

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Coming Events



### Pastor's Corner

Reverend Byron Singleton

May's Newsletter Deadline: April 25, 2024

Board Meeting:

DWM Meeting: Hiatus

Bible Study: Hiatus

# STUMBLING BLOCK AS A BUILDING BLOCK



*"Our stumbling blocks are transformed into building blocks."*—Ava Cadell

*"In the end, it all comes to choices to turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones."*—Amber Fry

How often have we made mistakes that we wished we could take back and do over? So many people get angry at themselves when mistakes occur but the reality is when we make mistakes we are to use them to learn what NOT to do the next time. It can be a blessing in disguise because we have the ability to use the **STUMBLING BLOCK AS A BUILDING BLOCK**. The challenges we face every day are the building blocks for our character as we evolve, grow, and mature. As a child, many of us had the joy of playing with building blocks to develop our motor skills. We may not have realized it back then but we were learning how to build a strong foundation so that when more complex situations arose, we knew our designs would not falter. All of life is very similar to those building blocks. There is an anonymous quote that speaks volumes to the building block process, **"Respect the building blocks, master the fundamentals, and the potential is unlimited."** As a Dad, I enjoyed watching my son learn to master his blocks and then it was on to Legos where he explored new possibilities and actually created models based upon his own creativity. My oldest son would actually mix all his Legos sets together and build skyscrapers, airplanes, race cars, and anything his creative mind could imagine. But in order for those creations to come to fruition, he stumbled, fumbled, and had many do overs. I was amazed as I watched him figure out how to maneuver a **STUMBLING BLOCK AS A BUILDING BLOCK**. His persistence was a tremendous lesson in overcoming a mistake. Another Unknown quote said, **"Don't let mental blocks control you. Set yourself free. Confront your fear and turn the mental blocks into building blocks."**

The same can be said for any aspect of our lives such as (1) language skills, (2) math skills, (3) planning, designing, and implementation, (4) technical skills, and a plethora of other possibilities. Charles Capps stated, **"Your words are building blocks of which you construct your life and future."** Reflect on your life journey and you will probably be able to recognize how some mistakes were stumbling blocks that became a building block on your journey. None of us would be where we are were it not for each **STUMBLING BLOCK THAT BECAME A BUILDING BLOCK** in our pursuit of our dreams, aspirations, goals, and accomplishments.

#### PEARLS OF WISDOM

*"There will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how you use them."*—Friedrich Nietzsche

*"The difference between a stumbling block and a stepping stone is how high you raise your foot."*—Benny Lewis

*"Obstacles do not block the path, they are the path."*—Zen Proverb

*"And it will be said, 'Build up, build up, prepare the way. Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people.' "* (Isaiah 57:14)

#### Motivating Thought/Prayer:

**Precious God, thank You for every stumbling block in my path which became a building block for opportunities for me to learn and grow. Even when I could not see the way or understand what the stumbling block meant for me, You turned them into stepping stones and building blocks. For every experience, good and bad, I give You thanks. You used them to mold me, make me, and shape me into the person I now am. You taught me that You are able to make a way out of no way and You can turn confusion, misunderstanding, and chaos into clarity and peace. For every mistake I made, You taught me how to be the person I am destined to be despite my failings. I have confidence to conquer any situation or circumstance because what may appear to be negative can actually be a positive for my life and growth. Amen.**



## Moderators Memo

By: Diane Pressley



From the Board Chair

I can't believe it's already April. This year seems to be speeding by. What a busy month March was with all the Holy Week activities. I hope you got a chance to spend some quality time with family as we reflected on the ultimate gift of sacrifice as Jesus gave his life for our salvation.

The joint Long Range Planning and Transition Teams continue to meet the first of each month to work on the amalgamation process. I joined some representatives from Temple church to look at a property recently that was promising, but priced higher than we had hoped. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have discussed possibly coming together to begin officially worshipping together full time. I again ask that you prayerfully consider your thoughts and feelings in that regard.

I was happy to see our congregation joining in the team meetings at our joint service in March. I hope we can continue to make progress in getting to know and work with the Temple folks as we move forward. We will continue to worship jointly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays until we officially make things permanent. I invite each of you to get involved with a Bible study group, women's or men's group, or choir. Also, if you haven't had a chance to complete your survey on the type of church you hope our new Disciples church will be, please consider doing so.

Please continue to pray us through this amalgamation process and feel free to let your voice be heard through sharing, continuing to attend group meetings, etc. I have found much joy in getting to know more and more of the Temple congregation and find them excited to travel this joint venture with us. I encourage you to fellowship with them and with us every opportunity you get. We all have things to bring to the table. Wishing you all an amazing April!

In Christ,

Diane



# PRAYER:

By: Unknown

“O Lord, you are the light that guides my feet. You are the map that gives me direction. You are the peace that makes me strong. You are the leader whom I faithfully follow. May your light illuminate my life and your guidance bring direction. May I find inspiration in your word and peace in my heart as I follow you. Amen.”

*A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM*



Year is moving too fast. Month of April is already here. Marilyn is working hard on selecting songs for each week.

Memorable and praising our father enhancing the WORD "Weekly Sermons"!!

Still working on combining both Congregations as one!  
One prayer at a time!!

Amy Larson



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Choir Practice	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  Combined Service with First Christian Church of Temple	22	23	24	25  May's Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28	29	30				





	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Communion Elder	---	---	---	---
Offertory Elder	---	---	---	---
Early Deacon	---	---	---	---
Deacon 1 (Jr Deacon)	Layla Pearson	Layla Pearson	---	Layla Pearson
Deacon 2	---	---	---	---
Deacon 3	---	---	---	---
Communion Preparation	Amy Larson	Amy Larson	---	Amy Larson
Greeter	---	---	---	---
Refreshments	---	---	---	---
Children's Moment	---	---	---	---
Worship Leader	Amy Larson	Amy Larson	---	Amy Larson

*Prayer Requests*

Brandin Singleton Fire Victims	Mylessa (Health) Donna Jensen and Karen Cooper	First Christain Church Belton and Temple Jenna Wesson – Larry Frye in hospital	Amy Rayna – broken neck and back Essence's dog
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Song Leader... Amy Larson  
Media Team... Kayla Holwerda  
Nursery Attendant...

**“Be the change that you wish to see  
in the world.”**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

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