



SUMMER
Games

*"If anyone will not
welcome you...
shake the dust off
your feet."*

- MATTHEW 10:14

TRIALS:
A SACRAMENT
FOR FAILURE

MATTHEW 10:5-16



JULY 18, 2021

Welcome!

Are you new at Christ Church? Please stop by our Welcome Table in the Gathering Hall or Family Life Center Lobby to learn more about our church and how to get involved.

We offer three worship services each Sunday morning. Preaching today are:

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE (MASK ONLY)

Pastor C. Chappell Temple

10:30 TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

Pastor C. Chappell Temple

10:30 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN COVENANT HALL

Pastor R. DeAndre Johnson



WORSHIP TEAM

Dr. C. Chappell Temple
Lead Pastor

Dan Conway
Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach

Michelle Hall
Pastor of Congregational Care & Missions

R. DeAndre Johnson
Pastor of Music & Worship Life

GT Mangum
Director of Contemporary Worship

Beth McConnell
Organist / Accompanist

For a full list of our staff members, please visit christchurchsl.org/staff.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

SUMMER GAMES

Some say that the idea came from a magazine advertisement for Dunlop tires, or perhaps from a French sports group with a simple red ring and blue ring. Pierre de Coubertin clearly took it to the next level, however, when he led the efforts to bring back the ancient Olympic Games of Greece in 1896. For the logo that Coubertin devised had not just two rings, but five, representing the five "inhabited" continents of the world at the time.

Similarly, the colors of the five connected rings—each ring passing under then over the next ring to signify equality—blue, yellow, black, green, and red, along with a white background—were said to compose the colors of every nation's flag at the time of its inception. It strikes me that the interlacing rings make for a good symbol for Christians as well, however. For not only has the Trinity long been represented by three interwoven circles, the idea of interlocking lives is not a bad representation of the Christian Church as well.

What's more, the Olympic motto—*Citius, Altius, Fortius*—"Swifter, Higher, and Stronger"—is not a bad goal for believers to adopt either. Indeed, in his hope of Olympians "striving for perfection," some might say that Coubertin sounded downright Methodist. But then St. Paul also used athletic imagery in his arguments, and so we'll be running after that idea in our current sermon series. For as Coubertin once noted, the most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. And we can't really close our rings without you!

UPCOMING SERMONS

JULY 25 | **TEAMWORK: RELAY RELIGION** | 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27
Special guest Jason Burnham preaching at 8:30 and 10:30 Traditional;
Pastor Hall preaching at 10:30 Contemporary.

AUG 01 | **TREASURE: EYES ON THE PRIZE** | PHILIPPIANS 3.10-14
Pastor Temple preaching at 8:30 and 10:30 Traditional;
Pastor Hall preaching at 10:30 Contemporary.

AUG 08 | **TRUTH: THE GREAT REVERSAL** | MARK 10:26-31
Pastor Temple preaching at 8:30 and 10:30 Traditional;
Pastor Conway preaching at 10:30 Contemporary.

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30 AM • JULY 18, 2021

Welcome home to worship! As a means of caring for each other, in this service we ask that you keep your face covering on for our entire time together. Children in worship are invited to pick up a take-home activity packet on the tree on the landing for use in worship and afterwards.

PRELUDE

Sparrow Blues arr. Joe Utterback
BETH MCCONNELL

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Cornerstone

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

OFFERING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stand By Me with Canon in D
arr. Paul Hankinson

Giving today may be made online at christchurchsl.org/give, or at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please register attendance online today at christchurchsl.org/attend.

LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

Matthew 10:5-16

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER GAMES

"Trials: A Sacrament for Failure"
PASTOR C. CHAPPELL TEMPLE

*CLOSING SONG

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee Reprise



REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE
OR GIVE ONLINE

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** in Covenant Hall today are donated to say, "Happy Birthday," to Pastor Johnson, from his parents.

If you would like to commemorate a special event, donations of altar flowers may be made by signing up on the calendar in the hallway next to Pastor Dan's office, or by contacting Jan Randolph at jan@christchurchsl.org.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM • JULY 18, 2021

Welcome to worship! To care for each other, those in the mask-only section are asked to keep their face-coverings on throughout the service. Activity packets for children are available on the tree on the landing.

PRELUDE

Sparrow Blues arr. Joe Utterback
BETH McCONNELL

GREETING

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms (UMH 133)
Standing On The Promises (UMH 374)

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art
DORCEAL DUCKENS, SOLO

SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

Stand By Me with Canon in D
arr. Paul Hankinson

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
arr. Marianne Kim



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**Please stand as you are able.*

Our Bride's Room is also open for the use of parents or those needing more privacy.

BACK TO SCHOOL /
BACK TO CHURCH

BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY
AUG 14

FOOD TRUCKS • SNOW CONES
BOUNCE HOUSE • MOVIE

Ready to get back into a good routine? Join us on Saturday, August 14, from 5 - 8 pm, as we kick off the fall with a block party in our parking lot. Bring the whole family for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The whole community is invited—be sure to ask your neighbors and friends to join in the fun!

RELAY READING OF ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT IN SANCTUARY — 6 AM TO 6 PM

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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GREETING

LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

Matthew 10:5-16

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER GAMES

"Trials: A Sacrament for Failure"

PASTOR R. DEANDRE JOHNSON

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONGS

Open Up The Heavens
Christ Be Magnified

CLOSING SONG

Come Thou Fount

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SARAH STEWART

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

OFFERING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Us Your Heart

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CHRIST CHURCH
ONLINE
WEDNESDAYS IN
JULY @ 7 PM
LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG

Need a little midweek lift? During July, our pastors are providing a digital-only 20 minute worship experience at 7 pm each Wednesday, followed by some additional time to connect. This digital series is all about "Living Large in Christ." Log in for a brief message, music, and prayers, with a live chat and prayer support.

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on July 11 was Aiden Parker, pictured with his big sister Elle and parents, Nick and Jill Parker. Proud grandparents are Robert and Sunday Coffman.



PRAYERS

In Our Prayers:

Debbie Meier; Stephen Bezecny's mother; Cathy Alexander's mother; Lynn DeBlance's daughter; Gail McClendon's sister; Christina King

Our Love & Sympathy:

Family and friends of David Carter; Family and friends of Virginia Morrison; Karthi Selvaraj on the death of her friend

Prayers of Joy:

Jim Jehovics; Carol Maa; Brad Vanderford's mother; Brad and Janet Vanderford's newborn grandsons; Mary Jane Pharis' husband; Majane Martin's niece and family

You may submit any prayer requests 24 hours a day by visiting our website at christchurchsl.org/prayer. For confidential spiritual care, please connect with Stephen Ministry at christchurchsl.org/stephenministry.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

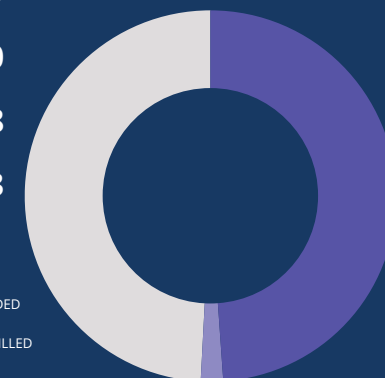
Received this week: **\$48,859**

2021 Annual Budget: **\$2,800,000**

Projected Year-to-Date: **\$1,428,488**

Received Year-to-Date: **\$1,398,943**

51% OF BUDGET NEEDED
49% OF BUDGET FULFILLED



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GIVE THEM
FOOD AND
A SMILE!



Want to be a DRIVING FORCE in our community? Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels is gearing up to restart daily deliveries in August, and drivers are needed. Drivers typically deliver once a week, but any schedule can be accommodated

To connect with our elderly neighbors and watch the joy unfold, or to find out more, email Sue Lang at slang26@comcast.net.

Join us
for...

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS WITH THE CHOSEN

Sundays | 5 - 6:30 pm | Sanctuary, Nursery, FLC

It was a vicious condition with no known cure and the only hope for relief was death. Until, that is, Jesus showed up in the life of one leper. Join us for a vivid telling of a life-changing encounter tonight with Episode 6 of "The Chosen." Previous episodes are available on our website if you've missed them, and along with the study, programs for children and youth are also offered. Come and see what God can do!

UMW BINGO MIXER

Tuesday, July 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Gathering Hall

We had so much fun in June, we are doing it again. Bring a friend and enjoy a night of fun! Everyone is invited to come play BINGO! There will be pizza, salad, sweet fellowship, and prizes. Entrance is \$12 per person. Children welcome. All proceeds support our various local missions. Free child care available with an advance reservation. Please RSVP to Pat Stone at umw@christchurchsl.org.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is still serving homeless families in our community despite the current social distancing restrictions. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, please contact Kira Halcarz at **832. 654.9356** or Kira.halcarz@gmail.com for more information. Please keep the families in need and the many volunteers of Family Promise in your prayers.

CALLING ALL FRIENDLY FACES

As we are gearing up for our "Back To School / Back To Church" focus in the Fall, we have a greater need for Sunday morning greeters at both of our entrances! Do you enjoy saying "Hello" and making others feel welcome? Contact Kim Ripley at kimr@christchurchsl.org to learn more about how to get involved.

Worship
WITH US ON SUNDAYS

BLENDED SERVICE (masks required) | 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL SERVICE | 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | 10:30 am in Covenant Hall

To worship from home, visit CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/LIVESTREAM.



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