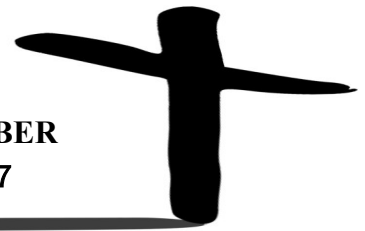


# The Crosswalk

First Christian Church  
2501 N Park Lane

OCTOBER  
2017



Never a dull moment.

October can be a somewhat boring month. I know Halloween is at the end of the month and that's a lot of fun. Also, fall is officially coming in as the weather starts cooling off (Hallelujah!) and the days are getting shorter, so there are things we love about this time of year. However, we've also been back in school for two months now and the holidays aren't here yet to bring *that* craziness into our lives. Our schedule has been established. We are no longer *getting* into the groove of things; we are fully established in it. When we get to that point, it doesn't take long for that groove to turn into a rut.

What do we do with times like these? First of all, I would say to enjoy them. Life is crazy enough without us adding stress to it just because we are afraid of getting stuck in a rut. There is a time and a place for enjoying the green pastures that he makes us lie down in and the still waters by which he leads us. The psalm says that he uses those things to restore our soul. So, if that's where you are this fall, enjoy it. Enter into this time of rest without guilt or shame and get restored. Just a warning, however, this is not an excuse for laziness. Proverbs 24:33-34 tells us that "a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man." While we like the green pastures and still waters we also need to keep walking the paths of righteousness. Enjoy the times of peace and allow them to restore you, but don't let them lull you into complacency.

That leads me to the second thing we should do with times of relative quiet and peace. Use them. God sent Joseph seven years of plenty while at the same time elevating him to the second highest position in the land. He had just been through 13 years of slavery and imprisonment and knew he had seven years of ease ahead of him. We don't know all that he did in those years. We know he got married and had two boys, but most of what we know of those years was the work Joseph put in. He traveled all over Egypt gathering grain in the various cities and storing so much that he eventually had to stop measuring it because it was so much. We see that Joseph did enjoy those years, but he didn't squander them either. He used the time of peace in his life to get restored and also to prepare for times of stress in the future. We may have a season of peace and "normalcy" but it will pass and the Holiday season and in-laws, gift shopping, and travel plans are just around the corner. Now might be a good time to get ahead of the game in preparing for those times.

Finally, only after you've been restored and started preparing for what's to come the third thing to do in times of peace is to find ways to serve. I know this might be like adding stress to a time you were enjoying specifically because it lacked stress. However, if you have allowed this time to restore you and you are prepared (or at least preparing) for things to come, you are in a unique position to take a burden from someone else. Not everyone is enjoying a time of peace and relative ease at the moment. Perhaps you could find a stressed out young family and babysit their kids for an evening so they can have a moment of peace. There are plenty of people in the church that have been doing a particular job for years (some of them decades) and would love to take a few months away to get some well-earned rest themselves. You could use some of your down time to pray for a missionary we support and/or find a way to raise some support for them. I know disaster relief work is continuing in Texas and Florida. This morning I spoke to a pastor in the Houston area that said they will be needing work crews to help hang sheetrock for at least the next few months. Our church is sending them some money to help with the relief, but if you'd be interested in doing more let us know. I'd love to send a work crew to show the love of Jesus to these people who've lost everything.

Life has ebbs and flows, ups and downs, times of stress and times of...less stress. The most important thing to remember in any of these times is to keep our eyes fixed on Him for his yoke is easy and His burden is light. If we can use the times of peace wisely they can set us up not just to survive the crazy times to come, but to thrive in and through them, and maybe even enjoy them. Jesus said that he came not just so that we might have life, but have it abundantly. So, whether you are stressed out or bored fix your eyes on him and enjoy the ride.

In Him,  
Ben

# OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HOME BIBLE STUDY COOKOUT 6:00PM  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	2	3	4  LBS 9:30AM SERVICE/ACTION MTG 10:30AM ABS 6:30PM	5  WORSHIP MTG 6:30PM	6	7
8  GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	9	10  EDUCATION MTG 5:30PM	11  LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	12  ELDERS MTG 6:00PM DEACONS MTG 6:30PM BOARD MTG 7:00PM	13  PARTIN'S COMMUNITY GROUP 6:00PM	14
15  GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	16	17	18  LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	19	20  PARTIN'S COMMUNITY GROUP 6:00PM	21
22  SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	23	24	25  LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	26	27  PARTIN'S COMMUNITY GROUP 6:00PM	28
29  GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	30	31				

**Serving In October**

**October 01**

**Meditation:** Rick Weinkauf  
**Servers:** Bob McGuire, Carol Carson  
 \*John Signorelli, ?  
**Nursery:** Sunday School - Ben & Kristen Partin  
 Worship Service - ? , ?  
**Children's Church:** Roma Weinkauf  
**AV Booth:** Jordan Bronson/Sound, Tyler Tidwell/PP  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD  
**Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up:** Richard & Christina Barnes  
 \*Offering Prayer

**October 08**

**Meditation:** Randall Coffman  
**Servers:** Doug Tritle, \*Iris Felix  
 Jane Clark, ?  
**Nursery:** Sunday School - Robert & Crystal Crawford  
 Worship Service - Katie Bronson, ?  
**Children's Church:** Sarah Skiles  
**AV Booth:** Jordan Bronson/Sound, Tyler Tidwell/PP  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, ? FHD  
**Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up:** Richard & Christina Barnes  
 \*Offering Prayer

**October 15**

**Meditation:** Lloyd Colston  
**Servers:** John Signorelli, \*Wanda Jones  
 ? ?  
**Nursery:** Sunday School - Marilyn Wright, Wanda Jones  
 Worship Service - Richard & Christina Barnes  
**Children's Church:** ?  
**AV Booth:** Jordan Bronson/Sound, Tyler Tidwell/PP  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD  
**Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up:** Richard & Christina Barnes  
 \*Offering Prayer

**October 22**

**Meditation:** Don Skiles  
**Servers:** Brenda Gibson, Jackie Morey  
 \*John Signorelli, Richard Barnes  
**Nursery:** Sunday School - Jackie Morey, Wendi Noon  
 Worship Service - Brian & Colleen Buss  
**Children's Church:** Nova Noon  
**AV Booth:** Jordan Bronson/Sound, Tyler Tidwell/PP  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD  
**Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up:** Richard & Christina Barnes  
 \*Offering Prayer

**October 29**

**Meditation:** Jerry Gibson  
**Servers:** John Signorelli, \*Wanda Jones  
 ? ?  
**Nursery:** Sunday School - Jackie Morey, Wanda Jones  
 Worship Service - Brenda Gibson, Jane Clark  
**AV Booth:** Jordan Bronson/Sound, Tyler Tidwell/PP  
**Greeters:** Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD  
**Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up:** Richard & Christina Barnes  
 \*Offering Prayer

**In Our Prayers**

**Judy Folkner - cancer**

(Kathy Morrow's friend)

**Betty Hayes - breast cancer**

(Christina Barnes' mother)

**Nick Williams - ALS**

(Altus teacher)

**Sherri Merrill - uterine cancer/chemo**

(Rick Weinkauf's sister)

**Amy Dodson - brain cancer**

(Ruth Carson's friend)

**Jo Parnell - inoperable lung cancer**

(Lee Barnes' son-in-law's mother)

**Debbie Cleland - cancer**

(Christina Barnes' co-worker)

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**

10/03 Nicole Stanfill

10/14 Kymberli Yancey

10/25 Gene Drechsler

10/28 Phil Carson

**Sunday Services**

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

**Wednesday Services**

Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

**Secretary's Report**

September 2017

Average Attendance 55.5

Average Visitors 6.25

Total Average Attendance 61.75

Total Offerings \$9,585.00



**"All our summer shade is falling down!"**

**Your Elders**

Phil Carson, Randall Coffman, Doug Dalton  
 Gene Drechsler, Jerry Gibson, Jim Jones

**Your Deacons**

Richard Barnes, Jane Clark, Crystal Crawford,  
 Brenda Gibson, Wanda Jones, Brenda Risner

