



# +The Advance

For the Friends and Families of Azle Christian Church

March 20, 2018

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Palm Sunday and children

Enthusiasm

The whole world (at least our corner of it) is waking up to spring: trees budding, flowers blooming, the crack of baseball bats and the sound of bicycles racing around the neighborhood. It feels that way at church, too. Some of us are getting over the flu, digging out from some circumstances, and opening up to the possibilities before us, like sunflowers facing the rising sun.

This week is an exciting week at church.

Palm Sunday morning: The children are invited to rehearse in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Then we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and meet some of the disciples of Jesus. They will tell us about his life and help us prepare to celebrate his arrival in Jerusalem. We'll wave palm branches and sing, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Hosanna is a transliteration of Greek, which literally means, "save us," or "Savior." It will be a great celebration as some of those same disciples lead us in worship and speak of their most favorite memories of Jesus.

And after, we'll have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn.

Before Palm Sunday, though, these important events will happen: Wednesday, at Kids Zone, the children will continue to prepare music for Sunday morning. Thursday, Ken Leemon, of First United Methodist Church will lead our Noon Devotional. Saturday is our monthly Gardens on the Go (Food Hub) and a work day to spruce up the place for Easter.

Wherever this season takes you, I hope you will find time to be with your church family.

Grace and Peace,

Alan

## *Attention Adult Mission Trip*

We'll have a meeting Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the seekers room. Please attend! We will go over the trip from room to travel, to who is taking what, see project pictures etc. if you haven't turned in your paperwork, you need to have it!! We'll be thru before board meeting. If you have questions please call Scottie or Jan. See you there!!!

## *The Lorrie Harper Memorial Fund*

In the fall, Lloyd, and the leadership of the church established a memorial fund to honor Lorrie and provide permanent gifts to the church to enhance our ministries, especially our music ministry. The fund has grown and we are ready to make our first purchase: A Yamaha Grand Piano to replace our current instrument. This piano has been gently used and is in excellent condition. Gini and Holly have "test driven" it and it will be a marvelous addition to our worship experience. Our church board will vote Wednesday night to move forward with this opportunity, but we need a few more gifts to make it happen.

You are invited to give to the Lorrie Harper Memorial Fund in order to help bring this dream into reality and to continue to build this fund for the future. Please make a contribution to the Lorrie Harper Memorial Fund this Easter season.

## *Sound System for our Sanctuary*

You may have heard that our sound system stopped working, The technicians pronounced it dead with no hope of resurrection. But thanks to a generous gift, we have a new system being installed before Easter! So, come and HEAR the good news of Jesus Christ and God's love.

## *Gardens on the Go*

Formerly called Food Hub, is this Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to fill the bags before we hand them out at 9:00 a.m.

## *Work Day*

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. We have several projects for our spring clean up. Please join your church family as we prepare to welcome guests for the Easter season.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **No CATERED Meals in March**

#### **Thursday Devotionals**

March 22 at Noon

#### **Board meeting**

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:15 pm

#### **Food Hub**

March 24 at 9:00 am

#### **Church work day**

March 24

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

March 25 at Noon

#### **Maundy Thursday**

March 29, 7:00 pm at FUMC

#### **Good Friday**

March 30, 7:00 pm at ACC

#### **Elder's Meeting**

April 4 at 7:15 pm

#### **Cabinet meeting**

April 11 at 7:15 pm

#### **Board Meeting**

April 18 at 7:15 pm

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## In Worship – Serving Schedule

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

Date	March 25, 2018	April 1, 2018	April 8, 2018
Special Day	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday	
Preaching	Alan Lobaugh	Alan Lobaugh	Alan Lobaugh
Praying	Logan Fraser	Alan Lobaugh	Logan Fraser
Worship Leader	Anne Cummings	Dollene Price	Lisa Lingo
Table Elder	Susie Hiles	Logan Fraser	Alan Lobaugh
Bread Elder	Susie Hiles	Diane Weger	Becky Stults
Wine Elder	Joe Bob Porter	Lloyd Harper	Paul Nicholl
First Greeter	Lindsay Schlueter	Belinda Torres	Chad Weger
Second Greeter	Eddie Weger	Harry Dekin	Lauren Hernandez
Deacon	Linda Clark	David Jett	Laurel Porter
Deacon	Cathy Snipes	Janie Musick	Shannon Vick
Jr. Deacon	Taya Pope	Madison Howell	Isabelle Piercy
Acolyte	Grayson Thornton	Rose Marie Thomason	Madi Bayse
Children's Moment	Anne Cummings	Alan Lobaugh	Logan Fraser
Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	
Visitation	Serving Deacons	Serving Deacons	Serving Deacons
Home Communion	Cathy Snipes/ Valerie Piercy	Janie Musick/ Lisa Lingo	Shannon Vick/ Jan Flavin

### *Easter Eggs Needed*

If you'd like to donate pre-filled Easter Eggs to our Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, please have them at church by 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 25.

### *Combined services with First United Methodist Church*

Again this year, we are joining with our brothers and sisters just up the road to observe Maundy (Commandment) Thursday and Good Friday. Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather at the Methodist church in their HUB to move through the events of Jesus' life. We will hear the words of John's gospel describing the washing of the disciples feet and celebrate communion. We'll hear the words of the new covenant, and his commandment to love others, just as he has loved us.

Then on Friday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall, the youth from both of our churches will lead us in prayer stations to consider the passion of the Christ and help us experience his death, in order that we would be prepared for Easter morning.

Our season of Lent will conclude with a 12 hour prayer vigil hosted by our Elders on Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Feel free to stop by while you are running errands, between baseball games or on the way to supper, in order to pray and reflect on what it means for God's love to be poured out for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

## *Trinity-Brazos Area Women's Retreat*

**April 27 - 29, 2018**

**Disciples Crossing Camp & Retreat Center**

3693 State Hwy 31 E. Athens, TX 75752

Questions, email: [tbadwmcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:tbadwmcoordinator@gmail.com)

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

Regular Rate (March 1 through 31) \$100.00

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

## *CCSW DWM Regional Assembly June 22-24, 2018*

**Radisson Fort Worth @ Fossil Creek**

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.

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

## *An invitation to our Grief Support Group*

Have you lost a spouse, a friend, a favorite pet, a job, an ability? Grief and loss come in many different appearances. From personal experience, I know you don't want to burden your children with your feelings of devastation because you're the mom. People who never connected with an animal cannot understand the huge hole in your heart at the loss of your animal companion. You're no longer able to do the things you've always done. It is not fun or easy to cook for one, yet you're not comfortable going out to eat alone. Your once active life has disappeared, and you find yourself sitting alone swamped with negative thoughts. There is no one with whom you can honestly express your feelings. If any of these descriptions describe you, there is a place for you at Azle Christian church's grief support group that meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30. This group began when we discovered how many people there were in Azle who fit these categories, yet had to go to Fort Worth to find help and support. We don't claim to have all the answers because there is no "one size fits all" for those traveling that lonely road. What we do provide is our acceptance of your loss and your feelings. We listen in a safe atmosphere as you work through your feelings. We share our insights into the journey we're all still traveling. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important ministry because you recognize your need or because you feel your experience could be beneficial to others, please join us on the first Tuesday of each month.

Welcome to acceptance

Dollene Price

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Unless noted otherwise

### **Disciples Men's Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month at 6:30 pm

### **Disciples Women's Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at  
6:00 pm

### **Grief Support Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month at 1:30 pm

### **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

### **Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

### **Ukulele Practice**

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

### **Youth Group**

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

### **Kid's Zone**

Wednesday's after school

3:45 pm-5:00 pm

Azle Christian Church

For 1st through 5th graders

### **The Advance**

The next Advance will be mailed out **April 4, 2018**, If you have an article please send it to Robin at the church office by:

**April 3, 2018 @ Noon.**

Email to:

[Secretary@azlechristianchurch.org](mailto:Secretary@azlechristianchurch.org)

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**Year to Date**

3/20/2018

<b>Contributions</b>	\$44,212.28
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$41,735.24
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,477.04</b>

**Borrowing from Ourselves**

During 2016 and 2017 our expenses exceeded our income by **\$18,000.00**. In order to pay our bills and payroll, we have borrowed from funds designated for future other uses.

While we rejoice in the blessings we have received, we must pay these designated funds back or the money will not be available for the uses for which they were given. If you can help, you can make direct gifts.

Just be sure to note on your payment that it is designated for "General Fund Loan."

**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.

**Drive for Compassion**

Saturday, September 22 has been set as the date for the 20th Annual Drive for Compassion Golf Classic. The proceeds this year will be split among Safe Harbor Counseling Center, Springtown Neighbor to Neighbor, Castle Hills Mission House, In As Much Food Pantry, Good N.E.W.S., Backpack for Kids, Habitat for Humanity 2018 Disciples Build, Azle Education Foundation, and Robert Landers Youth Golf.

Our first mailing for sponsor solicitation will be mailed April 24. We will send this Sponsorship Opportunities form along with a letter describing the event and how the proceeds will be spread among area charities. Personal contact is the most effective way to solicit sponsors. Any way you can help will also help all of these charities.

Thank you for your help and prayers,

Rick Seeds  
Tournament Chair

# **Our Father, Together We Pray ...**

Azle Christian Church Prayer Concerns as of March 20, 2018

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

Dan Falmer	Benjamin Davis	Carrie Jernigan	Susan & John Connol	Brad Bankston
Hunter Green	Andrew Davis	Butch Morris	Shannon & Dustin Green	Carrie Jernigan
Camilla Spruill	Ryan Stults	Eazel Brown	Matthew & Caitlin Kropchuck	Chris Juroska
Dana Everett	Sandra Parker	Mr. Waterworth	Kenny Short	Dina Lackey
Kadence Poe	Amy Lawson	Eileen Tidwell	Dale Flavin	Kenneth Foster
Tyler Barnard	Sheila Langston	Diana Watson	Bill Braille	

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
Dale Cleveland				

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

Nina Arnold  
MaryJane Tetterton  
Sherry Lehr  
Helen Cornwell Short

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Israel/Palestine on Sunday, March 25, 2018](#)

For more information visit [http://www.globalministries.org/weekly\\_prayers](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**



## *Azle Christian Church Prayer Ministry*

ACC 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](mailto: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.

## *AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL UKULELE ORCHESTRA*

ACCIUO continues to grow. And anybody is welcome to come.

We have ukuleles for those who would like to learn. We have had two ukuleles donated to the orchestra; if you have one that is not being used (maybe stuffed in the back of the closet or in the attic) would you consider donating it to the group? You do not have to know music, the ukulele is simple and fairly easy to learn; we only have one 'rule': practice. We will help anyone who wants to try. And we have fun!

Practices are on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

Try us; you'll like us!

## *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.)**



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