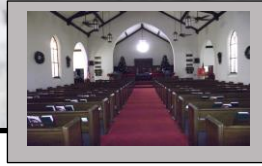


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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First Things First ...

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, THE God of Israel lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." 1 Kings 17:1

It is hot and dry! Social media is replete with "cute" quotes about the heat and drought in Texas. Serious as it may be, this climate condition pales when compared to the drought Elijah announced to Ahab. Jesus revealed that the rain disappeared for three years and six months (Luke 4:25). Solomon, in the Spirit, received from the Lord, *"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:13-14) I propose all three harmful conditions plague our nation today.

That a drought exists is easily seen. Referring to a map depicting drought conditions, one finds over half of the nation experiencing abnormally dry conditions, with large swaths of the western U.S. having extreme or exceptional drought. Much of the country's food and fiber production is experiencing both short- and long-term effects because the "heavens are shut up."

Likewise, the pestilence assaulting humans can readily be found. COVID-related illnesses, monkeypox, the first recorded case of polio to be diagnosed in several decades, cancer, heart diseases, neurological syndromes/diseases...this list could extend to extreme lengths. Both old and new health problems attack people of all ages. This includes those diseases generated through flagrant disregard of God's created and intended morality (see Romans 1:18-32). Plagues have not ceased, but a case can easily be presented revealing the multiplying and intensifying of pestilence.

At least locusts are not devouring our land...or are they? The food supply was disappearing before the drought began. Shortages of many consumer products are becoming the norm. Inflation and production costs eat away at any income, earned or produced. The day will come when the federal government must increase taxation to offset its largess because there seems to be no limit to the spending budgets being formulated. Children are indoctrinated with a corrupted pseudo-history and anti-Biblical morality, both in school curriculum and through current social and entertainment media. False gods are exalted, while the TRUE GOD is vilified and ridiculed. These "locusts" and many others are devouring the land.

Despite that negativity, we have hope and instruction to turn around these dire circumstances! It is a call to those identifying by the name of the One-True God. That is by those calling themselves “Christian.” They are to be humble, confessing that in and of themselves, they can do nothing. They rely only and completely on their Heavenly Father. They pray fervently and regularly. Singularly and corporately: they pray. At home and in the congregation: they pray. They pray asking forgiveness for themselves and the nation. They seek God’s face: reading, studying, and discussing the Bible to know the Lord and His will. They examine themselves and leave behind any worldliness, no longer conforming to this world but being transformed into the image of Christ through the renewing of the mind by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Romans 12-14). In such a Christ-centered, Spirit-fueled relationship, the Father will heal the land! As the gospel song declares: “It is no secret what God can do. What He’s done for others, He’ll do for you. With arms wide open, He’ll pardon you. It is no secret what God can do.”*

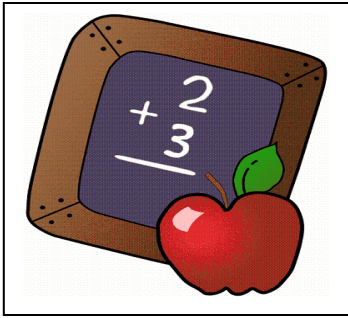
Remember: Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier

**It Is No Secret; words and music by Stuart Hamblen*

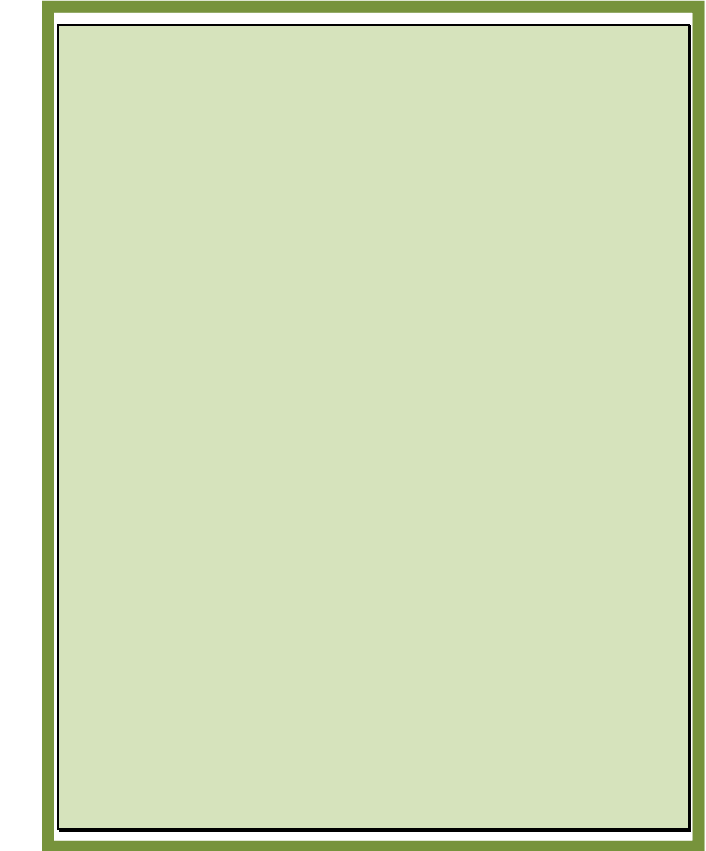
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BIBLE READING SCHEDULE AUGUST 2022

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Isaiah 52	17	Titus 2-3
2	Isaiah 53	18	Philemon
3	Isaiah 54	19	Jeremiah 1
4	Isaiah 55	20	Jeremiah 2
5	Isaiah 56	21	Jeremiah 3
6	Isaiah 57	22	Jeremiah 4
7	Isaiah 58	23	Jeremiah 5
8	Isaiah 59	24	Jeremiah 6
9	Isaiah 60	25	Jeremiah 7
10	Isaiah 61	26	Jeremiah 8
11	Isaiah 62	27	Jeremiah 9
12	Isaiah 63	28	Jeremiah 10
13	Isaiah 64	29	Jeremiah 11
14	Isaiah 65	30	Jeremiah 12
15	Isaiah 66	31	Jeremiah 13
16	Titus 1		



First School And Day Care



The First School has 120 children enrolled. We still have a current wait list. Summer is coming to an end and our VBS is going so well! We are gearing up for a new school year! We have purchased the house next door that will be utilized for our 12 month-24 month age children. We are currently getting bids on the improvements that need to take place. We are looking forward a bright new school year as we expand and continue to work on our new building plans as well. To God be the glory!

Many Blessings,

Bree Joines

First School Director

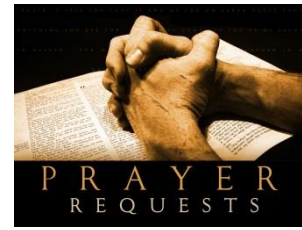
**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, August 9th, 5:00 p.m.**

AUGUST READINGS

- 08/07 Exodus 7:1-7, Psalm 55:4-8,23, Romans 15:8-13, Mark 11:12-14,20-25(26)
- 08/14 Exodus 7:8-13, Psalm 55:9-11,23, Romans 15:14-21, Mark 11:15-19
- 08/21 Exodus 7:14-25. Psalm 55:12-15,23, Romans 15:22-33, Mark 11:27-33
- 08/28 Exodus 8:1-15, Psalm 55:16-19,23, Romans 16:1-16, Mark 12:1-12



- 08/03 Gaynard Wigginton
- 08/05 Alvin Yackel
- 08/06 Haley Orsak
- 08/07 Daniela Rodriguez
- 08/11 Clyde Grier
- 08/12 Milton Johnson
- 08/18 Axel Koudela
- 08/21 Lionel Chatel
- 08/23 Liam Joines
- 08/27 Nikolas Woodson
- 08/28 Ronald Chambles
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna
- 08/31 Heather Langston



Our FLC Family

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Charles Bard
- Ron Chambles
- Shirley Chatel
- Lynda Christenberry
- Nora Hollingsworth
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Family of Diane Nelson
- Lloyd Nelson
- Odis Newton
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Becky Sample

- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Ruth Speckels
- Bentley

Friends of FLC

- Albina Joines



List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.

- 08/01 Dorothy Atchetee
- 08/01 Jan Nelson
- 08/01 Diane Stewart
- 08/03 David Kight
- 08/06 Dagny Thane
- 08/13 Helen Kight
- 08/13 Ruth Speckels
- 08/25 Lionel Chatel
- 08/25 Matthew Stewart
- 08/29 Landon Thane
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



- 08/14 Jimmy & Sharon Nielsen



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 18th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

**Classrooms and labs,
loud boiling test tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band,
loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song!**

*He has done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him
with a new song!*

From "Earth and All Stars!"

FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Monday, August 1st. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. The teams are still providing over 200 meals each time they serve. This is an important outreach effort helping those in our community who are in need of a meal. Thank you to all who are able to help prepare food, serve, and clean up!

WOMEN OF THE WORD

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, August 7th

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



O God, giver and sustainer
of life, in this time of need
send us the gentle rain, so
that we may receive the
fruits of the earth for our
benefit and for your
praise; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

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LCMC 22nd Annual Gathering

October 2-5, 2022

Hosanna Church

Lakeville, Minnesota

Theme: Discipleship

Keynote Speakers -- Fellowship -- Worship

Bible Study -- Networking -- Vendors

Breakout Sessions - Recognitions

For more information visit:

www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering

August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Manna Meals 5-6:30PM FLCEC Team serves</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive</i>	8	9 <i>First School Board Meeting 5PM</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i>	15	16 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	17	18 <i>Church Council Meeting 6PM</i>	19	20
21 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i>	29	30	31			

August Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Lionel Chatel

SEXTON: Jimmy Nielsen

USHERS: Kirk Marek, Ted Schoenfield

ALTAR GUILD: Karen & David Kight

ACOLYTES

7th
14th
21st
28th

READER

Ted Schoenfield
Calvin Borak
Cathy Schoenfield
Diane Stewart

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



AUGUST FLOWER CALENDAR

7th Kirk & Pat Marek
14th Open
21st Open
28th Open

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Helen Marie Kight, Organist
Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School*



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Cindy Mathews, Jimmy Nielsen*

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.