

# **The Crosswalk**

First Christian Church  
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## **“Introduction To First Corinthians”**

**An Indian was walking up a mountain when he heard a voice. “Carry me with you,” it requested. The Indian turned and saw a snake. He refused. “If I carry you up the mountain you will bite me.” “I wouldn’t do that,” the snake assured. “All I need is some help. I am slow and you are fast, please, be kind and carry me to the top of the mountain.”**

**It was against his better judgment, but the Indian agreed. He picked up the snake, put him in his shirt, and resumed the journey. When they reached the top, he reached in his shirt to remove the snake and got bit. He fell to the ground and the snake slithered away.**

**“You lied!” the Indian cried, “You said you wouldn’t bite me.” The snake stopped and looked back, “I didn’t lie. You knew who I was when you picked me up.”**

**We hear the legend and shake our heads. He should have known better we bemoan. And we are right. He should have. And so should we. But don’t we do the same? Don’t we believe the lies of the snake? Don’t we pick up what we should leave alone?**

**The Corinthian Christians did. One snake after another had hissed his lies in their ears, and they had believed it. How many lies did they believe? How much time do you have? The list is long and ugly: sectarianism, disunity, sexual immorality. And that is only the first six chapters.**

**But First Corinthians is more than a list of sins, it is an epistle of patience. Paul initiates the letter by calling the Christians “brothers.” He could have called them heretics or hypocrites or skirt-chasers. (And in so many words he does), but not before he calls them brothers.**

**He patiently teaches them about worship, unity, the role of women, and the Lord’s Supper. He writes as if he can see them face to face. He is disturbed but not despondent. Angry but not desperate. His driving passion is love. And his treatise on love in Chapter 13 remains the greatest essay ever penned.**

**The letter, however personal, is not just for Corinth. It is for all who have heard the whispers and felt the fangs. We, like the Indian, should have known better. We like the Corinthians, sometimes need a second chance.**

### **Introduction to First Corinthians**

**By Max Lucado**

**The Inspirational Bible**

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ - Nuff said. Let us press on in Jesus name.**

**In Him,  
Mark**

# August 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  GIF 8:30 AM
2  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	3	4	5  DINNER 6:00 PM  CLASSES 7:00 PM	6  ADMIN MTG 6:00 PM	7	8
9  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	10	11	12  DINNER 6:00 PM  CLASSES 7:00 PM	13  ELDERS 6:00 pm DEACONS 6:30 PM BOARD 7:00 PM	14	15  GIF 8:30AM
16  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	17	18	19  DINNER 6:00 PM  CLASSES 7:00 PM	20	21	22  LIFe 9 AM
23  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	24	25	26  DINNER 6:00 PM  CLASSES 7:00 PM	27	28	29
30  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	31					

\*\*GIF-GUYS IN FELLOWSHIP, LIFe-LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP, SS-SUNDAY SCHOOL, WS-WORSHIP SERVICE

## Servers for August

August 02

**Meditation:** Rick Wienkauf  
**Servers:** Brenda Gibson, Iris Felix  
 \*John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, Lloyd Colston/FHD  
**Nursery:** Lindsie Simmons, Sarah Skiles  
**Lord's Supper Prep** Shawn & Rebecca Cullen

August 09

**Meditation:** Doug Dalton  
**Servers:** Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson  
 \*Shawn Cullen, Tara Coffman  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, Tanner Ensign/FHD  
**Nursery:** Amanda Garland, Rebecca Cullen  
**Lord's Supper Prep** Shawn & Rebecca Cullen

August 16

**Meditation:** Randall Coffman  
**Servers:** Brenda Gibson, \*Iris Felix  
 John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD  
**Nursery:** Kristi Jordan, Tara Coffman  
**Lord's Supper Prep** Shawn & Rebecca Cullen

August 23

**Meditation:** Shawn Cullen  
**Servers:** Brenda Risner, \*Lloyd Colston  
 Ruth Carson, Tara Coffman  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, Jerry Gibson/FHD  
**Nursery:** Brenda Gibson, Jane Clark  
**Lord's Supper Prep** Shawn & Rebecca Cullen

August 30

**Meditation:** Lloyd Colston  
**Servers:** Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson  
 \*Shawn Cullen, Tara Coffman  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, Lloyd Colston/FHD  
**Nursery:** Kristi Jordan, Amanda Garland  
**Lord's Supper Prep** Shawn & Rebecca Cullen

**“Following Christ**  
 is not a casual or occasional practice but a  
**continuous commitment**  
 and way of life that applies at  
**all times and in all places.”**

### Your Elders

Phil Carson, Randall Coffman, Doug Dalton, Jerry Gibson

### Your Deacons

Tara Coffman, Shawn Cullen, Joe Price,  
 Brenda Risner, Rick Weinkauf, Dan White

## In Our Prayers

Fred Worbes  
 Nicolas Stephenson - future plans  
 Nita Walker - lupus  
 Andrea Matthews - heart problems  
 Charles Mawdy - cancer  
 Robert Guttormsen  
 Robert Ramer - liver transplant list  
 Sam Smith - mass in esophagus  
 Sherri Dirickson's dad - throat mass  
 Tammie Crowder - nfection  
 Sandy Farris - cancer  
 Bob Phillips - cancer  
 Samantha Harp  
 Victoria Rose - heart  
 Arnold Goucher - cancer  
 Herb Lacey - liver cancer  
 Linda Crandal - leukemia  
 Billie Vaughn - Jerry's cousin  
 New minister

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone that you still want on the list, please let us know and we will be glad to put them back on.

*If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/02 Riley Crawford  
 08/03 Dan White  
 08/14 Sherri Dirickson  
 08/20 Doug & Jackie Garland  
 08/21 Sophie Rogers  
 08/22 Brenda Gibson  
 08/22 Jackie Morey  
 08/22 Jerry & Brenda Gibson  
 08/28 Phil & Ruth Carson

### Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Worship Service 10:30 am

### Wednesday Nights

Dinner 6:00 pm  
 Classes for all ages 7:00 pm

### Secretary Report

July 2015

Average Attendance	52.25
Average Visitors	5.25
Total Average Attendance	57.5
Total Offerings	\$6,105.00

**Faith-Based Family Drama “WAR ROOM”  
Set For August 28th Premiere**



**Filled with heart, humor, and wit, “WAR ROOM” follows Tony and Elizabeth Jordan, a couple who seemingly have it all - great jobs, a beautiful daughter, their dream home. But appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. With guidance from Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. As the power of prayer and Elizabeth’s newly energized faith transform her life, will Tony join the fight and become the man he knows he needs to be? Together, their real enemy doesn’t have a prayer.**

Jackson County Ministerial Alliance is partnering with the Southwest Baptist Association to make it possible for the movie ‘WAR ROOM’ to come to Altus at the Heritage Park Theater. In order for the film to come to Altus, Sony Pictures is requiring that 750 tickets be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$7 each and will be good for any showing on any day.

To purchase tickets: Call the Association Office (580) 482-4798

Email [amber@swbaok.org](mailto:amber@swbaok.org)

or

[swab@swbell.net](mailto:swab@swbell.net)

Go by the office at 2515 N Main

**THIS IS SOMETHING WE AS CHRISTIANS CAN AND SHOULD SUPPORT. LET’S KEEP FAITH-BASED MOVIES LIKE THIS COMING.**