



The Chalice

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Rev. Alan Cloar bio:

Rev. Alan Cloar is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Alan grew up on a family farm in Paris, Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1992, and Candler School of Theology in Atlanta in 1999.

Alan has served congregations as an Associate, Solo, Interim and Senior Minister, most recently at Cherry Log Christian Church (DOC). He has also served as a Campus Minister.

Alan lives in Winder, GA, with his wife Cheryl (Minister of First Christian Church in Winder). Their daughter, Catherine, is a graduate of University of Georgia. Their son, Timothy, is currently a UGA student.

Alan believes our identity as Christians is grounded in gratitude to God for the blessing of God's creation, and our life as a part of it. Our call as the Body of Christ is to remember and share God's Infinite Love, Healing Grace, and Radical Hospitality, always and everywhere.



July 2023 Calendar

Sunday, July 2

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Mary Lillie Watson

Monday, July 3

“Happy 98th Birthday to Ms. Grace”
No CMF Meal and Meeting
Office Closed

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

No Meal Ministry until August 16
No Choir Rehearsal until July 26

Sunday, July 9

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Bill Hunt
Elder: Cathy Moorehead

Monday, July 10

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Sunday, July 16

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Ann Smith

Monday, July 17

7:30 PM – Elder’s meeting

Sunday, July 23

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Rosa Hall

Monday, July 24

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
6:30 PM – Disciple Women’s Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 30 – Change for Change

10:30 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Bill Hunt
Elder: Bill Hunt

July 2023 Lectionary

July 2

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 16

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-2,23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 30

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11,45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,45-52

Worship Committee

Father's Day was celebrated with Mary Ann Waters leading singing and gifting us with a special song. Each Father was given a small token gift.

Wayne McTyre's family came a week early to celebrate Father's Day with him and Elaine.



Disciple Women

The Disciples Women's meeting on May 22, 2023, opened with the DW Prayer with 11 Members present. Refreshments were provided by Melba Baker and Marsha Lee (who was not able to attend). Cathy Milligan provided our Program. Prayer Concerns were noted and prayed for.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given and accepted. A Thank You note was received and read for the donation of \$100 to Relay for Life.

The May Project was to collect needed supplies for Camp Christian, and these will be taken to the Camp.

It was a bittersweet meeting as it was the last Disciples Women meeting Rev. Sheila Hunter would be with us. Sheila is retiring and we celebrated her retirement with a beautiful cake, which was included with the provided refreshments, and a monetary gift. We will miss Sheila and wish her special blessings for a wonderful retirement.

The meeting was closed with the DW Benediction. The next DW meeting will be June 26, 2023, at 6:30 PM. All women are invited to join us.

Outreach Report

Pentecost Offering total was \$473. Our goal was \$500.

60 for 60- Camp Christian benefit is now at \$2,220.

ACTs volunteers continue to work both in the closets and with transporting from Trader Joe's.

Family Promise: checked with Patti Clark on schedule—next host week is July 16-23. Help at 5:00 pm on July 16 and July 23. There are also 2 other shifts that need covering. 5-8 pm shift and overnight shift. If you aren't certified and want to serve, we can contact Patti for online instructions.

Next meeting is July 12 at 4:00 pm at WFCC.

Property Report

The pressure washing is completed on the pavement and outside areas of the church.



KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville

Calling All Georgia Disciples at the General Assembly

The General Assembly is coming July 29-August 1, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky! The gathering theme, "The Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us" promises to be a time of sharing and caring for one another as we model the kindness of God and the kinship that we share as one people. Good preaching, worship, education, fellowship, prayer, celebration, fun, laughter, and worshipful work will meet us there!

If you are planning to meet us in Louisville, we are asking you to do three things:

1. Please register your name and contact information with the Georgia Regional Office so we can connect and let you know about Georgia Disciples events at the Assembly. One person can register everyone going from your church. Register [here](#). To avoid duplicate registrations, please let your group members know they have been registered with the Christian Church in Georgia.
2. Plan on attending the Saturday July 29, 9 am Opening Ceremony. There will be a regional roll call, and when you hear the Georgia Region called, look for the banner and SCREAM so that people back home can hear you!
3. Plan on attending the SERF (Southeast Regional Fellowship of Disciples) after session on Sunday, July 31, at 8:45-10 pm, location TBA.



Register for Disciples Women Fall Retreat

Registration is open for the Disciples Women's Fall Retreat from September 22-24, 2023, at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA. Building on the success of last year's event at this retreat center, Disciples Women in Georgia will be treated to a weekend around the theme, "Dancing in the Rain," featuring keynoter Rev. Heather Webb, Senior Pastor at Union Christian Church, Watkinsville, GA. First Christian Church of Atlanta Music Minister, Rev. Ann Edmondson, will provide music leadership. Learn more, register for the event and reserve your hotel rooms [here](#).

WFCC Board Meeting – May 8, 2023

Members Present: Ann Smith, Rosa Hall, Roger Smith, Michelle Greenwall, Wayne McTyre, Steve Hansford, Tommy Branch, Cathy Moorehead, Joan Taylor, Bill Hunt, Gina Hansford, and Rev. Sheila Hunter.

Call to Order: Chair Ann Smith called the meeting to order.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer concerns were shared and uplifted in prayer.

Opening Prayer: Ann Smith provided an opening prayer.

Devotion and Communion: Bill Hunt provided a devotion and Communion.

Minutes: By consensus, Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Smith presented the April 30, 2023 Financial Report. By consensus, the report was approved as submitted.

Minister's Report: Rev. Sheila Hunter presented the Minister's Report for March and April, 2023. By consensus, the report was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

OUTREACH – It was noted the Outreach Committee has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 10th. Funding received has been \$720 for Camp Christian, \$55.72 for Change for Change, \$376 for Easter Offering and \$250 for Relay for Life.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE – Wayne McTyre said a part has been ordered for the broken stove in the kitchen. He and Bill Hunt worked together to prepare the Baptistry.

WORSHIP – Rev. Sheila Hunter reported the Church will be doing something special for Mother's Day and Graduation.

ELDERS – Bill Hunt noted the Elders have not been able to meet regularly due to schedule conflicts.

DISCIPLE WOMEN – Joan Taylor reported the Disciple Women met on April 24th. Their May project will be donations of supplies to Camp Christian. This will be shared with the congregation. Also approved was a donation of \$100 to Cathy Moorehead's mother's caregiver who is in need of financial assistance.

CMF – Steve Hansford said the CMF met on May 1st. Lexi Pritchard provided an informative talk about the 4-H program. A plaque was presented to CMF for their donation.

Old Business: Rev. Sheila Hunter reported that she and Elaine McTyre have researched the internet service with Spectrum and have been pleased. She also explained the basic plan we have with Athens Micro needs to be upgraded to keep costs down. By consensus, the Board approved shifting the internet service to Spectrum and upgrading the basic plan with Athens Micro to the more expansive plan.

New Business: The Board reviewed the 8 members appointed to the Endowment Committee and the 5 members appointed to the Search Committee as presented by Chair Ann Smith.

Rev. Sheila excused herself from the meeting. The Board discussed her Retirement Reception to be held after church service on May 28th.

Adjournment: Chair Ann Smith delivered a Closing Prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gina L. Hansford, Board Secretary

Financial Report May 2023

By Kathy Reising for Gina Hansford, Treasurer

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS
\$15,189	\$54,503	\$82,645

MAY EXPENSES	2023 YTD EXPENSES	2023 BUDGETED EXPENSES
\$13,364	\$69,726	\$80,491

2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES \$ -15,223

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ -28,142 (UNDER)
2023 EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ -10,765 (UNDER)



YEAR TO DATE (22 SUNDAYS)

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGET	\$3,757
AVERAGE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUAL	<u>\$2,477</u>
AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTAGE PER BUDGET	\$(1280)

	MAY 31, 2023	DEC 31, 2022	CHANGE IN ACCOUNT
GENERAL FUNDS	\$13,162	\$30,680	\$ -17,518 (57%)
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$39,635	\$47,179	\$ - 7,544 (16%)
DEC STATEMENTS, AS OF	MAR 31, 2022	DEC 31, 2022	
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$219,206	\$204,534	\$ 14,672 6%
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$174,431	\$174,431	\$ 10,125 7%

ITEMS OF NOTE:

SPECIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE 05-31-23

CAMP CHRISTIAN 60 FOR 60	\$2,200 (60 FROM DEC)
RELAY FOR LIFE — ACS	\$250.
1) DMF — CHRISTMAS OFFERING	\$612 (555 FROM DEC)
2) DMF — WEEK OF COMPASSION	\$5754 (\$5200 FROM DEC)
3) DMF — EASTER OFFERING	\$376
4) DMF — PENTECOST	\$473

5) DMF — RECONCILIATION	
6) DMF — THANKSGIVING	
7) DMF - CHRISTMAS 2022	
8) CHANGE FOR CHANGE	\$ 81
9) DONATION FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE	\$1,250
11) MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 25
13) OUT OF DARKNESS	
14) FALL FESTIVAL BACK PARKING	(TO MAJOR MAINTENANCE)
15) ANONYMOUS DONATION —	