



2023

## **FAMILY VISITOR**

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There will not be Bible Study the Second Wednesday of each month due to CWF. All the other Wednesdays, the Bible Study is at 9:30 am.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF will meet on Wednesday, September 13, at 1 pm in the small dining room. All women are welcome to attend.

### DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van will not be here this month. Future dates to be determined. If you know someone who wants to schedule a time for the van, have them call 503-623-6890.



## **Food Bank**

Supporting our local food bank is an

important ministry. Even in these different times we can still participate. We collected 100 pounds in August.

Items that can always be used:  
Food: spices, chocolate, canned meats and jerky, crackers and tortillas, soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned foods including canned meat, pasta. *Please make sure donated items have not passed their expiration date.*

Non-food: Feminine products, toiletries, baby toiletries including diapers, wipes, and socks.

Cash donations to the Food Bank, which can be made through the church, are used to buy perishable foods like milk, eggs, etc. for the food boxes that are given out.

We will be accepting donations for the Food bank in church on Sunday,

September 10, and donations can be brought to the church through Thursday, September 14.

### FOOD BANK HELP

The Dallas Food Bank is in need of some volunteers to help. Days when help is needed listed below.

Tuesday Morning - Receiving food and stocking shelves.

Tuesday Afternoon - Personal shopper - helping families with their shopping.

Thursday Morning - Receiving food and stocking shelves.

Thursday Afternoon - Personal shopper - helping families with their shopping

Friday Morning, Receiving food stocking shelves, and personal shopping.

Each shift is approximately 3-4 hours.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Eddie Nelson  
Dallas Food Bank  
503-857-5042



### RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having our annual Rummage Sale and help is needed to

Unpack -- Set Up -- Price

September 14 thru 16 -- 10 to 4

September 18 thru 23 -- 10 to 4

September 25 thru 28 -- 10 to 4

Sale Days

Cashiers -- Customer Assistance

Friday -- September 29 -- 8 to 5

Saturday -- September 30 -- 8 to 3

Questions? Contact

Nelda Holeman 503-831-3282

MaryAlice Thorpe 503-623-8514

Church Office 503-623-2569

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have in person Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am in the parlor.

On September 10, we will start watching Love in Chaos by Bob Goff. Description: **Good News for**

**a Divided Culture**

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos.

VIEWING SERVICES ONLINE

If you happen to miss the 10:30 am Facebook Livestream, you can find the service at one of these three places:

- Facebook page under videos
- The church's Youtube channel: youtube.com/channel/UC787GHImq8kXipwN5MSnvRw

GENERAL FUND GIVING

August 2023	\$4,231.91
July 2023	\$6,676.85
June 2023	\$3,880.81
May 2023	\$6,038.15
April 2023	\$6,988.35
March 2023	\$5,780.63
February 2023	\$6,072.37
January 2023	\$6,461.89

December 2022	\$5,935.74
November 2022	\$5,184.42
October 2022	\$6,914.90
September 2022	\$6,734.10
August 2022	\$5,469.60
July 2022	\$6,365.41
June 2022	\$5,710.64
May 2022	\$6,228.47
April 2022	\$6,815.30
March 2022	\$6,803.47
February 2022	\$5,776.52
January 2022	\$7,771.51
Total for 2022	\$77,427.08
2022 Monthly Average	\$6,309.17

ONLINE GIVING

Do you ever wish you could give without writing a check? Do you ever wish you could give on a weekday? Or at Midnight? We are now set up for online giving! Go to our web page, <http://www.Dallasfirstcc.com> and click on the "Giving" page or button. This link will take you to the donation page.

NEIGHBOR LINKUP COMMUNITY CONNECTION

The churches of Dallas and community helping organizations have come together to help people. Called Neighbor Linkup, this website allows needs to be screened and then sent out directly to people who have signed up

with an account. If you can help with the need, you contact the helping organization person and go forward from there. It is a simple process, and you are encouraged to do this to be involved in the life of the community.

The website is [www.neighborlinkup.com/dallas](http://www.neighborlinkup.com/dallas).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Darren.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **POLK COUNTY FREE CLINIC**

This provides health care on a first-come first-served basis on the first and fourth Saturdays each month from 9 am to noon. They are doing telephone visits for current patients that need to speak with a doctor. If you are having a problem or need a medication refilled, please call 503-831-0551 and someone will call you back. This faith-based free clinic serves the uninsured of Polk County who have either medical or mental health issues. They can use volunteers to help with various aspects of the clinic. For more information, call 503-990-8772.

#### **JAMES 2 COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Provides free to go meals 4:30 – 6 pm on Thursday at the United Methodist

Church on LaCreole Drive. They welcome volunteer helpers.



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	Bryan Martin
5	Carter Loflin
8	Christina Taylor
9	Gary Ivey
10	Lee Huff
15	Mary Ocampo
17	Matthew Cameron
17	Melissa Loflin
17	Tarre Soukup
21	Don Jarvis
22	Alan Bird
22	Garth Blake
24	Nathan Cameron
24	Charlaine Knox
25	Lori Engichy
27	Gabrielle Acosta
29	Rachel Phelps

### **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Tim & Joy Bartel	9/1/61
Gary & Kathy Ivey	9/2/67
Ryan & Jessica Vincent	9/12/15
Tom & Terri Parsons	9/22/62

Brian & Sarah Tormey 9/22/07  
Ross & Sabrina Penney 9/23/17  
John & Donna Creekmore 9/28/96

If we've left out your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know.

### PLEASE PRAY



#### PRAISE:

Abbot, who was in the hospital, is back to work.

#### HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Cancer:** Bob Bishop; Sharon Chapman; Ted Collins; Dick Dunaway; Ron Hume; Raylene James; Carol Jones; Charlene Knox & Vicki Massey's classmate; Sabrina Penney's friend Roger; Johnny Post; LaDonna Ross; Melvin Smith; Sarah Taylor; Bobby Thomas; Megan Trowbridge; Shirley Turner; Sherry Washburn.

**Health issues:** Buddy; Ahsan (8 year old with life-threatening genetic disorder) & his brother Ismail, who is having health issues also; Chris Anderson; Diana and Neil Anderson; Rachael Anderson; Ana Barth; Shirley Bird, her sister & her brother, Joe Born; Maggie Brown & her mother; Tara Blackwell (friend of Amanda

Read) MS; Glendoris & Ross Dyer; Dave Eady; Alden Erickson; Ken Gardner; Doogie Harvey (Vonnie Taylor's cousin) who broke his jaw + other facial injuries in dune buggy accident; Phil Hill (Baker's cyst); Shel Hill; Taylor Hill; Mark Isham; Darrel Isaacson; Charlene Knox's friend Raelene; Kyle Massey; Calvin Penney's friend Chuck; Sabrina Penney, her aunt Fiona and her friend Corky; Edith Perry; Alden Petersen (brain tumor); Linda Phipps; Debbie Pickering; Sonia Potter; Diana Ramos; James Roberts; Debbie & Alden Sears; Christina Taylor; Vonnie Taylor; Don Teal; Lucille Walker; Rollie Wirt (son of Doug & Cathy); Tracy Young. People infected with Covid-19, the flu and RSV.

**Heart:** Ron Getty; Vicki Massey's friend Roserria; Dave & Shel Hill's friend, Greg Ketchum.

**MOURNING:** Family & friends of Maydene Curtis. Also, the Massey family has lost a family member from complications during a pre-surgery procedure.

**OTHER:** Debbie Eisenhut, medical missionary with SIM; peace in Cameroon and comfort for victims of violence in Cameroon. Vicki Massey

(Patience, Faith and Peace); Chris Anderson's brother Bryce; David Graham (facing hard situations). Jorvan Leiby who is living on the streets and doing drugs. Jessica Vincent's brother, Joe, who is homeless, and their mother, Donna. People with relationship issues. People looking for work and/or apartments. Chris & Natasha Cameron and Larry Blair's grandson, Dakota, who fish in Alaska. Mabel Fisher's grandson Cody. Stephanie & Anastasia Barth. People experiencing anxiety. People impacted by wildfires around the world. A peaceful end to the war in Ukraine.

To add someone to the prayer list, you can call the office at 503-623-2569, email

[Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com), use messenger (through Facebook), or fill out one of the prayer cards in the pew pockets.

If there are any updates for someone you put on the prayer chain, let us know.

***To start the prayer chain, call the office (503-623-2569) or e-mail the church at***

[Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com)

## **TO GET THE FAMILY VISITOR:**

- Pick up a copy at church!
- Send your mailing address to the church or call the office at 503-623-2569.
- Send your email address to: [Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com)
- Read it on our web site: <http://dallasfirstcc.com>

## **2023 BOARD OFFICERS**

Moderator - John Dodge.

Vice-Moderator - MaryAlice Thorpe,

Treasurer - Marsha Heeter,

Financial Secretary - Nelda Holeman,

Secretary - Katie Berberick,

Member at-large Jim Holeman.

We need people to serve on the Diaconate and as Elders. If you are interested in serving, please talk to one of the officers.

Church email

[Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com)

Darren's Email

[pastormdarren@yahoo.com](mailto:pastormdarren@yahoo.com)

Church Web site:

[Dallasfirstcc.com](http://Dallasfirstcc.com)

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Church School

(on site)

10:30 am Worship

(on site, on Facebook live &  
Youtube)

Church Office Hours:

Tues. – Fri. 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Phone: 503-623-2569

Staff:

Darren Anderson, Senior Pastor

Marsha Heeter, Office Assistant

Susan Jones, Custodian

Amanda Read, Office Manager

## **BIBLE READING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER**

<b><u>Old Testament</u></b>	<b><u>New Testament</u></b>	<b><u>Psalm</u></b>	<b><u>Proverbs</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 01 Job 40:1-42:17	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Psalm 45:1-17	Proverbs 22:14
<input type="checkbox"/> 02 Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Psalm 46:1-11	Proverbs 22:15
<input type="checkbox"/> 03 Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7	Psalm 47:1-9	Proverbs 22:16
<input type="checkbox"/> 04 Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18	2 Corinthians 7:8-16	Psalm 48:1-14	Proverbs 22:17-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 05 Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Psalm 49:1-20	Proverbs 22:20-21
<input type="checkbox"/> 06 Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16	2 Corinthians 8:16-24	Psalm 50:1-23	Proverbs 22:22-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 07 Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14	2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Psalm 51:1-19	Proverbs 22:24-25
<input type="checkbox"/> 08 Isaiah 1:1-2:22	2 Corinthians 10:1-18	Psalm 52:1-9	Proverbs 22:26-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 09 Isaiah 3:1-5:30	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	Psalm 53:1-6	Proverbs 22:28-29
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<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Isaiah 8:1-9:21	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Psalm 55:1-23	Proverbs 23:4-5
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13 Isaiah 12:1-14:32	2 Corinthians 13:1-14	Psalm 57:1-11	Proverbs 23:9-11
<input type="checkbox"/> 14 Isaiah 15:1-18:7	Galatians 1:1-24	Psalm 58:1-11	Proverbs 23:12
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Isaiah 19:1-21:17	Galatians 2:1-16	Psalm 59:1-17	Proverbs 23:13-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 16 Isaiah 22:1-24:23	Galatians 2:17-3:9	Psalm 60:1-12	Proverbs 23:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 Isaiah 25:1-28:13	Galatians 3:10-22	Psalm 61:1-8	Proverbs 23:17-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 Isaiah 28:14-30:11	Galatians 3:23-4:31	Psalm 62:1-12	Proverbs 23:19-21
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<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Isaiah 33:10-36:22	Galatians 5:13-26	Psalm 64:1-10	Proverbs 23:23
<input type="checkbox"/> 21 Isaiah 37:1-38:22	Galatians 6:1-18	Psalm 65:1-13	Proverbs 23:24
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<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Isaiah 43:14-45:10	Ephesians 3:1-21	Psalm 68:1-18	Proverbs 24:1-2
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<input type="checkbox"/> 29 Isaiah 57:15-59:21	Philippians 1:1-26	Psalm 71:1-24	Proverbs 24:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Isaiah 60:1-62:5	Philippians 1:27-2:18	Psalm 72:1-20	Proverbs 24:11-12



## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY



One of the books I have been reading this summer is called, “Bringing Back Eden - Meditations of a Fly Fisher” by Anthony Surage. In this book, Anthony has been exploring his faith journey, framed by his passion and profession of fly fishing, and guiding. He is reflecting on where he has experienced God in his life and fishing and how that has guided his life and journey in finding those Holy places, those places he calls EDEN. The following passage is one of the many that have caused me to stop and reflect on my own life.

“Then again, maybe I need to redefine true achievement and occupation. Emily Dickinson considered it her occupation to gather paradise by spreading her narrow hands. Perhaps I too can find Something of EDEN, and this is my real occupation.

As a fly fisher. I can expand my casts outward over the waters I fish, and in that process, I can open my heart to gather Something of paradise found in the natural world. Too often I live with narrow hands, failing to take in the life and beauty all around me. I also often fail to widen my narrow hands to accept people who are different or make different choices than I. In essence, in my own narrowness, I fail to love.” (page 12-13)

This really reminds me of Jesus’ teaching us to love our neighbors (those who have a need) and our enemies (those who maybe against us) as we love God and ourselves. I’ve been wondering where the areas in my life are where I can widen my hands, my heart, my head, and my life to accept those who are different and what difference that will make for them and for me. In doing so, we can participate with God in bringing the Kingdom of God into the reality of our world.

I invite you to become more active and grow in your faith and participation in the life of the church. Let’s share what God is doing and see what God will be doing as we experience the peace and love of God

in our lives and church! Join us and invite your friends and neighbors to join us in worship and service together.

Peace. Pastor Darren.