

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Coming Events



Pastor's Corner

Reverend Byron Singleton

Newsletter Deadline: February 29, 2024

Board Meeting:

DWM Meeting: Hiatus

Bible Study: Hiatus

ALIVE WITH PURPOSE!

"When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It's a necessity."—Steve Pavlina

"Don't judge my problems when you don't know my purpose. I'm only struggling now, so I can pull you through later."—Bishop Noel Jones



A colleague of mine who pastors a church in Amarillo lives by the personal motto, **ALIVE WITH PURPOSE!** When he makes the statement, he is very animated and speaks with such vigor, because he truly means what he says. One of my favorite books on this topic is Rick Warren's work, *Purpose-Driven Life*. In it, he discusses what drives your life, understanding that life is a temporary assignment and the reason for everything. He invites the reader to deeply reflect on being transformed by trouble, growing through temptation, embracing your earthly assignment, using your gifts/giftedness, and finding balance in your life. It is a guide to a 40-day spiritual journey to discover your purpose with a new awareness that **you are a "puzzle piece"** in the **big picture called LIFE**.

At some point in our lives, we all will wrestle with the question of purpose and meaning. Years ago, I had an opportunity to walk with a close cousin, as he began to embrace his own purpose. He was a naturally gifted musician who was also classically trained. At the tender age of three, he went to the piano in their home and began to play gospel songs. We all were amazed with how he played the piano and melodiously sang. When he was 22 years old, he was in a serious struggle because of family expectations versus being authentic to where he truly was in his own spirituality and life journey. **He was in the process of "becoming."** He was a person of faith, and there was a lot of pressure from his family to live out the family's religious tradition. But the issue for him was the incongruence from his ever evolving theology and philosophy of life. He came to me seeking guidance and understanding amid the intense wrestling in his mind and soul. I shared with him personal experiences which shaped me in my struggle with purpose and meaning. Steve Maraboli informed some of my thinking. He said, *"We all make mistakes, have struggles, and even regret things in our past. But you are **not** your mistakes, you are **not** your struggles, and you are here **NOW** with the power to shape your day and your future."* (red emphasis is mine) We need to remember that **life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop** into the person you are destined and purposed to become. Too often when we get beat up by life's circumstances, we get in survival mode when we should be in a thriving mode. Laura Gleisberg said, *"There is purpose in struggle because it unleashes your full power. You are being pushed to thrive."* It is time for each of us to develop the mentality that **I am ALIVE WITH PURPOSE!** If you place your hand over your heart, you can feel a heartbeat. **That is called PURPOSE!** The heartbeat means you are **ALIVE WITH PURPOSE** so **don't ever give up!** George Lincoln Rockwell said it best, *"The purpose of life is to struggle as hard as you can for what you believe in, and enjoy the struggle."*

"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."—Mahatma Gandhi

"I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me." (Psalm 57:2)

Motivating Thought/Prayer:

*Lord, I want to do something that gives me purpose and meaning. I want to awaken each day motivated to feel alive with intensity and purpose. I desire to be a change agent to be a blessing to others. Strengthen me to become the best that I can be! Help me to discover my innate gifts and flow through my life. Help me to cultivate my gifts so I am more stimulated, as I complete my daily activities of life. My heart's desire is to truly be **ALIVE WITH PURPOSE!***



Moderators Memo

By: Diane Pressley



From the Board Chair:

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It's that time of year where we wear coats and jackets in the morning and evening and short sleeves during the day. I'm sure we are in for a few more cold spells, but Spring will be here before we know it.

We have kicked off the year with a bang and are progressing nicely with our church amalgamation process. The joint Long Range Planning Team has met twice since the first of the year, as has the Transition Team. A few of us have also met with Andy Mangum our regional director for additional guidance as we continue to move through the process. FCC Temple has closed on one of their properties and has a contract on the second with a 30 day feasibility period, then 30 days to close. If all goes as planned, they will be vacating their building the first part of May. I would like for you all to start thinking about how you would feel if we begin meeting together at that time. That seems to be where our path is taking us. Please be on the lookout for any properties that you think would be suitable for short to long term worship. Ideally we would like space for worship, plus a bit of office space, restrooms of course, and storage. The LRPT is also looking for land that might be suitable on which to build. Keep all these things in your prayers, please as we continue to move forward.

The Transition Team is working jointly to develop a mission statement and vision for the new church. These things will help us create our new identity and help determine what our story will look like. This is a very tedious and thoughtful process, and I believe we have the perfect people from our congregation representing us. As we close out this Winter season and move into Spring, let us remember this is a time of renewal, not only in nature but in the life of our church. I ask that you join us in praying through this process. Don't hesitate to let your voice be heard. Feel free to share your thoughts, concerns, excitement, and hesitations with me or other church leaders. Committee meetings will be held following worship (before, during, after our fellowship meal) on Third Sundays. I am including our list of teams/committees so when the committees meet, you will be able to find your group. Wishing for all a fabulous February!

In Christ,
Diane



FCC Belton Church Committees

Long Range Planning Committee:

Charlene Tapman
Diane Pressley
Byron Singleton

Tammy Tapman
Kirk & Judy Wallace
Mylessa Wheeler

Worship Committee:

Mylessa Wheeler
Amy Larson
Marilyn VanSchoelandt

Pastor
Kayla Holwerda

Stewardship/Finance Committee:

Kirk Wallace
Amy Larson

Tammy Tapman

Membership & Outreach Committee:

Tammy Tapman
Marilyn VanSchoelandt
Laura Saylor

Essence
Judy Wallace
Kayla Holwerda

Christian Education Committee:

Mylessa Wheeler
Diane Pressley
Charlene Tapman

Property Committee:

Diane Pressley
Tammy Tapman

Kirk Wallace
Larry Joselynn

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM



Come and Sing with us!



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 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	22	23	24
					Larry's Birthday	
25	26	27	28	29		
				Newsletter Deadline		

23 Larry Josselyn



February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25



November Service Calendar

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25	
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	Mylessa (Health)	First Christain Church Belton and Temple	
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Choir Director/Pianist... Marilyn Van Schoelandt
Song Leader... Amy Larson
Media Team... Kayla Holwerda
Nursery Attendant...

“The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is wise.”

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