

THE LINK

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Disciples Christian Church

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Anticipation!
- May Young at Heart
- Just Wondering...
- Spring is Here!

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Anticipation!!!

May!

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| May 5th | First Sunday Fellowship -- Snyder's hosting |
| May 9th | Young at Heart -- Snyder's hosting |
| May 19th | Senior Moment w/Lunch (Pre-planning with Masha) |

June!

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| June 3-9 | Pastor Dee on Vacation |
| June 9th | Pentecost Sunday! Gaylene Chrystie preaching First Sunday Fellowship hosted by Community Group |
| June 16th | Senior Moment w/lunch |
| June 20th | Young at Heart – Hurst's hosting |

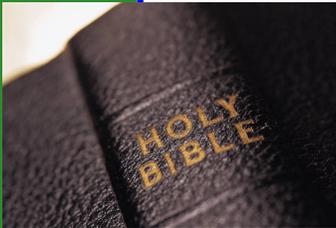
July!

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| July 7th | First Sunday Fellowship – Golsans hosting |
| July 16th | Chrismon Decorating Extravaganza (6pm) |
| July 18th | Young at Heart – Golsans hosting |
| July 21st | Senior Moment w/lunch |

August!

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| Aug 4th | Pastor Dee on Vacation- Gaylene Chrystie Preaching First Sunday Fellowship (Host Needed) |
| Aug 15th | Young at Heart (host needed) |
| Aug 18th | Senior Moment w/ Lunch |

And More to Come!



May 5, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 30

New Testament Reading: John 21: 1-19

Sermon: "Tend Those Sheep!"

May 12, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 23

New Testament Reading: John 10: 22-30

Sermon: "Shepherd to Sheep and Vice Versa"

May 19, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 148

New Testament Reading: John 13: 31-35

Sermon: "Sheep to Shepherd and so on and so forth!"

May Young at Heart - May 9th - second Thursday

The May Young at Heart will be at Friday's on the northeast corner of Park and Preston, just north of Trader Joe's. Sandy and I will be there around 5:30 pm. We will order dinner near 6:30 pm. Happy Hour Specials include a selection of \$2.00 drinks and 50% off appetizers before 6:00 pm. After 6:00 is the regular fare. If you know you will be attending, please let me know no later than May 7th so that I can confirm the number attending to the restaurant. Thank you, Gary Snyder – Cell: 214-205-8531 or let me know on Sunday the 5th.

Brokenness

I am the God of divine reversals. I can glean good out of evil: my master plan brings victory out of apparent defeat. Come to Me just as you are – wounded from battle – and expose your wounds to My healing Light. You need to spend ample time with Me, opening yourself fully to My living Presence. Many people who are seriously ill have been successfully treated by being placed outdoors in sunlight and fresh air for hours at a time. Similarly, you need substantial amount of time soaking in the Light of My Presence so I can heal your deep wounds.

From "Jesus Lives" by Lucinda Secret McDowell

BE UPLIFTED



“We should try to live in such a way that if the Gospels were lost, they could be re-written by looking at us.”

~ Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for those dealing with the aftermath of suicide.
- Gary B. lifts his friend **Mark** who is having a pacemaker installed.
- Prayers for **Patti's mother and family**.

The prayer requests in *The Link* each week are recent updates. A list of ongoing prayer requests appears in our worship bulletin each **Sunday**.

Just Wondering...

I know, you haven't seen this article in a while...several years to be exact. What can I say, my brain has been tired, my creativity has been on the down side, and thoughts have not been transforming into words quite as smoothly as before. But I miss writing. I miss the process of seeing an article take shape and form inside my head and then flow onto paper. There is something that enlivens me when that takes place. Yes, I have missed it.

Sometimes that creative process flows so smoothly. As fast as a thought comes to mind, my fingers hit the keys and onto the screen it goes; smoothly, quickly and with an ease that is humbling. At other times, the whole thing is just hard. Thoughts, ideas and decisions stumble about, half formed and tangled. If or when a thought forms, my fingers are on the wrong keys, the computer doesn't cooperate and when I read what I have written, nothing but question marks form. No. The creative process is often hard.

Faith is the same way. Sometimes it is so very easy to believe in a loving and gracious God, one who wants only the best for you. And then those times come when someone is hurting, a death happens, dreams are shattered and faith is harder to grab hold of. Sometimes it might feel like the most natural thing in the world to talk with Jesus, to ask for help or give thanks. To walk with Him; trusting Him to walk with you. And then there are times that not only do you not feel Christ with you; you might not even want Him with you. Faith can often be hard.

Luckily for us, Christ is always there. It doesn't matter whether you can find/recognize/hear God, God is there. It does not matter if you feel you have the strength to walk with God, God walks with you regardless. Thanks be to God.

Food Pantry

For the month of May, please bring toothpaste and toothbrushes for the pantry. Your continued generosity makes a big impact on this very necessary program in our community.

Question for the day...

This question comes up very early in the movie "Breakthrough" and it has stuck with me:

What does it mean to "Pray Boldly"? I would love to hear your thoughts.

**Just don't give up
trying to do what
you really want to do.
Where there is love
and inspiration, I don't
think you can go wrong.**

ELLA FITZGERALD

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Spring is Here!

The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing, trees leafing, allergies are rampant, April showers continue, and school is almost out! What a great time to be alive!

I don't know about you, but there is something about the greening of our earth that makes my heart and my soul come alive. After the dreariness of winter, to see that life emerges victorious even after the storms renews me.

I pray that you take a few moments each day and really notice life happening around you. Go out and notice the beauty of the iris, rose, and daisy. Count the number of different shades of green in the trees around you. Have you noticed that with the cardinals, there are also robins, swallows and that nests are being built? Butterflies, bees, lizards and frogs are all making themselves known; go and become part of the community of Spring.

Winter has come and spring has defeated its hold on the land and on our hearts. Death came for Christ, and could not hold Him. I think spring is there to remind us of that. Embrace Christ, embrace spring and enjoy.



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COOL BEANS YOGA: every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 pm



We are a fairly athletic yoga group who practice integrating the body, mind, and breath. We have many different levels in the class and everyone modifies as they need; no experience is needed and everyone is welcome!



In order to follow Jesus and worship God: We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do; we will serve our neighbors; and we will minister to our fellow Christians.

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