

The Somerset Christian



*And God said,
"Let there be lights in
the expanse of the
heavens to separate the
day from the night.
And let them be for signs
and for seasons."
Genesis 1:14*

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THE SHEPHERDS VIEW

Welcome Aboard

We, the elders of First Christian Church, will be ordaining Shae Frazier into ministry on Sunday, October 14th into Christian Ministry. Some of you might not know Shae that well so we decided to have him answer a few questions, so you could know more about him.

What is your passion in ministry? My passion in ministry has always lied with the hearts and faith of students. This passion can only be fulfilled by trusting the Father to conduct the student ministry that I have been blessed to lead. My passion lies within student ministry simply because these students are the future of our church. My goal is to build relationships so that Christ can work in and through His discipleship, while at the same time equipping students to discover their own faith that will stick. Second to student ministry is my passion for the “least of these”. This falls into any category of those who are impoverished, outcasted, and otherwise disregarded as people. This passion has been fulfilled by working with the homeless community.

What is your favorite thing about FCC? My favorite thing is the willingness the church has to be the Church to those who are often neglected. This comes in the forms of responding to benevolence calls, loving people where they are at, and showing the love of Christ every week. There has never been a time that I have walked through the doors at FCC and not felt welcomed. FCC is full of believers who embody what it is to be the hands and feet of Christ Jesus.

Who is your greatest inspiration? My greatest inspiration in life happens to be the greatest blessing in my life as well, my parents Bobbie and Shannon Frazier. Both my father and mother have not only supported me in every season of life but have equipped me with the wisdom that I carry today. They are my inspirations for many reasons, to which I could write an entire book about, but for the sake of your sanity I will list a few. First would be their faith that never waivers in every season of life. They instilled in me what it means to praise God in the “hills and valleys”. Second would be the compassion and eyes to see the good in every person. Third would be that in every season of life God is right beside you. Much like the Psalmist says in Psalm 139:5 “You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.” I will forever be indebted to my parents, who are my inspiration.

What would you like to accomplish? I would like to accomplish many things in life, but here at FCC I want to accomplish a student leadership and youth group that is so solidified in Christ that when my time here is finished, the student ministry thrives. I want to leave a legacy as a man, that one day when I am called home to be with my Savior people will say, “man he left some big shoes to fill, but gave us the tools to fill them!” I want to accomplish being Christ to everyone I encounter, and one day I hope to start a church in the inner city where we can reach at risk youth while also meeting the needs of the homeless crisis that we are facing here in America. My biggest accomplishment that I am striving for though is to stand before God and hear the words, “Well done my good and faithful servant”.

What is your Favorite Bible Verse and Why? My favorite verse in scripture would be Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” This verse is my favorite because at a very young age it spoke into my life on how to encounter those conversations about Jesus. It has given me encouragement when being questioned and persecuted for my faith, and it has brought conviction over my soul when I have felt pressure from the world concerning my own faith.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Does God Have a Specific Plan for My Life?

Probably not! If you were to glance through the Bible some people seem to have a specific plan and others don't. Take David for example. He seems to have a specific calling on his life to carry out a specific purpose. Look at the disciples, (except Peter, but even his really isn't that specific) they have a calling on their life, but not near as specific. Then there are other characters that don't really seem to have a specific plan they are called to.

God seems to make it very clear to those he has a specific purpose for. They aren't searching or waiting for it; rather God interrupts their lives and reveals to them their purpose. Many of the people I know that believe God has a specific plan are sitting around waiting for God to reveal his plan for us. But what if there isn't one? What if we are waiting for something that will never happen?

A specific calling is an exception, not the rule. Do some people have a specific calling? Yeah, sure seems like it. But unless a donkey has talked to you, you were a virgin and got pregnant, or God specifically spoke to you, God probably doesn't have a specific plan for you.

I know this takes away from some of the mystic and romanticism we've added to callings from God, however, when we think that everyone has a "specific" calling and they're waiting on it; the Kingdom work isn't being done.

Does God Have a General Desire for Your Life?

Absolutely, God has given each person a unique set of skills and passions. It's up to each of us to figure out what they are and use them, not for our benefit but for the benefit of those around us. While we might not have a specific plan, God does have a general plan for all of us.

That should be freeing for many of you and exciting! At least it is for me. I'm free to live my life as I feel best honors God. I get to use the skills and passions he's given me to the benefit of those around me. I'm not waiting for a calling. Rather, I'm identifying my passions and putting them to use. God has given us the freedom to use what he has given each of us. His desire is that we will use our gifts, our passions, and our skills to show our love for him and for others.

What Is God's Desire For Me?

If God has a specific plan for you, you will know. But most of the time God gives us a blank canvas and each a unique set of brushes and paints. So, paint, don't wait, paint. Use your skills, find your passions, and bring glory to God and love others. If you don't know how to best use your skills, first pray about it, then feel free to reach out to someone on the church staff to help plug you in where your skills are needed.

FCC WOMEN

Up and Running



After several months of prayer and planning the women's ministry at FCC kicked off with a movie night on September 14th. We were supposed to have an outdoor event, but the rain sent us indoors. On Sunday September 23rd the women's Sunday school class also launched. We are doing a Beth Moore study called The Quest.

In October we are going to give the great outdoors another try and have a **hayride at the Sherbine's at 7:00PM**. Their address is 560 Byers Road, Somerset. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet at the information station.

If you are interested in upcoming women's events pick up an FCC Women schedule at the information station. If you have picked up a schedule previously please note that we have a **date change**. Our Uptown Shopping day has been moved to Saturday, December 1st to coincide with the cookie tour. Shopping and cookies, does it get any better than that?

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have invested in the women's ministry at FCC. Many of you have come to me with ideas and thoughts. Several of you have helped me cast a vision for the years to come and many of you have been faithful to pray. Thank you so much.

For more information on what is going on with FCC Women check out the women's ministry page on the website: somersetfirstchristian.org or contact Anne at 421-4725 or anne@somersetfirstchristian.org

 *Love The Neighbor* 

We will be making freezer meals for those in our church who are undergoing surgery, etc. We will be making the meals on Saturday October 20th. We need volunteers (arrive by 8:00am) and food donations. If you can help in any way, please stop at the information station beginning October 7th. Monetary donations for supplies can be placed in one of the pew envelopes and dropped in the offering plate.

FCC MISSIONS: GO!

by Anne Onstead

Announcing the 2019 International Trip
Costa Rica - July 6 - 12, 2019
By: Anne Onstead

On September 5, 2012 an earthquake destroyed the church run by Pastor Edgar and Maribel in Lagunilla, Costa Rica. Our church responded through the mission organization Praying Pelican and sent a team the summer of 2014 to help start the process of rebuilding the church. That team dug the footers of what would become the church.

In 2016 we sent another team to continue the work in Lagunilla. They helped pour the floor, distribute food, run leadership training and encourage the women of the church. In 2017 I got to return with my daughter and a friend to continue the work with the women of the church.

Now in 2019 we are bringing our work to Costa Rica full circle. The church in Lagunilla is growing. The building has been complete, and many programs and outreaches have been started. But there is still more to be done. Pray about joining us this summer to celebrate what has been done and help to continue to reach hearts for Jesus in this beautiful country.

If you are interested in going or need more information sign-up at the information station. We will be having an informational meeting following church on Sunday October 21st. The cut-off date for signing up and committing to the trip is Sunday November 11th when we will have our first team meeting.



FCC BACKPACK PROGRAM

by Anne Onstead

Thank you for all the sponsorships that have been received for the Backpack Program. The first bags went home with the kids on Friday, September 21st. Currently we are serving around 50 children and we only have 22 children sponsored.

It is not too late to sponsor a child. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate.

BACKPACK SPONSORSHIP

_____ I would like to provide a full year of sponsorship for \$360. (Sponsorship can be made in one lump sum or spread out over the year at \$30 a month.)

_____ I would like to provide a one-time donation of _____.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

***Checks payable to FCC Backpack Program
and can be placed in the
offering plate.***



The month of October is full of a few awesome events for student ministries here at FCC. To keep up closely with what Thrive student ministries is doing for the next few months, I would encourage you to pick up a Fall calendar from the information station. Apart from our weekly Thrive get togethers each Thursday night from 7:00pm-8:30pm we also are having separate events for both junior and senior high students this month. On Saturday, October 20th, senior high students will be leaving the church at 5:30pm to head into the Rockwood area to go to Huston's Haunted Hollow (a haunted house attraction.) There will be a sign-up sheet starting October 7th. That is our senior high exclusive event. On October 25th there will be no Thrive youth group, but all students are welcome to help with Trunk or Treat that will be taking place that night here at the church. A sign-up sheet will be available on October 7th as well. Our last event in October for Thrive student ministry is a junior high exclusive event. We are having a junior high fear factor night. We will play gross, creepy, and fun games where we have the guys verses the girl. We hope to see you this month!

Shae Frazier, Student Minister

TRUNK OR TREAT

A FREE, SAFE, AND FUN ENVIRONMENT OF
TRICK OR TREATING FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
6 - 7 P.M.

(The Kiwanis Halloween Parade will line up by the courthouse and begin at 7:00 p.m.)

There is no set theme this year. Feel free to dress up however you would like. Just remember this is a family event so please keep it kid friendly.

Sign-up if you want to enter your vehicle to hand out candy and take a paper with the scheduled times. Please plan for around 625 people this year. You will have access to park in the lot between 5:30-6:00pm.

We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and of course . . . lots of candy.





"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your heart. Make sure your children learn them. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed. And speak about them when you get up." Deuteronomy 6: 5-8

The home is one of the best (and toughest) places to make disciples. Parenting is a high calling whether you're a Christian or not - but if you're actively trying to make disciples of your kids, you've got a huge task before you. The good news is that Paul tells Timothy that all Scripture is useful for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16), which means there's plenty of help for parents in the Bible.

We as the church are here to help you as parents grow your children into becoming disciples. Here are a few simple faith building practices for you to do with your children:

- Pray daily with and for your children.
- Memorize one verse together as a family each week.
- Review Sunday school take-home papers. Do the activities together. Talk through the recommended discussion questions.
- Be with your children daily - talking, listening, and applying Bible truths to your lives and theirs.
- Read Scripture together. It doesn't have to be much, but it has to be clear that God's Word is an important resource and part of daily life.

I would like to challenge all the parents of children age 2 through 5th grade to pick up a paper that explains what your child will be learning about in Tiny Tots, Wee Worship, or Junior Church for the coming Sundays and read the Bible story and discuss it before they actually have the lesson and then again on Sunday after church while having lunch and see if they learned anything new that maybe you hadn't talked about. This is a great way to give you a direction to go with your conversations after church on what your child learned. The lists will be available at the kid's check-in table.

I want to hear your stories on how this goes, please contact me by email tammy@somersetfirstchristian.org.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for donuts and fellowship on Sunday, October 7th at 8:30am in fellowship hall. Hosted by Bill & Tammie Gerhart.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 7th at 1:00pm at Huston's Campground (176 Big Rock Rd., Rockwood). Bring a HEARTY covered dish to share, lawn chairs and outdoor games. Dress for the weather. The church will provide the main dish (Barbeque chicken made by Jim Moon), paper products and beverages.

MONTHLY LEADERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00pm for Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Chase will teach a Wednesday afternoon Bible Study beginning October 10th from 1:00 - 2:00pm. We will be studying The Lives of the Apostles.

ORDINATION OF SHAE FRAZIER

Student Minister, Shae Frazier will be ordained during the service on Sunday, October 14th.

T.N.T. OCTOBER GET TOGETHER

Join the Dynamite Seniors of FCC meet on Wednesday, October 17th at Kings Restaurant at 11:00am for a Dutch Treat lunch. See Sandy Pyle with questions.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25th. Candy donations, hot dogs, buns, and HUG drinks are needed. Candy can be dropped in the bin in the Sunday school area and food donations in the refrigerator in the church kitchen.



Friday, November 2nd, 6:30pm. Join us for a Murder Mystery Adventure. Sign up at the information station and please be sure to note if you would like a part. Please bring a large covered dish to share. The church will provide the beverages and the main dish. Childcare will be provided for ages 0 - 5. Sign up beginning October 14th.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Fall Back - turn your clocks back one hour on November 4th before going to bed.



Adult Sunday School Campaign

Throughout the month of October, the Adult Sunday school classes will be collecting signed Christmas cards (without envelopes) for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A box will be provided for each class throughout October.

Those serving our country appreciate knowing that they haven't been forgotten, especially over the holidays. Please feel free to write a personal note, some scripture and the name of the church you attend. Please send as many cards as you would like!

The cards will be collected on November 11th and sent overseas via the Somerset Military Support Group. If you have any questions, please see Joyce Lee.

Thank you and let's fill those boxes!



- **THE LOOP:** all information is due to the church by 10:00am on Tuesday. Please email the office at fccsomerset@comcast.net.
- **MINISTRY BUILDING USE:** If you are in charge of a church ministry and you need to use the church building (for meetings, etc.), please stop in the church office and fill out a Ministry Building Use Form. This will prevent conflicting schedules and it will allow the staff to be aware of what is going on in the building as well as giving them contact information if a situation arises.
- **MINISTRY TABLE:** If you have a special ministry project coming up and you would like reserve the Ministry Table, please fill out a form in the church office. Due to space issues only one table is permitted at a time. For scheduling see Cheryl Clementi, for questions see Pastor Chase.
- **INFORMATION STATION:** No items (including sign ups) can be placed at the information station without approval of the Director, Cheryl Clementi.

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

SUNDAY: Sunday school, 9:00am
Worship service, 10:00am
Small Group, 6:00-7:30pm
FCC Kids, 6:00-7:30pm

MONDAY: sHebrews, 7:15am
20 Something Small Group,
6:30pm
Rouch Small Group, 6:30pm

TUESDAY: Walter's Small Group, 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY: FCC Small Group, begins
on 10/10, 1:00pm
Bells, 5:30pm
Choir, 6:30pm
Praise Band, 7:30pm

THURSDAY: Cramer Small Group, 6:00pm
Junior & Senior High
THRIVE, 7:00-8:30pm

FRIDAY: Office Closed

MONTHLY



10/2 Oil Change Ministry, 6:00pm
10/7 Donut Sunday, 8:30am.
Church Picnic, 1:00pm (details on page 8)
10/13 Church reserved for Knepper/Petrilla wedding
10/14 Ordination of Shae Frazier during service
10/17 T.N.T. at King's, 11:00am
Deaconess meeting with Lifetouch, 6:00pm
Prayer Team Meeting, 6:00pm
10/20 Freezer meals made, 8:00am-10:00am
Senior High Outing meet at FCC at 5:30pm
10/25 Trunk or Treat volunteers arrive by 5:30pm
Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm
10/26 FCC Women HAPPENINGS, Hayride, 7:00pm
10/27 Jr. High Outing



MEMBER NEWS

CALLED HOME TO THE LORD

George Jock was called home on September 14th.

IT'S A BOY!

Chase Metro McConnell born on 9/24 to Greg and Sabrina McConnell. Chase weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz and was 20 ³/₄ inches long. Big sister is Lillian. Grandparents are Dave & Denise Ferris.

Called TO *Serve*

NURSERY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

10/7 Megan Hill, Ann King
10/14 Tom & Tammy Minnick
10/21 Tammy Schrock, Hannah Slope
10/28 George Perras & Teckla Miller

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

10/7 Tammie & Bill Gerhart
10/14 Dave & Denise Ferris
10/21 Becky Knopsnider, John Bollman
10/28 Chris Mowry, Stan King

NURSERY: WORSHIP SERVICE

10/7 Matt & Sarah Rouch
10/14 Teresa Baker, Donna Kern
10/21 Tiffany St. Clair, Barb Kleinert
10/28 Georgiann Blazin & Mark Meekins

TINY TOTS NURSERY

10/7 Rachel Davis, Lori Miller
10/14 Jody Jurgevich, Jen Miller
10/21 Denise Grove, Lauren Baker
10/28 Karamie & Dylan Johnson

WEE WORSHIP

10/7 Melissa Wilson, Deb Barndt
10/14 Molly Meekins, Cheryl Clementi
10/21 Mary & Steve Gerhard
10/28 Tracey & Roger Baer

JUNIOR CHURCH

10/7 Rick Marker, Tim Baker
10/14 Christy Hay, Erin Baker
10/21 Jesse & John Landis
10/28 Shae Frazier, Anna Meyers

INFORMATION/CAFE

Sandy Knepper, Brittany Porter

GREETERS

Sandy Pyle, Kim Flick

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Mike Costea, Matt Rouch

AV TEAM

To be determined.

SERVING AT THE TABLE

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion</u>
10/7	Matt Rouch	Doug Huston
10/14	Dave Ferris	Matt Rouch
10/21	Mike Costea	Dave Ferris
10/28	John Schrock	Mike Costea

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
10/7	The Meekins	The Sherbines
10/14	Shane Lenhart	Meyers Family
10/21	Shae Frazier	Jim Moon
10/28	The Fishers	The Blazins

MEDITATIONS

10/7 Shae Frazier
10/14 Tom Minnick
10/21 Dane Cramer
10/28 Mike Costea

PRAYER TEAM

10/7 Karen Walters, Chris Mowry
10/14 Mike & Karen Costea
10/21 Matt & Sarah Rouch
10/28 Jim Moon, Cheryl Clementi

COMMUNION PREPARATION

10/7 Mary Ann Riggs
10/14 Kimberly Onder
10/21 Jeff & Christy Hay
10/28 Arlene DeArmitt

5:15 Team

10/7 Jim & Kimberly Onder
10/14 Bill & Tammie Gerhart
10/21 Chase Hill, Anne Onstead
10/28 Mark & Molly Meekins

VAN MINISTRY

10/7 Brandon Lambert
10/14 George Perras
10/21 Rick Marker
10/28 Terry Fisher