



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 13, 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>**

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am: Sunday School



Join us for a discussion of Robert P. Jones's *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. We'll be discussing chapters 1&2, as well as any insights from the webinar with Jones from this week.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://bit.ly/3jJsg7t>

Meeting ID: 896 3778 3667

Passcode: 169822

Dial by location: +1 929 205 6099 US

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

Join Dr. Sarah Harr every other Sunday! Open to all ages, we watch videos and sing songs together, learn Bible stories through videos and devotions, and talk about the theme of that morning's worship service. It's a special time just for the children of the church to see each other, catch up, pray and worship together, and have fun!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82348289742>

10:30 am: Virtual Coffee Hour

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

Meeting ID: 839 5831 5129

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11:00 am: Worship

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September 27th  
& October 4th

Reconciliation Ministry  
Offering 2020



LUKE 19: 39-40



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## FROM THE TABLE

### Negotiating a New Normal.

It was March when we all last gathered together in First Christian's sanctuary.

It is now September.

In the 6 months that have passed, we have learned many things:

- How to negotiate online worship.
- How to have meetings, Sunday School, and even coffee hour online
- How to celebrate retirements with a parade of honking cars, and how to deliver communion as if our elders and deacons worked for UberEats or DoorDash.
- We have learned phrases like "Social Distancing" and "Respiratory Droplets."
- We have seen a tornado come through our community, watched protesters march downtown, as well as across the country. We've changed how we shop, how we do education, how we do work, and maybe, how we do the things that make us family.
- We've changed how we do things, but the work of the church hasn't ended.

Over the next few months, First Christian will be beginning seasons of the church that you will find familiar, like stewardship and Advent, and others that were part of our planning for the year, like our strategic planning series with Sandy Clingan Smith. We've learned a lot about virtual church and electronic communication,

and that will help us maneuver our way through this most unusual year.

We are the church, friends—a people of resurrection, and a people of faith.

May our faith steer us, and may we live into this season of change and uncertainty knowing that we are called, always, to new life.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you, Brandon*



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

In an effort to help us better connect during these trying times, we are going to do a fun project for our online worship.

For any who are willing, I would love for you to record yourself saying *The Lord's Prayer* (whatever version you prefer) and send it to [jonathan@firstchristian-chat.com](mailto:jonathan@firstchristian-chat.com) during the months of September and October.

We will be using these recordings during our upcoming worship services.

As an added bonus, you will get to hear and see others besides Rev. Gilvin and myself. If you have any questions please let me know.

*Blessings, Rev. Jonathan*

THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



**SEPTEMBER**

- 12 Miller Fulgham
- 14 Gary Stevens
- 17 Marcia Stevens
- 18 Kate Gilliard
- 19 Betty Jolly
- 20 Carolyn Hickerson, Patti Obert
- 22 Megan Coleman, Ella Wiisanen
- 23 Katie Wylie
- 25 John Catlett
- 26 Marcus Rafiee
- 28 Marsha Grant

***Birthday Not Listed?***

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