

October 11, 2026



Around the Table

Stories, Updates, and Life at First Christian Church

Pull up a chair . . .

Under the Fig Tree ~



I have always thought that it was necessary to understand the spiritual state of any community where a church wants to have effective mission and that means traditionally an evangelistic mission. Remember that Jesus said in Matthew 28th that we were to go into the world to make more disciples. If we don't understand the spiritual state of the community, how can we make more disciples? How can we reach people? The state admission of our own church is to make more better disciples for the sake of the world. We have to have some understanding and appreciation for spiritual matters. Without it, we will not be as effective or maybe not effective at all.

Peter Wagner and his book, *Praying With Power*, quotes extensively from George Otis. He says, "Otis has become what I like to call 'our number one Christian espionage agent.'" His books *The Last of the Giants* (Chosen Books) and *The Twilight Labyrinth* (Chosen Books) and others have revealed many of his findings. The implications of Otis' statement, simple as it may sound, are vast. For one thing, it presupposes that an invisible world exists out there somewhere beyond the visible world to which we relate with our five senses day in and day out. Second, it implies that some things about the invisible world may be more important to understand than some things in the visible world. This should not surprise us if we remember that the apostle Paul says, "We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18)."

This is where effective church ministry begins; in prayer. It may seem to sum that we are coasting as a church. This is when the church is in neutral and not drive. We're just kind of letting the car coast downhill. Pay attention to the direction. The car is going in that mode as a congregation. The car is going downhill. We're moving away from vital life to idle life. Do we take seriously the existence of a spiritual world? Are we fully convinced that God is working in this world today and wants us to be a part of his work? Do we individually want to be a part of the work of God? Does this matter more than other things in our life? Are we willing to engage the spiritual on a daily basis? These are important questions to ask ourself as a congregation. In gentle ways, I hope to ask these questions in the sermons that are upcoming. The purpose of sermons is to understand where God is working and what God is doing. If we are to join God and doing what God wants to do, we have to hear from God about these things. I'm going to be listening carefully and I hope you'll join me.

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Sunday Worship

October 11, 2026

Welcome

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Praise Song- *"Jesus Messiah"*

Scripture: Philippians 4: 1-9
Sermon: The Contented Life

Pastor Lew Champ

Worship Song- *"Holy Forever"*

Intercessory Prayers

Communion Song-
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"
Eucharist

Thanksgiving Prayer
Offering
Doxology

Announcements

Closing Song- *"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"*
Benediction



Lectioary Readings

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Exodus 31:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9,

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

This Sunday October 11

Scripture: Philippians 4:
1-9

Sermon: The Contented
Life

Pastor Lew Champ



Prayer Intercessors

Meet every
Sunday morning
at 9:00 AM

Prayer Concerns

NEW CONCERNS -

Frances Mason recovering from
Pneumonia

Pastor Lew Champ continues to
heal. Please continue to pray for
healing.

Phil Holland had surgery on 9/30, on
his elbow. He is home and doing well.

Christa Barber had a dr. on 9/30.
Pray for no cancer and answers for
her stomach.

Wanda Vallejos is still waiting on
results from x-ray, but has removed
the support from around her hand
and is doing better.

Margie Ellis, Carla's aunt (88), has
been diagnosed with pancreatic
cancer.

Samantha, Linda Pelton's daughter,
left to Poland on 10/1 for her work on
her PHD.

Sierra Newth, Devin Newth's
daughter, is having health issues.

Cury Butard, Phil Holland's fellow
CDOT worker, is in Greeley hospital
with a brain bleed.

Ron Tatman, Linda Champ's brother,
had a triple bypass and a valve
replacement on 9/22.

Julie Chen Chou - please continue
prayers for healing, strength and
appetite!

OUR CHURCH -

Pray for the transition team, elders,
and all those who will be guiding our
church into the next phase of her life

Confess your sins to each
other and pray for each
other so that you may be
healed. The earnest prayer
of a righteous person has
great power and produces
wonderful results.
James 5:16 (NLT)

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S -

Please pray for everyone who is
dealing with declining memory and
Alzheimer's.

CANCER -

Please pray for all those fighting
cancer.

Margie Ellis, Bill Spicer, J.R. Coberly,
Christina LaBlanc, Jessie, McGrew,
Mike Kerker, Malita Mahali, Nora
Fanelli, Emerson, Kelly Rae Churchill,
Michelle, Wade Gandee, Jeanne
Klemm, Gracie Dixon, Alizar Chavez
Mendoza, Lew Champ, Keith Hobson,
Darren Campbell, Gary Mix, Kyle
Bean, Dean Meharg, Randy Richards

CONTINUING PRAYERS -

George Lulf
Abby (Lisa Hedlund's niece)
Padilla Family
Brenda Palmer
Gordon Felzien
Steve Firme
Kay Gentry
Coy
JR Coberly
Ellie Beede
Frances Mason
Leo, AJ & Sarah Sonnenberg
Carol & Myron Graybill
Renee (Sue Lovell's Friend)
Wade Pelton
Carole Wohlers
Tim (Lovell's friend)



Bobbie will be
on vacation
October 16-25.

There will not
a newsletter
sent out for
October 25.

Links From Sunday



Full Sunday Service

Available on Facebook for a few weeks



Sermon ONLY

Available on YouTube



GIVE *Thanks* TO THE Lord
FOR *Pastor Lew*

Please join us for a
Potluck Luncheon
to honor Lew & Linda

October 25, 2026 | Following Worship

Please bring a Main
Dish to share & a
salad or vegetable



Table service,
drinks & dessert
will be provided



Serving Schedule

Date	Usher	Preparing Deacon	Elder
10/4	Della Williams	Marsha Lulf	Mark Pelton
10/11	Della Williams	Marsha Lulf	Nena Russell

First Christian Church

Our Mission

To make more and
better Christians for the
sake of the world.

Our Vision

We seek to be a faithful
Christian community
with a deep love for
God and others.



10/14 Mary Hurst



10/11 Bill & Pat McReynolds

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FOOD DRIVE

— OCTOBER & NOVEMBER —

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

Shelf Stable Meals such as:

- Soups
- Mac N Cheese Cups
- Ravioli
- Canned Chili
- SpaghettiOs
- Tuna Lunch Kit
- Chicken Lunch Kit
- Instant Oatmeal Cups
- Cup-of-Noodles
- Rice Cups
- Cereal Cups
- Hormel Compleats
- **All NON EXPIRED food items are welcome!**

Psalm 23

*A psalm of
David.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green
meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful
streams.

3 He renews my strength.
He guides me along right
paths,
bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.
5 You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my
enemies.

You honor me by anointing
my head with oil.
My cup overflows with
blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and
unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of
the Lord
forever.