



RESTING IN JESUS

ILLUMINATING PARTNERSHIPS OF FAITH

Sweet fellowship,
wonderful speaker, and
some great salads.
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Faith

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We have new Sunday
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LIFEHOUSE BACK TO SCHOOL

LifeHouse is having a Back
to School Party. How can
you help?
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LIFEHOUSE



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We all need to be reminded of this - The Bible Is Very Encouraging About Rest!! The Word in Genesis talks about God resting on the 7th Day after Creation. In Exodus we are reminded to "keep the Sabbath holy" and in Leviticus we are reminded to rest and to let the "land rest". In Hebrews, we are invited to "strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience". Later in Matthew, we are invited to "cast our cares on Him". It goes on and on.

Rest doesn't come easy for many of us. Sometimes, we feel guilty for resting. Let's

change that way of thinking. Let's think of it as being obedient to God's call to rest. And let's think of it as refreshment and renewal. I read somewhere recently that rest is difficult for us because we have to trust God completely to take over what we have laid down! I have never thought of it that way. However, we all know Control is a big issue for us all. God knows what is best for us and He knows that when we are overwhelmed and overworked, we can be more easily tempted. Resting in Jesus is a Good Thing. We can spend more time in The Word, in prayer and in Listening! Jesus offers us a kind of rest that the world doesn't understand or appreciate. Even in the midst of our trials and tribulations, we can rest easy knowing that God is in charge and that He will take care of us.

All that said - We Are Resting In August! Lamplighter's Team will be taking the month of August off to rest and renew! We will answer emergency calls

from our rescue partners, but we will not host any events. We will keep up with our Facebook and Instagram pages so that you will know what's coming up and will know about prayer requests we receive. We want to enjoy time with our families, and more time delving into prayer and the word so that we may more fully understand God's Will for our group.

We hope you all will continue to pray for our group and our leadership. We will be ready to jump back into work in September! In the meantime, try to carve out a little rest for yourself. We want to present our best selves to The Lord, so take a nap, watch a movie, curl up with your Bible and just read! God will refresh and renew and strengthen our spirits!

Pam Bluestein

VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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."

-Mat 11: 28-30 NIV



WELCOME DAVID LEE!



We want to welcome David Lee, our new Director of Music, We are so excited about his many amazing talents. The possibilities for the future of our music department are endless with him leading. If you have not heard him sing yet, be prepared to be blown away. His voice is absolutely amazing! Be sure to give him a warm welcome the next time you see him.

So Glad You're Here!

*Looking forward to getting
to know you!*

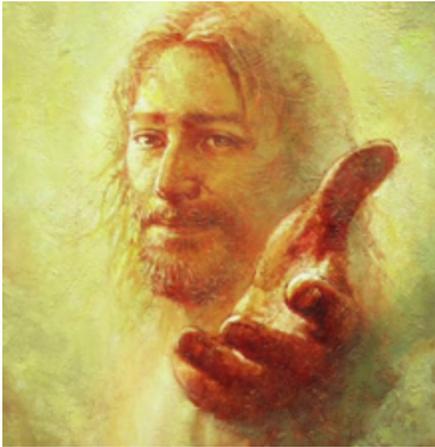
WELCOME HOBBS FAMILY!

We want to give a big welcome to our new pastor, Marquice Hobbs and his beautiful wife Chantelle! We are so excited to have them join our church family! We love the energy and conviction Pastor Hobbs brings to his teachings. We love his smile, honesty, and genuineness. We are so blessed to have him and Chantelle join our church family and look forward to growing together in-Christ with them.



Debbie Grenier

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?



Christianity is supposed to be action oriented! If we love God sacrificially and radically, then it naturally leads to all sorts of practical actions that help people! Are you looking to step out in faith and help people? Join our Lamplighter Team! We are 100% Team Jesus and we would welcome your love, thoughts and work for The Kingdom! Here are a couple of open spots:

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Do you have a heart for Restorative Justice? Love babies? We have just the spot for you! We are looking for someone to be on our BAMBI/WHO Committee to help coordinate visits and gifts.

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We could really use an official Secretary. This person takes and distributes notes for our Team Meetings and also organizes and manages our document storage.

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Child Advocates has a great Treasure Room for the children. We are in need of someone to coordinate dates and times for a group to go over and organize the cabinets and drawers as donations come into the center.

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We work as a team, so you will

never be without help or support! We are rapidly expanding our footprint in the community and within the church to love and nurture women and children any way we can. And - We Are Fun!! Let us know if you have an interest in getting involved as we

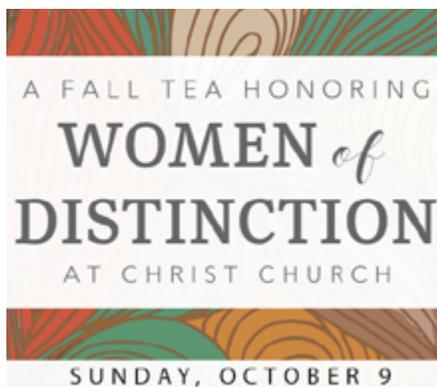
***Grow Together
Serve Together
Fellowship Together!***

This is not a complete list. We have lots and lots of opportunities for you to work out your sanctification; and we are very flexible. If you feel the Lord calling you in a specific area or way, come talk to us. We are here to walk along side you.

Email us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org

Pam Bluestein

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINATIONS OPEN!



Since 2018 we have been honoring our own women from

Christ Church and their "behind the scenes" work for The Kingdom. We have been blessed to lift up women from so many areas of ministry in our church. Nominations for our upcoming Women of Distinction Tea are now open. If you would like to offer a confidential nomination of a laywoman here at Christ Church, please email us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org with her name and why she should be considered for a WOD nomination.

This year, our Annual WOD Tea will be on Sunday, Oct. 9th. It's not too early to mark your calendar!

Oct. 9
Save the Date!

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ILLUMINATING PARTNERSHIPS OF FAITH

We have a new logo, an updated vision/mission statement, new leadership voting procedures, yet many of the same partnerships and missions.

"Grow", "Serve", "Fellowship", these are all action words and this is what we did at the recent get together on July 31st. It is always so sweet to get together as a group and to be encouraged by one another. It was **so** good seeing some friends I haven't seen in awhile! My heart is always filled after spending sweet time with y'all and I look forward to more time together as we continue to grow and serve.

One of the ways we serve is through partnerships with other organizations in our area. All these organizations are doing 'boots on the ground' work

for God's Kingdom and we are so blessed to partner with them. *Child Advocates of Fort Bend* (CAFB) is one of our top partners. Lindsey Castellanos, the Community Outreach Coordinator at CAFB gave an overview of what they do to help vulnerable children in our local community and some ideas on how we can continue to walk alongside them in this work. Lamplighters currently makes and donates blankets to give to the children who come in scared and in need of comfort. We also have started a new mission to work in their Treasure Room, a type of gift place for the kids. We hope to do even more with them and hope you will join us.

However, CAFB is not our only partner. As we saw from the

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beautiful slide show created by Diane Sindelar, Lamplighters has many partnerships which reach out to women and children. And we are so very blessed to have dedicated women coordinating our efforts in serving these missions! Thanks to all the wonderful women of faith on our team! Check out the last page in the newsletter for a list of all our coordinators. I pray the slideshow and our leaders have inspired you! Know that you always have a place walking alongside us as we serve God's people. If you feel the Holy Spirit is prompting you in a certain area of service, I invite you to come talk with us. We have a mission for you. Or, maybe you have an idea for a new partner? We love finding new ways to reach out to women and children in our community.

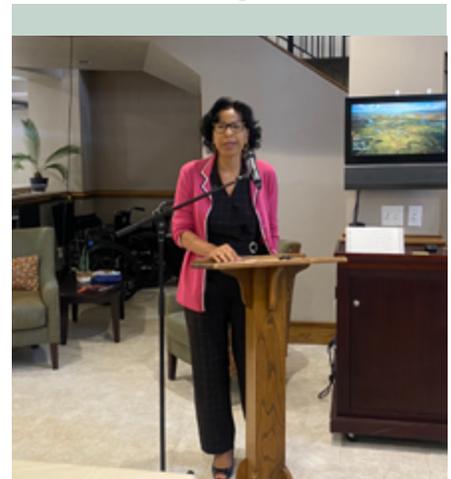
I hope you enjoyed all the salads at the luncheon! Watch our Facebook page for the recipes and give a hug to the many ladies who contributed!

Thanks to Pastor Michelle and all she does for our group, Thanks to Diane Sindelar for her beautiful singing. And many many thanks to all the women of faith at Christ Church who walk alongside us in so many different ways!!

I look forward to growing in faith as we continue to serve and fellowship together! As Pastor Marquice says, may our example "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable".

Debbie Grenier

Photos by Debbie Grenier and Debbie Seime



FUN FOR EVERYONE!



BINGO!

FUN!

What a ball we had in July playing Bingo! We had a big crowd, great prizes and it's always great when moms and dads bring the kids to play! It does make for a great family night!

If you have never come to play Bingo, or Bunco, we invite you to give it a try! Not a game player? Just come for the food and fellowship! It is a sweet time! We will be playing **Bunco on Tuesday evening, Sept. 20th,**

so mark your calendars now!

Thank you to Pat Stone for coordinating all our food and drinks and to Sandra Vautrain and Debbie Grenier for coming early to help set up!

Pam Bluestein
Photos by Debbie Grenier



Join us for Ladies Bunco in September!

6:30-8:30pm Gathering Hall



TUESDAY, SEPT. 20





This year *LifeHouse* will be doing a virtual drive where folks can sponsor individual children to get all of their school supply needs taken care of. They are planning to have around 100 children to give backpacks to this year!

Each sponsorship costs \$40 and will include a backpack and all the school supplies that the child will need for the year. LifeHouse will make all the purchases and will be distributing them to the families. Because of your support, Lamplighters

was able to contribute \$200. Thank you! If you would like to personally sponsor a child, click this link to sign up: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/back2school4lifehouse>

On Aug. 12th, Lamplighters will also be delivering desserts to help their Back to School celebration. All desserts are welcomed. Contact Ida at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org if you would like to participate.



Ida Fulbright

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We often get things sent to us here at the church and dropped off in our bin; and on some occasions a financial gift given anonymously. Just recently, we received school supplies and other items from some wonderful people who knew about our toiletry and school supply drive!

We may not always know from whom these gifts come, but we want to say **THANK YOU!!!** Your gifts mean so much to us and to those women and children who will be the direct beneficiaries of these gifts. We just want everyone to know that we recognize and honor your generosity. Thank You for sharing God's Love and your own!

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

-Colossians 3:15 NIV

Pam Bluestein



CAC TREASURE ROOM



Lamplighter members are planning a trip to the Children's Advocacy Center the afternoon of Wednesday, August 17, to continue work in the Treasure Room. This is the room where toys, games, crafts, books, baby items and much more are stored for children and teens served by the center. We will be sorting and storing newly donated items and adding labels to cabinets and bins. We would love to have you join us in this

ministry. We are in need of a permanent coordinator, or co-coordinator, and women to join the "Treasure Room Team". The Treasure Room Team sends a few members to the center each month to work in the Treasure Room. A member may go every month or less frequently. The mission coordinator typically visits the center every 2-3 weeks to check the room status and talk with staff about any special needs. This ministry is fun and rewarding, and it's a joy to support the CAFB staff. They are extremely appreciative since an organized Treasure Room makes their jobs much easier.

During our July visit to the center, Lamplighters learned that the need for volunteers increases dramatically in early December when the CAC begins collecting holiday and Christmas gifts for children and

teens. If your schedule allows, please volunteer with us during that busy month. Frequent visits may be needed to better support the staff in their efforts to provide a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays to the children and families they serve.

Tara Velasco



IAMercy VISIT



On Sunday, July 31, Christ Church was blessed to have Seth Johnson, CEO of IAMercy, preach from Luke 10:25-37 about the story of the Good Samaritan. We were told to prioritize needy people over our religious rituals, to be motivated by compassion not self-preservation, and to

care for people who are in need around us regardless of their race or religion. We were reminded that love asks to whom can I be a neighbor. As members of the Lamplighters, we work hard to abide by what Seth had to say. At the close of the sermon Seth told the story of Bridget and her son, Leon. Bridget was from Uganda & orphaned after both parents died. She came to Kenya to be with her older sister. She soon fell in love with a man, married, and became pregnant. Her husband told her she had to have an abortion. Bridget said, "No, she was keeping her baby." She moved back to her sister's place and was kicked out after she revealed her pregnancy. She was living on the streets

when Bridget found her way to Shiloh's Cradle, a program for pregnant teenage girls. Her son, Leon, was born and recently celebrated his first birthday this past May. Bridget volunteered at IAMercy to help others in need and most recently became staff with the ministry. Last year when Seth came to Christ Church we contributed money to Shiloh's Cradle, so our donation helped Bridget, Leon, & others like them have a fresh start on their lives. This year we will be giving \$300 for Shiloh's Cradle. May the Lord use it to help other young girls and their babies. Thanks be to God!

Sandra Vautrain

IMMUNIZATIONS MONTH

Immunizations have been a hot topic in the news lately, but this article will focus on childhood, travel, and other routine vaccinations. Childhood immunizations are crucial to provide children with immunity to possibly life-threatening diseases prior to exposure to them. These vaccines have been extensively tested to ensure safety and efficacy. Very small amounts of antigens in the vaccines help strengthen the child's immune system and prompt it to learn to recognize and fight these serious diseases. The timing of the vaccinations on the CDC's schedule is based upon how a child's immune system responds to vaccines and how likely they are to be exposed to diseases at various ages.

It has been observed that the pandemic has interrupted many aspects of routine preventative care, including childhood immunizations. The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF report that in 2021, they hoped to catch up the cohort of children that may have missed out on vaccines during the pandemic in 2020. Using the DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine as a marker, WHO and UNICEF's data found that this was not the case - the percentage of children who received the full 3 doses of the DTaP vaccine

decreased 5% from 2019 to 2021 to 81%, which is the lowest vaccination rate since 2008. The CDC reports that among kindergarteners, the vaccination rate for the 2020-2021 school year was 1% less than in the 2019-2020 school year, and overall, a 14% decrease (in all ages). That doesn't sound like much, but that 1% represents 35,000 kindergarteners who are not adequately protected by vaccines. Texas has minimum vaccination requirements for students prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to public or private schools or child-care facilities. These include DTaP, Polio, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), Hepatitis A, Varicella (chicken pox), and starting at age 11, Hepatitis B and Meningococcal vaccines. Required immunizations must be completed by the first day of school, or exemption filed, or the child will not be permitted to start school.

One reason that it is so important for as many children as possible to be up-to-date on their vaccinations is to provide "herd immunity" for those children who may not be able to get the vaccine for medical reasons or those whose immunity is low, such as those fighting cancer or undergoing an organ transplant. The more people in a group that are vaccinated, the fewer chances the virus has to spread, and this protects the few individuals who cannot be vaccinated. Measles is a good example of the importance of vaccination; it is a highly contagious disease that can cause very serious side effects, especially for children under 5. The United States declared measles eliminated in 2000 due to strong immunization campaigns, but then in 2019, 1200 cases of measles were reported, the highest number of cases since 1992. Only 2 doses of the MMR vaccine are required during childhood to prevent measles and its serious side effects (like pneumonia, blindness, and swelling of the brain) for a lifetime. It is so important to continue with vaccinations to support the CDC's goal of vaccine-preventable disease eradication and elimination. The only disease that has been successfully completely eradicated in the world is smallpox. The CDC has a goal to eradicate polio as

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well, with goals to eliminate (defined as the absence of a disease in a specific geographic area) measles and rubella.

Since families are traveling once again, you need to plan ahead to be sure your family will be protected from diseases you may encounter at your destination. The CDC has a helpful guide on their website: you can choose the country to which you are traveling and it will pull up the current immunization recommendations, as well as ways to minimize chance of contracting non-vaccine-preventable diseases, such as avoiding contaminated food or water, bug bites, and potentially infectious animals. Vaccines which may be recommended for certain countries include yellow fever, rabies, typhoid, and Japanese or tick-borne encephalitis. Prescription medication to prevent malaria may also be recommended. Consult your doctor at least a month prior to your trip to allow plenty of time for your family to be adequately vaccinated.

Another category of vaccines to think about are those needed during pregnancy (or for new grandparents). The CDC states that the “benefits of vaccinating pregnant women usually outweigh potential risks when the likelihood of disease exposure is high, when infection would pose a risk to the mother or fetus, and when the vaccine is unlikely to cause harm.” There is no evidence suggesting any risk to the fetus with an inactivated vaccine, and so the only vaccines contraindicated during pregnancy would be live attenuated virus or live bacterial, such as MMR or Varicella. It is recommended that the pregnant woman receive some vaccinations specifically during pregnancy in order to pass antibodies and their protection on to her baby, such as Tdap (recommended between 27 and 36 weeks gestation) and the influenza vaccine (at any time during pregnancy as long as it is the inactivated or recombinant vaccine). For this vaccine, the children’s shot is abbreviated DTaP, and the adult version is Tdap; still covers diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Babies cannot get a pertussis vaccine until they are 2 months old, or an influenza vaccine until they are 6 months old, so the antibodies from mom will help protect them until they can get a dose. Pertussis, or whooping cough, can be extremely serious for babies under 1 year of age, and about half of those infected will need hospitalization. It is recommended for



adults to have a Tdap booster every 10 years. This means that all adult caregivers who will be around a newborn need to be up-to-date on their Tdap and influenza vaccines 2 weeks before they meet the baby to provide the best protection.

This brings me to the last group who needs to be up-to-date on vaccines, and that’s you....the adults. Many vaccines are given before the age of 18, but you need to keep a few in mind as you get older. The CDC publishes a current Adult Immunization Schedule on their website. Annual flu vaccines are always a good idea, and there is a higher dose vaccine recommended for adults 65 years and older. The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

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vaccine can be given to people up to age 45 to prevent HPV infection, which can lead to cervical, oral, or genital cancers, as well as genital warts. Speak to your doctor about your risk for new HPV infection and the potential benefit for vaccination. The Recombinant Zoster vaccine (RZV) is given to prevent shingles for people 50 and older (2 doses). Even if you don't remember having chicken pox as a child/young adult, the CDC reports that over 99% of adults aged 50 and older have been exposed to the varicella-zoster virus, and therefore need to get the RZV vaccine to prevent shingles. The Pneumococcal vaccine is also recommended for adults 65 and older to prevent pneumonia (usually only 1 dose). There are a few different pneumococcal vaccines, all of which protect against multiple strains of pneumococcal bacteria, so please ask your doctor which one would be most appropriate for you. Lastly, you may not be able to remember the last time you received a Tdap booster, and that probably means that it's time to get one, even more so if a close family member may be expecting a new baby. The recommendations that I discussed for adult vaccinations are based upon those with normal immune systems; if you have other conditions or are taking medications that may affect your immunity, please speak with your doctor about which vaccines are appropriate for you and at what age.

There are many instances of myths and misinformation regarding vaccines being widely spread, especially on social media and elsewhere

on the internet. If you have a question about vaccine safety, efficacy, dosing, or anything else, please ask your physician, or go to a trusted, verified online source. Do your own research, don't be influenced by someone else's opinion, and please don't share misinformation yourself without checking facts first. The CDC has some mythbusting facts here about COVID-19 vaccines, and also has a list of credible sources to visit regarding general vaccine information.



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Help provide **NEW** tennis shoes for students serviced through *FBISD Shared Dreams*, *LCISD Common Threads* programs and other ministries as requested throughout the year. Come to the Gathering Hall or Family Life Center to select a "shoe card" or two and then go shopping for our children in need. Monetary donations are also accepted. All

shoes need to be turned in by **Sunday, August 28**. Contact: Norma at ngwaterous@yahoo.com for questions.

Renee Teel

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE



BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



9:30 - 10:30 am

MOSAIC* WORSHIP

A blended time of praise featuring both traditional hymns and contemporary songs, and the weekly celebration of Communion at the altar.

**mosaic - a combination of many different parts forming one thing*



10:30 - 11:00 am

COFFEE, COOKIES, & CONVERSATION

Come and join others at *Jacob's Well* for a time of fellowship and catching up on all that God is doing in the lives of our members and friends.



11:00 - 12:00 PM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Our sanctuary service with organ, choir, and the great hymns of faith. Communion celebrated monthly on first Sundays.



11:00 - 12:00 PM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An exhilarating worship experience located in Covenant Hall of the Family Life Center, led by our worship band with a children's lesson. Communion celebrated monthly on First Sundays.



GROW WITH US

Psalm 7:10-11 GNT

"God is my protector;
he saves those who obey
him. God is a righteous
judge and always condemns
the wicked."

Psalm 30:4-5 GNT

"Sing praise to the Lord,
all his faithful people!
Remember what the Holy
One has done, and give him
thanks!"

Psalm 51:12 GNT

"Give me again the joy that
comes from your salvation,
and make me willing to
obey you."

Psalm 63:3-5 GNT

"Your constant love is better
than life itself, and so I will
praise you. I will give you
thanks as long as I live; I
will raise my hands to you
in prayer. My soul will feast
and be satisfied, and I will
sing glad songs of praise to
you."

Psalm 34:1-3 GNT

"I will always thank the Lord;
I will never stop praising
him. I will praise him for
what he has done; may all
who are oppressed listen
and be glad! Proclaim with
me the Lord's greatness;
let us praise his name
together!"



SONG OF DAVID

-Psalm 8:1-9 GNT

O Lord, our Lord,

your greatness is seen in all the
world!

Your praise reaches up to the
heavens;

it is sung by children and babies.

You are safe and secure from all
your enemies;

you stop anyone who opposes
you.

When I look at the sky, which
you have made,

at the moon and the stars, which
you set in their places—

what are human beings, that
you think of them;

mere mortals, that you care for
them?

Yet you made them inferior only
to yourself;

you crowned them with glory
and honor.

You appointed them rulers over
everything you made;

you placed them over all
creation:

sheep and cattle, and the wild
animals too;

the birds and the fish

and the creatures in the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

your greatness is seen in all the
world!

Tomi Belgard

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRIST CHURCH



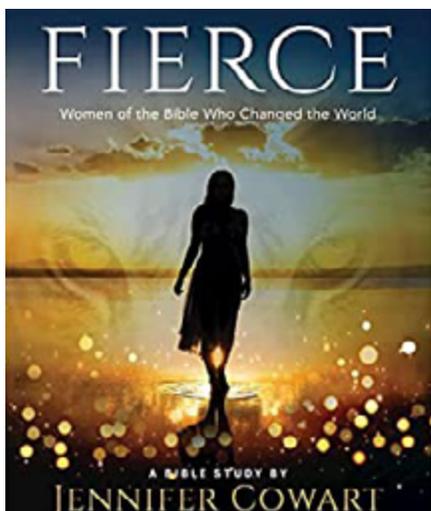
MONDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Monday Bible Study Class is taking a break for the summer. Watch for news on the next study to begin around end of August or beginning of September. For more information, contact Evelyn Smith at evelynasmith@hotmail.com.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Do you want to read and understand your Bible better? The Precepts Bible Study class is for you. We read through one book of the bible in each study and really examine its content using the Inductive Study Method- Observe, Interpret, Apply. The class will soon be finishing its summer study on **Spiritual Gifts**. We have enjoyed learning about the gifts and how they unite the Body of Christ together in service. We will take the month of September off and start our fall study on Tuesday **Oct. 4th**. Watch for news about which book we will study next. Studies include homework and in-class videos. The class meets from 9:30-12:00 in the Library. You can also join via Zoom. All women are welcome! For more information, or to sign up, contact Debbie Grenier at debgrenier@comcast.net



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Thursday Bible Study Class is doing a summer study by Jennifer Cowart called **Fierce: Women of The Bible Who Changed The World**. Class begins at 9:30am in the Faith Corner. There is also an option to Zoom. Books can be ordered through Amazon or by contacting Kim Ripley at kimr@christchurchsl.org. Free childcare is always available by reservation to Sarah Stewart at sarahs@christchurchsl.org. For more information about what the class will be doing next and to sign up, contact Debe Fannin at dfannin78@gmail.com.

THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER!

by Zoe Empowers

NEWS FLASH! We have heard from our friends at Zoe Empowers, and we have received information and a group picture of our Zimbabwe orphaned children. The group is called Mushandirapamwe, which means “Working Together”. In the group naming process, the children choose their own group name. The first part of the name is their self-description, and the second part is a reference to their location so that we can distinguish between groups that choose the same name for themselves. Our group is comprised of 26 households, a total of 86 children ranging in age from infant to college age, however, the youth who is the head of household must be old enough to manage a small business and so is usually between the ages of 14 to 21. Of those 26 households, 18 of them are run by females.

Often the household includes an elderly grandparent, single parent, or disabled caregiver. These arrangements may include shelter, but the caregiver is unable to provide adequate food, education, health care, or other necessities. The children are especially vulnerable to abuse or having their child rights disregarded in this situation.

The youth complete training on topics of food security, health and disease prevention, business management, and child rights within the first six months of being accepted into the Zoe program. If they have access to land, they receive seeds and tools to start gardens and plant crops. If siblings

are not attending school, Zoe provides uniforms and other resources to get them back into classes. Children who have skills are provided grants so that they can start small businesses, others begin vocational training. Most importantly, all begin to experience God’s love and they realize that though many are orphans, they have a Father in heaven who loves them.

One of the first tasks new members complete is the creation of their “Dream” chart. Most orphaned and vulnerable children entering the Zoe empowerment program face a daily struggle to survive; there is neither time to think about the future nor reason to hope for something better. But through Zoe, the children learn to imagine a new life and prepare to make it a reality.

The Zoe program facilitator leads members through an exercise called the Dream process where they examine their current situation and then set their goals. After considering their family’s hopes and needs,

the youth who is considered the head of the household and is the primary member of their empowerment group creates a poster of responses to a standard set of questions:

- What makes you feel sad?
- What makes you happy?
- What happens in the community that you do not like?
- What is your dream for the future?
- What will be your guiding principles to achieve your dream?

This youth then presents the Dream Chart to the rest of the group members who express support and give feedback, especially concerning the primary goal. These Dream documents help the program facilitators better understand the conditions of the children’s lives so they can address specific needs or traumas suffered. The family keeps a copy of their Dream Chart, often displaying it in their

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by Zoe Empowers

Mushandirapamwe Empowerment Group in Zimbabwe - July 2022

Panashe (m) 18	Tendai (f) 16	Talent (f) 15	Shyline (f) 17
Callson (m) 15	Tawananyasha (m) 11		
Tawanashe (m) 13	Obediene (m) 6	Monia (f) 19	Fungisai (f) 15
Nokutenda (f) 11		Keith (f) 10	Kimberly (f) 10
Kudakwashe (f) 8	Omalu (f) 19	William (m) 16	Blessed (m) 7
	Kerly (f) 14	Nomia (f) 14	Keilah (f) 5
Tadiwanashe (f) 19	Clarence (m) 3		Tapiwa (f) 6
Takunda (m) 15	Talent (m) 2	Mike (m) 19	
Mazvilita (f) 13	Tatiana (f) 7months	Abigail (f) 10	Millicent (f) 16
Rutendo (f) 9			Celine (f) 14
Abigail (f) 9	Shantel (f) 16	Gracious (f) 19	Tapiwa (f) 14
Jordan (m) 6	Shawn (m) 16	Ruvurashu (f) 11	
Adonijah (m) 2	Ropafadzo (f) 2	Mazvilita (f) 9	Lazarus (m) 17
	Nokutenda (f) 5	Makanaka (f) 9	Tinashe (m) 14
Takunda (m) 17	Prince (m) 8		
		Farai (m) 18	Delany (m) 19
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		Tafadzwa (m) 13	Panashe (m) 16
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Sharon (f) 8	Tania (f) 14	Denzel (m) 5	
		Delight (m) 1	

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home to provide daily motivation as they strive to create their new life. As they progress through the empowerment program, they will often update their Dream.

One of the biggest disadvantages orphaned and vulnerable children face is isolation from peers and the larger community. Struggling on their own, the children lack moral support, access to community resources, and a network of people to help them progress and face challenges. Zoe creates those connections with peer groups, a program facilitator and mentor, community leaders and government officials, and a powerful connection to us their mission partners.

Zoe Empowers trains the orphaned children in several areas to overcome life-threatening poverty. Those additional areas are: Child Rights, which teaches the children about the rights their local government and international laws promise. Food Security, children learn what foods they need to eat and as well as explore different ways to attain a stable food source. Income Generation, Zoe helps the children generate an income at both the group and household level. A group project might involve growing a cash crop, raising small livestock, or producing and selling a product like soap. These projects provide experience, foster group cohesion, and produce

profits for the group's savings and loan funds. Health and Disease Prevention, Zoe's goal is to address immediate health needs, teach the children how to live healthy lives, and connect them to medical resources. Other areas of training include Housing, establishing a safe home for the head of the household and their siblings; Education, providing school supplies and uniforms to return to school, and Faith, showing the children that there is a heavenly Father who loves them. Zoe trains the children on several levels in each area continuously throughout the three years of the Zoe Empowerment Program.

The children are encouraged and strengthened by the knowledge that their partner is not only supporting them with resources, but also with prayer and in the belief that they are capable of great things. Thank you for making this journey of transformation with them.

We are the "Friends of Zoe" and are committed to supporting our Mushandirapamwe group for 3 years, from April 2022 to March 2025, graduation time. Please pray for our children in Zimbabwe.

Diane Sindelar

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

- Deut. 31:6 NIV



RESCUE US MISSION



COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!

Lampighter board member Tara Velasco is putting together a team to participate in the **Rescue Us Mission**

"NO ONE IS FOR SALE"

Walk/Run fundraiser and awareness event taking place **8am-12pm Saturday,**

RESCUE US MISSION

3K/5K WALK/RUN

Saturday Sept. 10

8:00-12:00pm

Sugar Land Memorial Park

September 10, at Sugar Land Memorial Park. We would be so grateful for your participation in support of this mission and love your company as we walk or run.

You may participate by **registering** to walk/run in person or virtually (\$25), **sponsoring** the event to offset the cost of food, T-shirts and other expenses, or **donating** an amount of your choosing. Please click the following link to register or donate:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/RescueUsMission>

Choose Team/Fundraiser Name:
Run for Rescue! (Team Tara)

For more details, to help with event costs, and/or to sponsor event T-shirts or food, please email Tara Velasco at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org.

*Registered participants attending in person will receive a free event T-shirt, goody bag and breakfast treats if registered by August 26, 2022.

Rescue Us Mission provides long-term transitional housing and care for women rescued from labor and sex trafficking. It is a local 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2017.

Your support makes a difference!

Website: rescueusmission.org

Tara Velasco

"JUST AND TRUE LIBERTY, EQUAL AND IMPARTIAL LIBERTY, IN MATTERS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL, IS A THING THAT ALL MEN ARE CLEARLY ENTITLED TO BY THE ETERNAL AND IMMUTABLE LAWS OF GOD AND NATURE, AS WELL AS BY THE LAWS OF NATIONS AND ALL WELL-GROUNDED MUNICIPAL LAWS, WHICH MUST HAVE THEIR FOUNDATION IN THE FORMER."

BAMBI COORDINATOR NEEDED!

BAMBI (Baby and Mother Bonding Initiative) is one of the *Lamplighters* most popular outreach programs. After being closed to volunteers for over 2 years, their doors reopened this past April. While BAMBI was unavailable, the *Lamplighters* became involved in WHO (Women Helping Ourselves) at the Bonita House of Santa Maria campus. In April and June, we hosted 2 separate parties for these women as they cannot comingle. In order for us to continue both programs an additional person is needed to coordinate BAMBI.

Things are already in place for the 3 parties a year- Easter, 4th of July, and Christmas. We need

a loyal servant to step up to work with a team to help coordinate and execute the party plans.

If a person cannot be found, we will have to discontinue helping one of these groups and miss out on the blessings bestowed upon us by doing so. Prayerfully consider helping with this worthwhile mission that helps mothers and babies remain together as a family. Reach out to us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org for further details.

Sandra Vautrain



BAMBI

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF METHODISM?



**Sunday, August 7
4:00-5:30pm
St. Peter's UMC
20775 Kingsland Blvd.,
Katy, TX 77450**

Sunday, August 7 | 4 - 5:30 pm |
St. Peter's UMC in Katy

The Texas Annual Conference Future Discernment Task Force is holding meetings in each of 10 Districts with the goal of presenting consistent information on discernment and affiliation issues. The chosen location for our District meeting of 50+ churches is St. Peters UMC. Questions can only be



asked in person; however, you can view a previously recorded meeting and read the already 300+ Q&As at www.txcumc.org/FDTF.

It is better to trust and take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

-Psalm 118:8 AMPC

LUNCH AT THE LANDING



We received an urgent call from The Landing asking if we could add another lunch to our schedule. Summer is tough for them with so many folks

traveling and they were short on meals for clients. Of course, we said Yes! We take seriously the admonishment from Jesus to "feed His sheep"!!

We took a huge spread of chicken salad sandwiches, chips and dips, fruit, salad, desserts, drinks and Love. The ladies were so appreciative. As soon as they saw the little wagon piled up high with yummy food, they came running to help unload and set up! They were laughing and talking and looking forward to sitting down and sharing a meal together - And We Helped!

Such a simple thing to do with great rewards! I could feel Jesus laughing and smiling along with them!

Would you like to be a blessing? **Wednesday, Sept. 7th is our next scheduled lunch at The Landing.** Let us know if your small group, or just you, would like to help. Everyone donates an item, so it is not a burden on just one or two people. It is a happy day to be in His Service!

Pam Bluestein

STREET MINISTRY IN JULY

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.* -Psalm 119:105 NKJV



Do you love Jesus in a radical, just say Yes. kind of way? Then join us as we minister to the needs of women on the streets of Bissonnett - one of the most heavily trafficked areas in the country.

Never in a million years did I think I would be out there sitting in a chair or walking around handing out drinks, snacks, cards, lip balm. and yes, even condoms to women on the streets. But I Love Jesus and when The Lord is calling you - Just Do It!

In July, we were out several times where we connected with old friends and new friends. They were always happy to see us, as we offered a cold drink, goodies, and a pleasant smile. We always

offer our cards - the ticket to resources and a baby step to a new life. We prayed, we hugged, and we chatted up the ladies to see if they were "ok". It Was Good.

Many women considering this ministry ask if it is scary? No, not really. The fast cars up and down the street is the scariest part! Not being able to put all the women in my car and bring them home is sad. Having to be there at all is especially sad, but humans are weak and sinful and always seem to find a way to exploit others. Ministering to the women means loving them through the brokenness; just as

Christ loves Us through our own brokenness. Seeing women be forced to degrade their God-given dignity hurts our hearts, but He gives us Strength and Perseverance. Trust me, I could not and do not do it on my own. God calls us to leave our comfort zones to get out there and care for His People. We are divinely protected and practice Safety with every encounter. We really need a few more volunteers to come out with us from time to time. Come check it out with us - we can get ya trained really quick and if walking around isn't your thing - you can be our table person! We do have a police escort on weekends, but we've never had an issue. We help the police by looking out for runaways and missing persons. It is an important ministry and doesn't take a lot of time, just a lot of heart! For more info, email us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org.

Pam Bluestein

WATERMELON LOLLIES



Cool down on these hot summer days with refreshing watermelon and kiwi lollies. Great for the family to enjoy, they're low-calorie and full of vitamin C.

Prep: 15 minutes / Yields: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

- 1 small watermelon
- 3 kiwis

Directions:

1. Halve 1 small watermelon and scoop the flesh out of one half into a bowl (you need about 375-400g). Pick out any black seeds. Purée the flesh using a hand blender or in a liquidizer. Fill ice lolly molds three-quarters full of the purée, push the sticks in if you are using them, and freeze for at least 3 hrs., or overnight. Tip any remaining purée into an ice cube tray

and freeze it.

2. Peel 3 kiwis and cut the green flesh away from the white core, discarding the core. Purée the flesh. Add a layer of about 4-5mm to the top of each lolly and refreeze for 1 hr. Add some green food coloring to the rest of the purée to darken it to the same color as the watermelon rind. Pour a very thin layer onto the top of each lolly and freeze until you want to eat them.

Diane Sindelar

IMMUNIZATIONS MONTH

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"CARE FOR THE FLOCK THAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU.
WATCH OVER IT WILLINGLY, NOT GRUDGINGLY—NOT FOR
WHAT YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE
EAGER TO SERVE GOD"

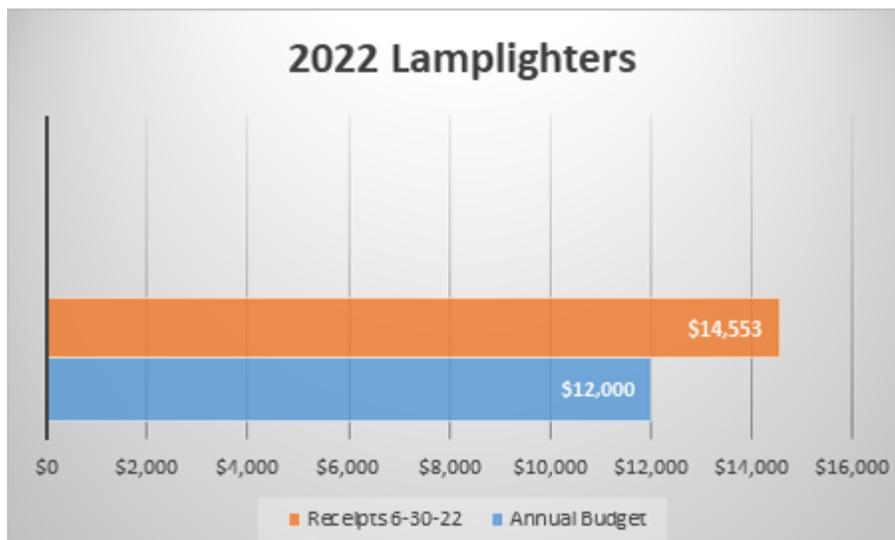
- 1 Peter 5:2 NLT

LAMPLIGHTERS FINANCES

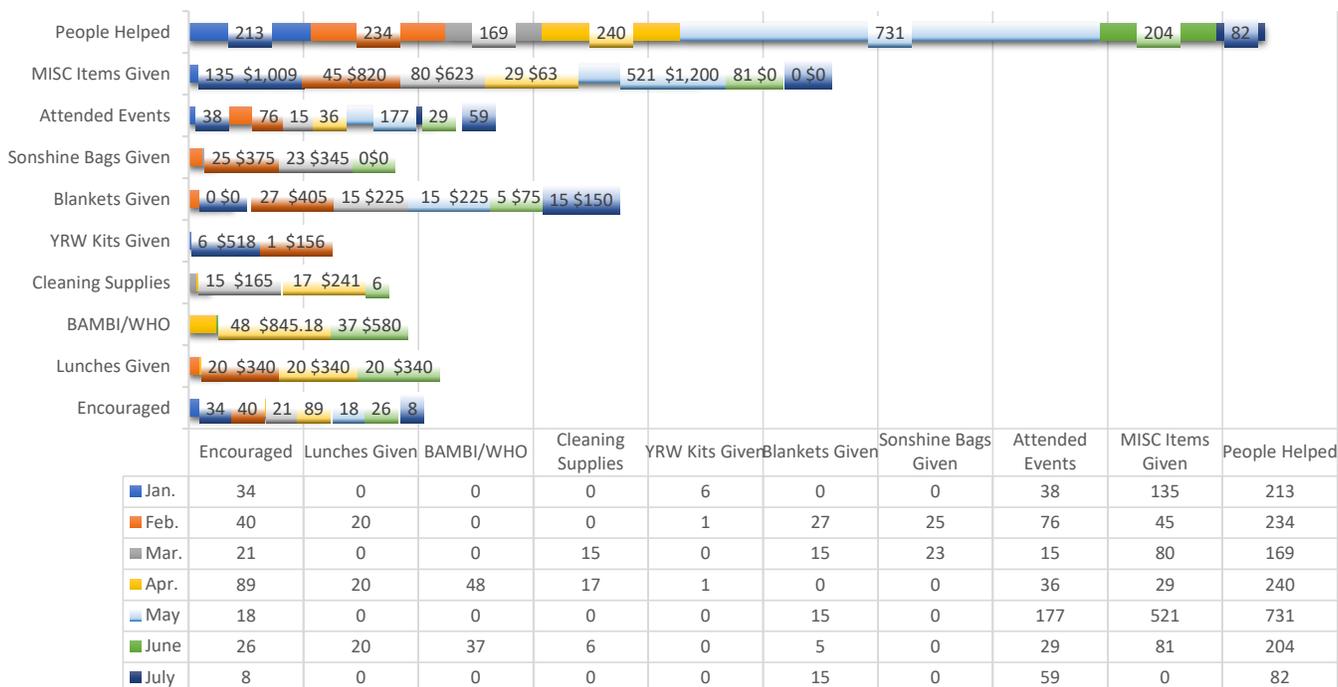
We continue to be blessed by your support of women and children. We have met our 2022 budget, and in fact exceeded it, at the end of June (July 31 numbers are not yet available at the printing of this newsletter)! Praise be to God for His many gifts.

To give a one-time gift or a recurring monthly gift, please go to christchurchsl.org and click the [give] button. Select "Women of Christ-Lamplighters" or put "For Lamplighters" on your check.

Debbie Seime



People Helped 2022 - Lamplighters Christ Church



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Aug 7 4:00-5:30pm FDTF District Meeting
- Aug 13 10-12pm Christ Church Block Party
- Aug 14-28 All Day Soles for Souls
- Aug 17 ? CAFB Treasure Room
- Aug 18 6:30- Prayer & Healing
- Sept 7 11 -1pm Lunch at The Landing
- Sept 10 8-12pm Rescue Us Mission Walk-a-Thon
- Sept 14 10-12pm Mission Morning
- Sept 20 6:30-8:30pm Bunco
- Sept 25 ?? Christ Church Council Meeting



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING

AUG. 7 * 4:00 - 5:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL / BACK TO CHURCH

BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY AUG 13

Aug. 13

SOLES FOR SOULS

Aug. 14-28

CHILD ADVOCATES OF FORT BEND™

TREASURE ROOM

Wednesday Aug. 17

Lunch at THE LANDING

Wednesday, Sept. 7 11:00 - 1:00p

WALK-A-THON

Sept. 10

LAMPLIGHTERS

Mission Morning

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Bunco!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sept. 25

*“I love the Lord. He heard my cry.
And pitied every groan. Long as I
live and troubles rise, I’ll hasten to
His throne.”*

-Whitney Houston



Prayers & Concerns

- Billie Blair - Healing and strength from ongoing health issues.
- Boyd Bluestein's parents - Health issues.
- Pam Bluestein - travel mercies for my kids traveling overseas and for caregivers of aging parents.
- Teel Family - Health, comfort, and healing for Bob. Healing for Renee's shoulder.
- Christ Church/Methodist Church- Prayers lifted for the Methodist church and Christ Church in particular as it navigates changes.
- Ukraine Nation & NATO Neighbors- End to the conflict. Protection from Russia's invading forces. Strength in God.
- Susanne Grigsby- (Sandra Vautrain's mother) Strength against health issues. Comfort and peace for Sandra.
- Ida Fulbright- Healing and strength from back issues.
- Elaine Huffer's Aunt - in a memory care facility.
- Carol Grey- healing and quick recovery from recent surgery.
- Travelers - mercies and safety for everyone traveling this summer.
- Debbie Meier- Continued prayers for strength and healing.
- Diane Sindelar- recovering from recent health emergency and stay in hospital.



Joys & Praises

- Debbie Grenier- Thanks to God for His precious Word and the opportunity to learn and discover together as a church family in the Luke and Acts in 70 Days (LA70) study! Thanks for all our pastors who are shepherding us in this!
- Tara Velasco- Praise for the Good Samaritan in Benton, KY who helped my sister-in-law when she had car trouble while on a road trip.

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*"In the same way, let your light shine
before others, that they may see your
good deeds and glorify your Father in
heaven."*

- Matthew 5:16 NIV

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We FELLOWSHIP together.
We GROW together.
We SERVE together.