

The Church Visitor

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Sunday Schedule

Church School

9:15 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

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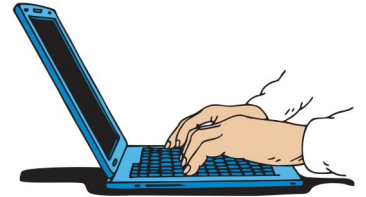
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On Father's Day, I was thinking about how much I love being a daddy and all the times my children made me proud... and there have been many, *many* times. But, I was watching SportsCenter on ESPN the other day and saw a story about the US Women's National (soccer) Team and it reminded of an incident that took place a few years ago. Now, I am not a big fan of soccer. In fact, I find the game quite boring and difficult to watch. But, I do like to see American teams do well. So, when I saw the dejected faces of the U.S. team after their 2011 World Cup finals match against Japan, I knew the outcome was not what I had hoped for. But, Madeline was watching with me and said that she was glad that the Japanese team won. Well, I was understandably curious as to why she would be happy that the Americans lost, but then she said she was happy because the Japanese just had a big earthquake in their country and winning helped them feel better. I beamed with pride that my little girl had such a gracious spirit but, at the same time, I felt convicted that I had been taught a lesson in humility and grace by a 7-year-old.



I think that's the kind of thing Jesus was talking about in Matthew 18 when he said, "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Some of us may think that children are inherently self-centered, that they think the world revolves around them and their desires. And, in some cases, that might be true. But, children also have the ability to see beyond the superficial. They don't see that another child is of a different race or ethnicity or religious affiliation when they are out on the playground. What they see in that other child is the opportunity to make a friend. They don't worry that serving the needs of people less fortunate may require time and a great deal of effort. What they see is someone who has a need and they want to help and they actually seem to like it if helping means getting dirty. And, I know that many children would gladly donate the entire contents of their piggy banks if it would mean another child could get their first pair of shoes or a warm blanket. You see, children are not inherently selfish, they are inherently *selfless* and we "grown-ups" can learn a lot from them about what it *really* means to follow Jesus. Was I happy that that the Japanese women won the World Cup? No, but I should have been because, in truth, they and their country needed that win far more than the Americans. It took the insights of a little girl to make me see that.

Shalom and Blessings,
Rusty

WHAT'S HAPPENING **NEWS** IN THE YOUTH GROUP

With sadness and happiness wrapped together, in early June, we said goodbye to Risha Dulip as one of the BEST FCC adult youth leaders ever! Risha has moved out of the Corpus Christi area, but will remain involved with Camp Gonzo since she will still be located in the CCSW Region. We celebrated our last Youth Group of the semester with a lock-in, private movie, and a dinner out at Joe's Crab Shack on the Bayfront. It was a wonderful fellowship and an even better way to let Risha know how much she has meant to us and how happy we are for her in this new path in her life. We certainly wish her well AND will hold her to the promise of future visits when she comes to town to visit her parents!

With that said, we are now ready to welcome in a new adult youth leader, or maybe more than one person. We know that this is a commitment, but without at least one other adult present, we won't be able to hold youth group gatherings. Please think about your calling to serve God and pray about how you may be able to assist with this amazing ministry. It is a place to use your God-given talents and even learn about others you didn't know about. We have been blessed with enthusiastic, smart, fun-loving, and compassionate youth who truly want to know more about Jesus and build upon their relationship with him. It is one of the most rewarding things you will ever do – I promise!

We are planning to have a meeting for the youth, their parents, and anyone interested in serving as an adult youth leader. The date has not been selected, but probably after worship on a Sunday in mid-August. We want to have this meeting in the newly renovated Youth Lounge so that we can unveil the new look. We will plan on having some cake and punch prior to the meeting so everyone will have a chance to come by. Stay tuned for more details.

The last on this list, but certainly not the least – nowhere near the least... THANK YOU to everyone who donated funds, snacks, prizes for game winners, and prayers for the youth group lock-in, dinner, and movie. We had a wonderful time and it was very special. Another thank you to those who donated directly to the refurbishment of the Youth Lounge with funds that allowed us to get the "new" floor, "new" furniture, and other items we have needed. We know that Richard Katz is proud of what he started and we plan to update the name of the Youth Lounge to remember those who have been a part of this time in the FCC Youth Ministry.

If you have any questions about the FCC Youth Ministry or are interested in learning more about being an adult youth leader, please call me or visit with me Sunday.

Rev. Kellē Clark
FCC Associate Pastor
Stewardship & Youth



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May 28, 2021

Re: Donation in honor of Risha Dulip

First Christian Church would like to honor one of our own, Risha Dulip, for her many years as an enthusiastic sponsor of youth activities, mentor, leader and Camp Counselor. No doubt she has touched many other youth within the region served by Disciple Oaks. FCC-CC wanted to honor Risha in a way that would be meaningful to her and her many years of service as a youth leader.

Please accept this donation of \$250 in honor of Risha. And thank you, Disciple Oaks, for providing a gathering place where today's youth can come and learn more about our loving Savior.

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July Celebrations

Birthday Wishes For . . .

JULY

3 Pat Getz
3 Vicki Pollard
3 Henry Sepulveda
6 Cathy Harrison
6 Eva Sepulveda
8 Linda Hicks
9 Zechariah Lucio
10 Butch Watkins
17 Winkie Peters
18 Rick Dupriest
19 Charles Cromwell
20 Kelle Clark
21 Jackson Lovvorn
22 Amy DeAtley
23 Claudia Grivich
25 Barbara Mikolasky
25 Emily Baggerly
27 Nancy Moore



Happy Anniversary to . . .

JULY

4 Chris & Tina Strakos
15 MJ & Carl Crull



Editor's Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, we may not have it in the church records. Please either call or email the church office with the information — 854-3044 or coordinator@fcc-cc.org

Remember in Prayer . . .

Patricia Bibbs, David & Gladys Green, Gerry Holloway, Elena Blackburn, Mike & Linda Hicks, Donna Watkins, Allen & Shirley Lowe

Lois Chesney (Holmgren)

Adore Trowbridge (North Carolina)

Doris Williams (Homewood)

Calendar

July 1 — July 31

Thurs, July 1	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. AA	Sat, July 17	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Fri, July 2	7:00 a.m. AA	Sun, July 18	9:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals 10:30 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. AA
Sat, July 3	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class	Mon, July 19	5:00 p.m. AIR Group
Sun, July 4	Happy 4th of July 9:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA	Tues, July 20	6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA
Mon, July 5	Church offices & Day School Closed For 4th of July Holiday 5:00 p.m. AIR Group	Wed, July 21	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Cluster 6:30 p.m. Ministry Council
Tues, July 6	6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, July 22	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. AA
Wed, July 7	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes	Fri, July 23	7:00 a.m. AA
Thurs, July 8	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. AA	Sat, July 24	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Fri, July 9	7:00 a.m. AA	Sun, July 25	9:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. AA
Sat, July 10	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class	Mon, July 26	9:00 a.m. Math Tutoring 5:00 p.m. AIR Group
Sun, July 11	9:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA	Tues, July 27	9:00 a.m. Math Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA
Mon, July 12	9:00 a.m. Las Donas General Mtg 5:00 p.m. AIR Group	Wed, July 28	9:00 a.m. Math Tutoring 9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes
Tues, July 13	6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, July 29	9:00 a.m. Math Tutoring 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. AA
Wed, July 14	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes	Fri, July 30	7:00 a.m. AA 9:00 a.m. Math Tutoring
Thurs, July 15	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. AA	Sat, July 31	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Fri, July 16	7:00 a.m. AA		

Serving Schedule

July

Elders Serving at the Table

July 4 Molly Bates
July 11 Debbie Brooker
July 18 Jerry Livingston
July 25 Pat & David Getz

Flower Delivery

July 6 No Flowers to Deliver
July 13 Kay Scott
July 20 No Flowers to Deliver
July 27 Linda Garrett

Greeter: Terry Klinger

Watching worship on Facebook?

We are always trying to reach more people with the GREAT news of Jesus so, if you watch our Sunday worship on Facebook, please make sure you “share” the video to your personal page.



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