

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

MARCH 2022

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You have not because you ask not.” This verse in James 4:2 is often used for a variety of purposes. I am not saying in any way that it is not true. The circumstances around this verse were addressing Christians and their sinful ways. The first part of the verse says “you lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain; you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not (KJV). Put into the larger context this passage is more about fighting and war. Perhaps the New Living Translation puts it like we want it when it states: “Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.”

When we do not ask, there is very little chance we will get what we either need or require. This seems very true in the congregation as people do not jump for joy and volunteer to be Sunday school teachers, board members, elders, deacons, or whatever offices are needed. In organizations outside of the ecclesiastical setting, the same thing is true. When you ask a person to volunteer it gives them a chance to indicate their level of interest, and that allows folks to be more receptive and even joyful.

When we ask, we must not ask for ourselves but for the good of the congregation. It may also be for selfless gifts to others. I think it would be inappropriate to say that we have not won the lottery because we did not ask. It seems selfish to ask to win the lottery and then blame God for not causing that to come true. On the other hand, when we ask for someone else, even in prayer, or for other things that are less selfish, we find those requests happening. Granted, sometimes they are not revealed as we would like.

They may be met in other ways and sometimes those ways cannot be seen. I have found that even after years some folks I have prayed for or counselled have had the gift they needed for their full and faithful lives.

We found this very evident when we had the roof leak and decided to proceed with the repairs. Having limited funds, the board decided to begin a fundraiser. About a third of what we needed was already in the roof fund. Within a week, another third of the funds were raised. That next week, more funds came in until, in a remarkably short time, we had exceeded our goal and were able to begin the process of repair before the rainy season. I think this is an excellent example. When we ask God for help as a congregation we are able to do marvelous things. Let us ask for others as we seek to minister as James would have us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Pastor’s Projected March Office Days: 2, 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, 29, 30.

The difference between the ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.



## CHOIR NEWS MARCH 2022

We will be getting into Lent this month and the anthems will reflect the season. We have a beautiful version of “The Old Rugged Cross” coming up that you will certainly enjoy. Bring a friend to church and come hear the message the choir brings. See you on Sunday, and wear a mask PLEASE!

Keep in Tune,  
Jaquae



### A JOYFUL NOISE

Again, we keep hoping to start up the chimes but still we wait. We need more people so if you're thinking about joining us, please give me a call. I'd love to hear from you! They say all good things are worth waiting for!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,  
Jaquae



### BOOK CLUB

This month we are reading “Waiting For Morning” by Karen Kingsbury. This book tugs on your heart and shows why forgiving an enemy is the call of every Christian. Hannah Ryan has a wonderful life with two teenage daughters and a loving husband who's also a pediatrician. As she waits for them to come home from their yearly camping trip the wait becomes endless. When two police officers show up at her door with devastating news, her life is changed forever. A drunk driver caused a crash which turns her entire life into seeking revenge, thinking that then she'd finally have peace. She shuts God out of her life, and even her younger daughter that survived is left to deal with things alone. Can two caring people help her to rediscover her faith before her rage and bitterness destroys her soul? Read this book and come find out with us at Book Club!

We are changing the way we do Book Club. From now on we meet once a month, on the first Monday at 3:00 pm. Please read the entire book before you come and be prepared to ask questions for all of us to answer. We are all leading the book from now on, and all will participate as much as we can. Please order your book from Amazon, or wherever you buy your books.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the church library.

Submitted by Jacquae L. Sands, 382-3428

### Rich's Corner

Many thanks to everyone who supported and participated in our recent fish dinner. Thanks to some generous contributions we cleared \$1156.00. Special kudos to head chef Richard Neff and his right and left hand helpers, Gordon Walkington and Ross Fadely. Also, thanks to my helper, Doug Cauble, who hauled all of the rocks and mulch and pressure washing and hand painting the border blocks around the base of the sign posts.



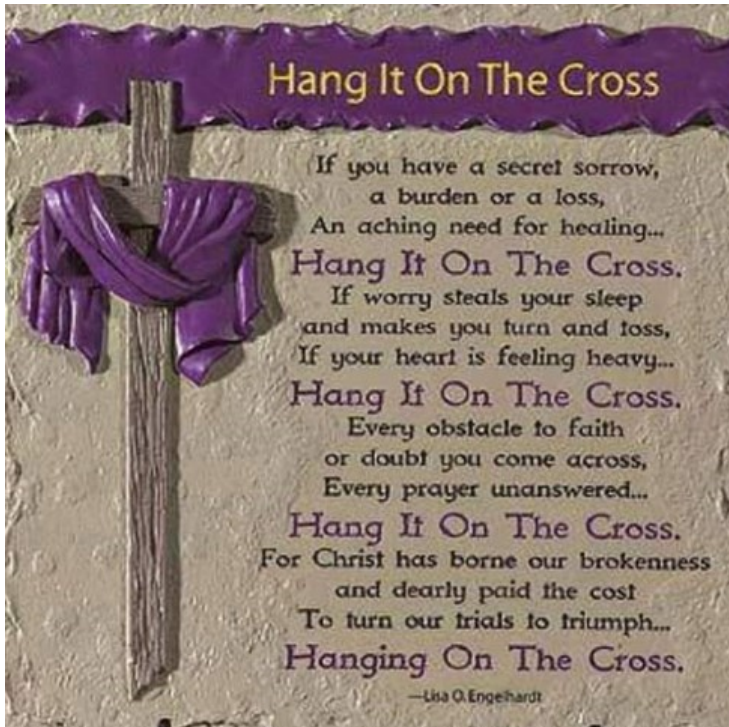
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## Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday School	09:00 a.m. Library	Every Sunday
	Teacher—Ron Colwell	
Bible Study	11:00 a.m. Library	Every Tuesday
	Teacher—Ron Colwell	
News and Prayer	10:00 a.m. Facebook Live	Every Wednesday
	Pastor Alan Brown	
Choir	06:00 p.m. Choir Room	Every Wednesday
	Music Director—Jaquae Sands	
Food Pantry & Sebring Mission	Last Sunday of each month (Drop off items in Hallway)	

## Additional Scheduled Events for FEBRUARY 2022

03/08/2022	Church Business Meeting	2:00 p.m. Board Room and Zoom
03/12/2022	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Kitchen
03/20/2022	Fellowship Meal	After Morning Worship
03/27/2022	Congregational Meeting	After Morning Worship



## Planting Your Spring Garden

### For The Garden of Your Daily Living

#### Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

#### Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

#### Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

#### No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

#### To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.  
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap  
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!





**BIRTHDAYS**  
**MARCH**  
**2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Pastor Alan Brown	10 <sup>th</sup> Paul Wiseman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Barbara Tiemens	16 <sup>th</sup> Richard Asmussen
4 <sup>th</sup> Jaquae Sands	19 <sup>th</sup> Kathy Whitlock



Wishes

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Things turn out the best for people who make the best out of the way things turn out.

Art Linkletter



Most smiles are started by another smile!

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

Charles Kingley