

Calendar

Sunday, November 12
12:15 pm Elders Meeting

Sunday, November 19
Pledge Sunday
12:15 pm Board Meeting

Office closed 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving

Weekly:

- Sunday Bible Study @ 10 am**
- Sunday Worship @ 11 am**
- Tuesday Meals on Wheels @ 9:45 am

- Tuesday Wine & the Word @ 6 pm @ Homemade Wines
 - Wednesday Men's Bible Study @ 7 am
 - Wednesday Java & Jesus @ 9 am
 - Wednesday Youth Group @ 6:30 pm except the 24th
 - Wednesday Choir Practice @ 7 pm except the 24th
 - Wednesday Band Rehearsal 8 pm except the 24th
 - Thursdays La Promesa Ministry 4:30 pm until the 16th breaking for the Holidays
- ** Nursery Provided



601 N. Lee Ave
Odessa, TX 79761

Daylight Savings Ends November 5th



November 2017

Extending Jesus' hospitality to the Odessa area

Relocation Updates!

We have a new name!

At our congregational meeting October 8, the congregation decided to affirm the Mission Team and General Board recommendation that we adopt the name "Connection Christian Church." 91% approved. We give thanks to God for divine leading and for all who have prayed and discerned! We will begin using our new name when our move occurs.

We are preparing to move.

We are gearing up for our move at the end of the year. December 31, 2017 will be our last Sunday in our downtown location. We will be meeting in temporary space for a few months until our new location is ready. Stay tuned!

Faith Forward Celebration Day

Sunday, December 10 will be a very special day in the life of our church. We will celebrate the ministry done through 601 North Lee Avenue and anticipate all that is to come! Past ministers and leaders will be with us. Please save the date on your calendar!

Coming Events

Trunk or Treat
October 31st 6 pm
@ 4241
Tanglewood Ave

Stewardship Kick-Off
Sunday,
November 5th

Pledge Sunday
Sunday,
November 19th



This Weeks' Reflections

"...amazing..." "...bold..." "...caring..." "...involved..."", they said.

I recently hosted a group of ministers from Brite. They were in town exploring ministry settings in the Permian Basin and our outlying rural communities. As they met with several community and service organization leaders, time and time again I felt proud as these leaders praised our congregation's connection and outreach to the community.

This is who we have been, who we are, and who we are becoming. The next two months will be filled with wonderful (and scary!) opportunities and transition as we move our ministry center out of downtown at the end of December. Then we will have a time of journey and temporary space for a few months, as the new building is prepared.

I feel confident that all of these challenges are ready-made for our congregation, because we have been preparing for this for quite some time. We have been preparing through our relocation process, yes, but we have been preparing for decades, through centering our mission on doing Christ's work in our community. It has been the desire to be faithful to Christ's mission that has led us to follow our call as we see it now. I think it is amazing. And bold, for sure. And ironically, I also think relocating and launching as Connection Christian Church is the best way for us to continue to be what we always have been.

See you on Sunday, if not before,
Pastor Joe

Outreach Impact

Thank you for your generous donations to Week of Compassion for hurricane relief, totaling nearly \$3000. Disciples of Christ continue to work for recovery in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. When disaster strikes, you are there through our church's ministry!

Youth

All Youth invited to Fall Retreat at Lake Brownwood, November 10-12th.
Contact Pastor Joe to sign up!

"Grateful": Stewardship Planning for 2018

Our church cultivates grateful hearts! On Sunday, November 19, you will have the opportunity to pledge your financial support for the general ministry of our church in 2018. This is a separate gift than gifts you may have made to our new building renovation capital fund. Your pledges to the 2018 general ministry will direct our budgeting process. 2018 will be a banner year for this congregation! Please plan to give gratefully and boldly. If you have questions, please contact Susan Paddack, stewardship chair.



Welcome our New Members

Deborah Davis
Amber and Oliver Gray

Deacons Serving November 2017

Donnie Norwood, Oralee Cowan,
Melissa Bergman & Jane Smith

Elders Serving November 2017

Shepherding Elder
Gina Yarbrough
11/6 Mike Kelly, Bryan Paddack
11/13 John Gillian, Steve Cheaney
11/20 Gina Yarbrough, Renee' Earls
11/27 Earlene Smith, Cricket Harrison

November Birthdays

11/3 Bobby Taylor
11/4 Ronald Bennett
11/7 Maddie Taylor
11/11 Danny Bergmann,
Kristin Jensen
11/12 Sam Boss
11/20 Royce Cone
11/24 Molly Paddack,
Aydan Thomas
11/25 Bill Davis, Mike Gonzales
11/28 Glendya Williams
11/30 Paz Thomas

November Anniversaries

11/14 Chuck & Connie Isner
11/17 Cal & Amy Hendrick
11/27 Tom & Patti Sprawls