

# CONNECTION 2023

## - MISSION STATEMENT -

To grow our faith in Christ and share it with others;  
connect to God and to others through love;  
create hope by serving others.

## - VISION STATEMENT -

To be a faithful community called to  
love, connect, equip, and serve.

## - CORE VALUES -

Love  
Inclusion  
Creativity

## CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF

<b>MINISTERS</b> .....	The Congregation
<b>SENIOR PASTOR</b> .....	Rev. Chad Thompson
<b>Minister of Youth &amp; Young Adults</b> .....	Chad Thompson
<b>Minister of Music</b> .....	Jordan Williams
<b>Organist</b> .....	Anthony Imperatrice
<b>Chair of the Congregation (2023)</b> .....	Jane Ono
<b>Chair of the Elders (2023)</b> .....	Charlotte Thompson
<b>Administrative Assistant</b> .....	Cora Fluker-Pulley
<b>Communications Coordinator</b> .....	Cora Fluker-Pulley
<b>Custodian</b> .....	Josiah Thompson
<b>Child Care</b> .....	<b>(Open)</b>



## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever had one of those days where it seems that no matter what you do, you keep making mistakes? No matter how hard you try, it seems that you keep making mistake after mistake. I love the days where everything seems to work together, and nothing goes wrong. However, the reality is that we all face days where it seems that nothing is going right. How do you handle those days? Do you walk around beating yourself up because you didn't do it right? Or do you immediately move on and forget about the mistakes? I confess that for me it depends on the day. If I have been practicing self-care than I am in the latter group. When I have not been practicing self-care, I am in the first group.

For instance, the other day I had a rough day and was walking around replaying the events of the day in my mind and asking myself, "Why did I do it that way?" or "What was I thinking?" I felt a gentle nudge to sit down and read my Bible. So, I sat down, opened my Bible, and came across Psalm 37:24, "though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand." It was the right words I needed to hear or read at that moment. Though I may stumble, I won't fall because God holds me up and holds my hand. Maybe these are the same words you need to hear today. May we always remember that God holds us up, no matter what we are going through. Let the voice of grace and truth speak to you today, "I hold your hand my beloved child and I will never leave you or forsake you."

"Man to God: "I've let you down so many times." God to man: "You weren't holding me up. I uphold you with My righteous right hand. That's how it works in this relationship. I - hold - you - up."

The Skit Guys

**Pastor Chad**

Dear Church Family,

May 24, 2023



Have you ever been done with something? Not necessarily mad about it, and no one is forcefully taking it from you, but you're just done. It's not right for you any more. In Matthew 4:18-20, Jesus had just started his preaching career and was walking near the Sea of Galilee. Simon and Andrew were fishing there, just doing their jobs, and Jesus said, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you." (The Message). They dropped their nets and went with Him. Fishing wasn't a bad thing; it wasn't weighing them down, but Jesus had something better for them.

At the end of May, I'll be leaving my job. I've been an optician (again) for just over a year now. The doctor I work for has been fantastic! My coworkers are kind and empathetic and so so funny! Being there was exactly what I needed with everything that's happened this last year. I needed the regular schedule, consistent coworkers, and understanding boss. I will miss seeing them every day. But I'm done now. There's something better for me. I get to stay home with my kids and do ministry with my husband. I'm so excited!

Do you have something you need to drop? Maybe it's a bad thing or maybe it's just something that served its purpose. Jesus is calling you to something different. Drop your nets and follow Him. It'll be great!

In His service,

Charlotte Thompson, youth sponsor

**Calendar:**

- June 1, 3:30 pm: CYF/Chi Rho @ the church
- June 4, 7:00 pm: Young Adult Group @ our house
- June 8, 3:30 pm: CYF/Chi Rho @ the church
- June 11, 7:00pm: Young Adult Group @ our house
- June 15, 3:30pm: CYF/Chi Rho @ the church
- June 16, TBA: Movie Night
- June 22, 3:30pm: CYF/Chi Rho @ the church

**2023 OUTREACH GOALS**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life, Christian Café, Selma Cares, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Food Pantry

**\$2,521.59** raised out of \$2,500.00

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Special funds (not a part of budgeted giving) that give a "boost" to certain ministries of the church:

**Camp Scholarships**

**\$340.00** raised out of \$1,500.00

**Community Church Choir**

**\$454.49** raised out of \$500.00

**Music Ministry**

**\$213.35** raised out of \$250.00

**Organ**

**\$500.00** raised out of \$500.00

**Youth & Young Adult**

**\$155.23** raised out of \$500.00

**Thank you so much for your faithful and generous support!**

(Funds updated as of 5/30/2023 and do not include expenses incurred.)

**GHO'S**  
1963-2023

**60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023**

**STARTS @ 3PM - LION DANCING - FOOD - DRINKS**  
**2030 E FRONT ST, SELMA CA 93662**  
**FOR QUESTIONS CALL BEVERLY: 559-970-4092**

When a boring summer seems inevitable...

**GET TO CGC  
in 2023!**



# Friends & Fun & Fabulous Staff! Interactive Spiritual Exploration

Community of the Great Commission

## SUMMER CAMP

- June 8-11 Adult camp (ages 18+)
- June 18-22 Junior camp (entering 4th-6th grades)
- June 18-24 Chi Rho camp (entering 7th-9th grades)
- June 24-26 J.O.Y. camp (entering K-3rd grades, accompanied by an adult)
- June 25-July 1 CYF camp (entering 10th-12th, including graduated seniors)

Mark your calendars today!  
For more info, go online to:  
[https://ccncn.org/summer\\_camps.php](https://ccncn.org/summer_camps.php)



### PRAYER REQUESTS, PRAISES, & GRATITUDE

PRAYER CHAIN: Please send prayer requests and praises to Jennifer Earle, 559-896-2358 or [jen4earle@gmail.com](mailto:jen4earle@gmail.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

### PRAISES & GRATITUDE:

First Christian's Food Pantry serving people in need every month.

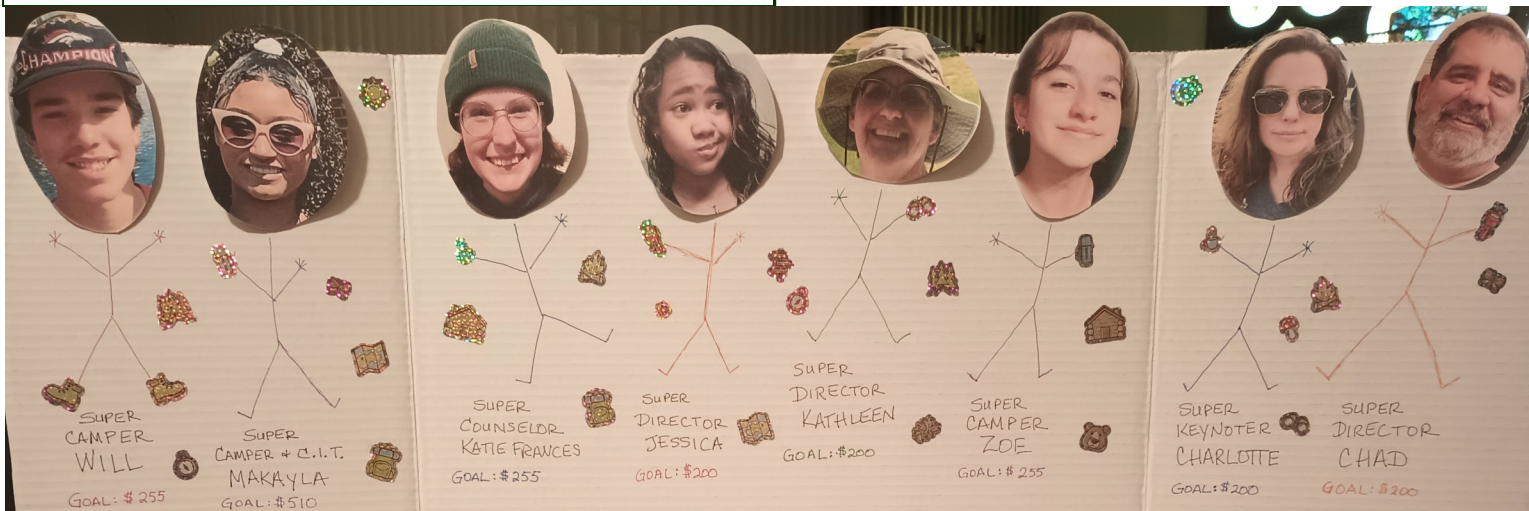
Pray for Abel Sandoval. He has some tension with his niece and brother. So he is am asking for prayer to resolve conflicts and deal with differences in opinion. He is also asking for ongoing prayer for his brother-in-law Francisco post-amputation and his sister, whom needs patience, strength, and faith to keep going by his side.

Pray for Gary Ono and Jane as Gary had surgery to have a shunt put in to help with his hydrocephalus. The doctor said all went well, but he has weaknesses on his left side. They are doing another CT scan and he won't be able to go home yet.

Pray too for their grandson, Alex; he had had two hernias repaired and is doing well.

Bob and Katie McGill's son-in-law, Greg, just found out that the cancer has spread to his liver and multiple lymph nodes. They are waiting to hear from the doctor about possible treatment.

Pray for a work contact of Leah's, Lance Abe, who is undergoing triple bypass in the next few days.



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# 2023

# CAMP SQUAD

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AND THEY NEED YOUR \$\$ SUPPORT



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Because **Pentecost** is during Memorial Day weekend (May 28th), we will be observing the celebration on **June 4th**. Remember to wear **RED** on Sunday!

**Elder Meeting** - Sunday, June 4 after worship  
**Spiritual Growth** - Sunday, June 11 after worship  
**Board Meeting** - Sunday, June 25 after worship

**Men’s Ministry** will be meeting for breakfast June 10th @9am at Legends Tap House and Grill!

**Esther Group** will meet Saturday, June 10th @9:30am  
**Miriam Group** will meet Tuesday, June 13th @9:30am at Katie’s Kitchen!

**Father’s Day - Sunday, June 18 @ 10:30 AM**  
 Join us in worship as we celebrate our fathers and father-like figures in our lives.

There will be a **PRIDE Service 7PM June 19th** to celebrate the life, love, and equality of the LGBTQ+ community.



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** .....Worship Service..... **10:30am**  
 .....Iglesia DC..... **4:30pm & 6pm**  
 .....Young Adult Group (1st & 3rd Sundays) ..**7pm**

**Monday:** .....Iglesia DC Food Distribution..... **3pm**  
 .....Narcotics Anonymous..... **7pm**

**Tuesday:** .....(No activities).....

**Wednesday:** ...Choir Rehearsal (intermittently) ..... **7pm**

**Thursday:** .....Chi Rho/CYF ..... **3:30pm**  
 .....Iglesia DC..... **6pm**

**Friday:** .....Iglesia DC Food Distribution..... **3pm**  
 .....Alcoholics Anonymous ..... **7pm**

**Saturday:** .....Community Choir (intermittently) ..... **10am**

**GIVING TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Thank you for financially supporting God’s work in the various ways below!

**MAIL**

2026 Arrants St., Selma, CA 93662

**“BILL PAY”**

through online banking

**IN WORSHIP**

There is an offering box in the Narthex when you come through the main entrance.

**MOBILE APPS**

(download one or both at the Google Play Store or the Apple Store)

(General Fund only →)



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**EXTRA WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH**

**Facebook Donate**

[www.facebook.com/selmadisciples](http://www.facebook.com/selmadisciples)

**Donating Supplies**

The church is always in need of stamps, printer paper, face masks, paper towels, and toilet paper.

Contact the church office to see what is currently needed.

Thank you for your help in making the administration ministry successful in its work.



# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CYF/Chi Rho 3:30p	2	3 National Trails Day
4 <b>Pentecost</b> Elders Meeting  Young Adults 7:00p	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day CYF/Chi Rho 3:30p	9	10 Men's Ministry @Legends 9a  Esther Group 930a
11 Graduation Sunday Spiritual Growth  Young Adults 7:00p	12 8a Extending Hands Ministries Food Pantry 8a	13 930a Miriam Group	14	15 Global Wind Day CYF/Chi Rho 3:30p	16  Movie Night TBA	17
18 Father's Day	19 Caller Submissions Due  <b>Juneteenth</b>  <b>PRIDE Service 7P</b>	20 World Refugee Day	21	22 CYF/Chi Rho 3:30p	23	24
25 Board Meeting	26 8a Extending Hands Ministries Food Pantry	27	28	29 CYF/Chi Rho 3:30p	30	 Church Calendar

## JUNE

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 04: Anthony Duran
- 09: Geneva Solis (mail via Geneva Torrez)
- 11: Teresa Keck
- 12: Yolanda & Clemente Gonzalez
- 13: Yolanda Gonzalez
- 14: Josiah Thompson
- 17: Sierra Cook
- 19: Dave & Diane Highbaugh '82
- 21: Jane Ono
- 23: Devin Fitzgerald
- 24: Linda Berry  
Angel Smiley
- 26: Mark & Dorothy Babiarz '82
- 28: Cindy Jurado-Hernandez
- 29: John Hopkins



## SERVING IN JUNE 2023



### PRESIDER

- 4. Lisa Piper
- 11. Liz Martinez
- 18. Teresa Keck
- 25. Cora Fluker

### SCRIPTURE

- Acts 2:1-21
- Matt. 9:9-13; 18-26
- Luke 15:11-24
- TBA

### COMMUNION ELDER

- 4. Jennifer Earle
- 11. Alan Langstraat
- 18. Leah Torosian
- 25. Jordan Williams



### JUNIOR WORSHIP TIME LEADERS



### MAY 2023 ATTENDANCE (IN-PERSON)

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| 7. 33  | 21. 38 |
| 14. 51 | 28. 38 |

# THE CALLER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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**June 2023**

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**TO:**

«First Name» «Last Name»

«Address»

«City, State, ZIP»

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.  
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

**The Caller**  
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