Disciples Volunteering](#) is facilitating a range of partnerships to connect mission teams with appropriate work in multiple impacted communities. Mission locations will be confirmed after your team has registered.

Volunteer teams are also needed in Volusia County, FL for recovery from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma and in Van Buren, MO and Clay County, WV for flood recovery. For referral and registration information visit the [Disciples Volunteering “Servants Needed” page](#).

Responses in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands are still in the early planning stages. Keep up to date on future volunteer opportunities by following [Disciples Volunteering](#) and [Week of Compassion](#) on Facebook and subscribing to the [Disaster Recovery News emails](#).



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“ I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME. ”

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

