



## From the Table

As we do every week, we will gather this Sunday around a common table and celebrate the Lord's Supper. For Disciples, this is a core part of our worship tradition—we do this weekly, and we welcome all who gather to celebrate the wholeness of the Body of Christ even as we confront its brokenness. This weekly celebration of an open table is one of the things that makes our tradition unique. As you likely know, not every tradition celebrates communion weekly, and not every tradition welcomes all to the table.

Perhaps just as important is the Disciples understanding that the Lord's Supper is one of the ways we most deeply connect to the global expression of the Body of Christ. Our ecumenical commitment comes to life every week when we share a meal and repeat the ancient words of Jesus that have been passed down over generations.



This Sunday is **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**, a yearly day set aside for Christians across the world and across traditions to commit to sharing in this sacred meal. Reform or Orthodox, Catholic or Congregationalist—many will gather, just as we will do, and experience Christ in our midst.

I look forward to sharing this sacred meal with you.

September's Sermon series on The Bible and Sexuality provoked a number of conversations in our Sunday School classes and perhaps over lunch or coffee for many of you. If you have not had a chance to share in conversation about this series, Brandon and Jonathan will be hosting a conversation at the church on October 4 at 6 pm in the Faith Collective Room. You are welcome to bring your thoughts and questions to share with one another.

Don't forget! Join us for Jonathan's Installation on Sunday afternoon at 4 pm, and then come to Lisa's and my home for a reception. We're at 200 Peak Street, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Hope to celebrate with you all!

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Brandon*



Rev. Jonathan and his wife Kirsten wrapped up the sermon series on the Bible and Sexuality this past Sunday, using their own Christian marriage as a metaphor about how the triune God works.

## Help Needed at Church Cleanup on Saturday, September 30:

A church cleanup project will begin at **9 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 30**. The main focus will be cleaning the entrance to the West Annex (outside) and the air vents in the Sanctuary. Skip has one pressure washer, but having an additional one to use would be helpful.

If there are other projects that you would like to do, such as yard work or anything else, your help will be appreciated.

Please email **Skip Brennan** at [skip@softwaresystems-inc.com](mailto:skip@softwaresystems-inc.com) or text him at 423-802-2407 to let him know if you plan to help on Saturday.

**Chattanooga Area Food Bank:** First Wednesday of each month, 9 am. To learn more, visit <http://www.chattfoodbank.org>. (Next volunteer service date: October 4)

**Chattanooga Community Kitchen:** First and third Fridays of every month, 9 am. Also, now every Friday at 3 pm. Visit <http://homelesschattanooga.org> for details. (Next volunteer service dates: October 6, 13, 20, 27)



## To All Members and Friends of First Christian Church Chattanooga:

Gwen and I graciously thank you for your years of love and support that you showed Mom since Daddy's passing and most recently for us when she passed.

You reached out and embraced us with your kindness and generosity, although we as a family haven't been active members of the church during the past few years.

Your prayers and concern for Heather and me as Hurricane Harvey was devastating Houston was greatly appreciated as by God's grace we escaped harm.

Thank you again. Your love, support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

*Sue and Gwen Zander*



## To the members of First Christian Church:

I do not command sufficient language in my head to thank you properly for all your care of the Summerlin family in the illnesses and deaths of Dan and Aline.

Your expression of care and love over the recent months have been too varied, too many to enumerate. Yet, your giving and helping has provided wonderful assistance again and again.

*Thank you all ever so much, Phil Summerlin*

## Pray with Reconciliation Ministry

Join Reconciliation Ministry in their 21 Days of Prayer, leading up to their special offering (collected on Sept. 24 and Oct. 4). Each day, they will offer a short prayer on their Facebook page to speak to current challenges and hopes for the future.



## Interested in the Cookie Ministry?

Call Lorraine Hipp at 423-886-5183 or 423-504-1346 to volunteer!