

# Gainesville Christian

July 2017

## Prayer Needs

John DeVito

Jean DeVito

Sue Goodwin-Dyer

Lucy Wright

Betty Monroe-Martinez

Bernice Wilkinson-Smusz

Barbara Baar

Juanita Hampton



Through the sun I see the Son!  
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## July at a Glance

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## First Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, July 5 @ 6:00 pm



## First Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday, July 5 @ 5:30pm

Come one, come all to First Wednesday Fellowship and enjoy some good old-fashioned ballpark favorites. Nachos anyone?

## Come for the Ice Cream—Stay for the Swimming!

As a 'Thank You' to the congregation, our wonderful Youth have reserved the Gainesville swimming pool from 7:00-9:00 pm on July 23rd. We will merge the Ice Cream Social from 6:00-7:00 pm, at the Pavilion in Leonard Park, with the youth swim activities.

We could use volunteers to bring ice cream and assorted treats (cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats!). If you would like to contribute to the treats in any shape or fashion, please contact Steven Sutton at 940-736-1843 (text if you wish!) or find the sign-up sheet in the church kitchen.

**Brrr...** Wow, has it ever been cold outside or what? Who would've thought we'd have such a cold spell in July in Texas? It's just not right when you have to dig out your winter coats in the summer.

Speaking of coats...it's time to be thinking about "Coats for Kids." So during this cold spell we're having in July, we're asking you to "Clean Out Your Pockets for Kids." Just empty your pockets of any change, bills or checks. Place your money in the envelopes found in the pews or look for the special coat container,



Our goal is to provide a coat to every child in need in Cooke County this winter. 100% of the money donated to Coats for Kids goes directly into buying coats for kids. Clean out your pockets this month and help keep a kid warm this winter.

## FCC Website

Have you seen our updated website yet?

Check it out at  
[www.fccgainesville.com](http://www.fccgainesville.com)

## The Wax Man Cometh

From Monday, July 10, to Friday, July 14, the church is having our floors waxed. Property Chairperson Tommy Mann asks that we all be careful that week and try to stay off the floors as much as possible for our own safety.



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## Mark's Remarks



Our eyes can fool us. We are each captive to our own way of seeing things, struggling to see the world from any perspective but our own. Sometimes we look away, afraid of what we might see or afraid of what it might mean to see things differently than we usually do. Wisdom shines a light on what we look at, and God is the source of that illumination.

In Matthew 11: 28-30 Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give

you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Do you ever get tired? I do. Sometimes I get so worn out I can't remember why I'm doing what I'm doing. I can't see the finish line. But instead of telling me to put it all down, Jesus walks up beside me and shares my load.

Following God is a lifetime commitment. It's a HUGE goal made up of every choice,

word, and deed done throughout every day. It's not a commitment we can put down and walk away from when we're tired or don't know which way to go. Instead, we get Jesus walking next to us, yoking us together, offering support and encouragement, giving us a guide and a steady rhythm to follow. Taking from us the need to control it all. Allowing our souls to rest. Guiding us to find our way. Calling us to learn community. Showing us how to follow God – again.

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Dear First Christian Church Family,

Mom and Dad (Guy and Helen Bosley) have been worshipping with the First Christian Church more than fifty three years. Mark, we know the last fourteen years of your pastorate has given Mom and Dad some of their greatest spiritual fulfillment. Also, because the church family truly practices the "ONE ANOTHERS" you preached about Sunday, our parents know they are prayed for, respected, encouraged, cared for, and above all, loved!

Because First Christian is so girded with love it was obvious to see their anniversary celebration was a worship service dedicated to the Lord.

Hopefully, Marge and I thanked everyone personally that played such an integral part serving those in attendance. One oversight that needs to be corrected is my failure to publically acknowledge Kaye and Stephen for making the audio/visual portion of the anniversary a complete success. Please accept our gratitude for your contribution.

From Mom, Dad, Marge, and I, please accept a heartfelt thank you to all the friends, family and guests who were present at the anniversary celebration. In addition, those of you who were unable to attend but had them in your prayers, made calls, and sent cards, they were truly honored.

Blessings: Guy and Helen & Bos and Marge



**Youth  
Volunteering  
at VISTO  
Thank you!**



**Saturday, July 8th ~ 9:00 am**

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It looks like the 2017 VBS—Hero Central was a huge success.

We want to thank everyone who helped us with VBS. All of the children loved it and we even had some who left in tears on the last day, because they didn't want it to end.



# July Elder Serving Schedule

Date	Communion Meditation	Words of Institution	Prayer of Thanksgiving
July 2	Mark Loewen	Roger Staats	Paul Hassell
July 9	Bill McPherson	Lucy Sutton	Crystal Wright
July 16	Dorothy Lewis	Ralph Lewis	Paul Hassell
July 23	Shirley Weems	Paul Hassell	Bill McPherson
July 30	Roger Staats	Greg Ellyett	Joanne Bouldin

# July Deacon Serving Schedule

Communion Preparation	Gary & Sharon James
July 2	Dale Terry, Sharma Smith, Wally Cox, Sherri Holley
July 9	Rick Schofield, Derrick Lumpkin, Bill & Janice Richey
July 16	Marcia Seeber, Steven Sutton, Steve & Brenda Kitchen
July 23	Derrick Campbell, Paula Sage, Gary & Sharon James
July 30	Ron & Beverly Ellis, Sharma Smith, Dale Terry



6 - Annette Sanders  
 6 - Jerry Hankins  
 10 - Paula Sage  
 11 - Sylvia Cave  
 11 - Roger Martin  
 14 - Alex Turner  
 14 - Janet Cox  
 16 - Kaye Campbell  
 16 - Luke Mangrum  
 17 - Lorrie Schofield  
 18 - Debbie Erb  
 18 - Arnold Acker  
 21 - Diane Joyce  
 23 - Don Cave  
 25 - Avylin Escabedo  
 26 - Chris Hanks  
 26 - Tobias Ikpah  
 27 - Martha Montoya  
 28 - R. D. Cawyer  
 31 - Sarah Loewen  
 31 - Mark Loewen



## KID'S News! ~ KID'S News! KID'S News!



**July 5th - Depart from church @ 9:00 am**

### First Stop ~ Circle N Family Dairy

Milk Cows , Bottle Feed the baby cows,  
Tour the Milking Facilities

Sample the fresh milk (strawberry, white or chocolate)

**Everyone must sign up in advance on the sign-in sheet  
in the Fellowship Hall**

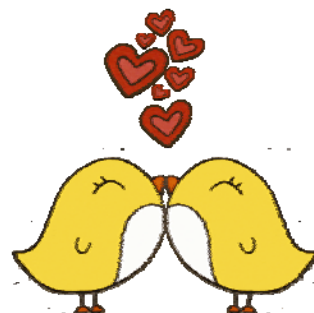
### Second Stop ~ Wild Berry Farm

Hay ride, Meet and learn about their precious critters  
Slide down 'Slide Hill' and much more...



July 3rd

*Steven & Lucy Sutton*



**Sunday Morning**

8:30 am - Elder's Prayer Time

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship Service

11:15 am - After Church

Fellowship

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**JULY**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Church office closed  Happy 4th of July	5 9:00 am Field Trip to Dairy & Berry Farm  5:30 pm First Wednesday Fellowship	6	7	8 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
9 Outreach Team Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15 
	July 10th—14th All Church floors will be waxed this week. No activities in the building this week.					
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23 6:00 pm—Ice Cream Social  7:00-9:00 pm Swim party	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 6:00 pm Board Meeting	31					



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[fccgainesville.com](http://fccgainesville.com)

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July 23rd  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
The Pavilion at  
Leonard Park

Bring Ice Cream or Treats

COME JOIN US



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Gainesville Pool @  
Leonard Park  
Hosted by  
FCC Youth