



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 30, 2020

SUNDAYS: Christian Education for all ages: 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation: 10:30 am | Worship: 11 am

**SEEKING GOD'S WHOLENESS. EXPANDING THE TABLE. NURTURING JUSTICE.**



### Virtual TN 2020 Regional Assembly: October 9-10, 2020

The Regional Assembly will include dynamic speakers, meaningful worship, and purposeful business. It will have a different time

schedule and internet will be needed to participate.

Virtual workshops are continuing until September, covering topics like *Faithful Effective Coping*, *Creating Space for Sabbath*, *Racial Injustice-Impact on Our Nation & Church*, and *Making Room at the Table*.

The RA Planning Committee is looking forward to opportunities such as having more people attend or watch, enjoying all workshops because each has separate time, no travel, and less expense.

The Committee is also trying to anticipate and overcome the challenges, such as getting people excited, having Disciples register, keeping Disciples informed of dates & times, helping all Disciples have access to watch RA, and asking for donations to cover honorariums for speakers & workshop facilitators.

**For more information or to register, visit:**  
<http://tndisciples.org/regional-assembly-2020>



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, August 30

#### 9:30 am: Sunday School and Sermon Series

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2FPPJF8>

Meeting ID: 880 6442 0031

Passcode: 748328

Dial by location: +1 301 715 8592

- What does it mean to interpret scripture?
- Are there things that we need to know about the context in which a scripture was written?
- Are there ways in which the meaning of a section of scripture has changed for the church over the generations?
- How important is the insight from scholars, and what insight do the lives we lead give us into the meaning of scripture?

**Alan Cates and Scot Crosslin** will continue their Sunday School Series that will touch on these and other issues through August 30th. Rev. Gilvin's Sermon Series over this period of time will parallel their focus on these same issues.

In order for you to be prepared for this class, Mr. Crosslin—as the consummate teacher—has another

homework question for you: Please come to Sunday School this week with a scripture in mind that has **disrupted** how you think about your faith.

For a riveting conversation and opportunity to learn from one another, join us this Sunday at 9:30 am!

#### 10:00 am: Children's Choir & Sunday School

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2FKG7LR>

Meeting ID: 823 4828 9742

#### 10:30 am: Virtual Coffee Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/37UEHbK>

Meeting ID: 839 5831 5129

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#### 11:00 am: Worship - Rev. Brandon

Proclamation:

Interpretation: For The Bible Tells Me So

Scripture: John 7:53-8:11

<https://www.facebook.com/FCC.Chattanooga/>

### Monday, August 31

10:30 am - VIRTUAL Staff Meeting

## New Discussion Group Forming this Fall: "Faith That Seeks Justice"

Monthly Conversations on Zoom

Are you interested in Biblical Faith and Social Justice? Beginning in September, **David Pleins** will host a monthly online discussion group for First Christian using *Sojourners Magazine* as a springboard.



Please email David ([David-Pleins@utc.edu](mailto:David-Pleins@utc.edu)) to indicate your interest or for more information. And subscribe to

*Sojourners Magazine* now to get a special rate: *Sojourners* Subscribe at: <https://bit.ly/2FcQSGw>

Meeting dates will be announced later, but in general the group will meet monthly on a Wednesday @ 7:00-8:00

pm, two weeks after the magazine arrives in your mailbox!

# FROM THE TABLE

Dr Jaclyn Michael teaches in the Religious Studies Department at UTC. Over the weekend, she shared the following on Twitter:



**Jaclyn Michael**  
@JaclynAMichael

I ask students each semester to complete a survey and one question is if there is anything about their situation that might impact their learning in the course. Besides the pandemic, this year they are reporting homelessness and working 40-50 hours a week. Be kind to students.

4:09 PM · Aug 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

There's no doubt that this generations of college students--and learners of all ages--are facing significant challenges in this unprecedented season.

I hope that you are keeping in prayer our neighbors at UTC, especially those who are the most vulnerable--first-generation college students, students far from their families for the first time, those who struggle with isolation, or adapting to new social norms, or to online learning platforms. And, of course, those who have had to make choices between tuition, housing, or food security.

I hope you'll join me in prayer for the instructors, administrators, and parents, too.

Rest assured that we'll be finding ways to use our hands and feet to pray, too.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you, Rev. B*



THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



**AUGUST**

- 27 Tina Chadwick, Matthew Petree
- 28 Nancy Dobbs, Meredith Lambert,  
Patrick Kirby, Buz Smithers
- 29 Heather Droke, Sally D. Hunt
- 30 Ike Summerlin, Kimberly Wynn
- 31 Maxwell King, Brad Northcut

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Anna Wylie, Dick Sharpe
- 4 Diana Summerlin
- 12 Miller Fulgham
- 14 Gary Stevens
- 17 Marcia Stevens

*Birthday Not Listed?*

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