



Love **GOD**  
Be a **NEIGHBOR**  
Welcome All to the **TABLE**



On Sunday we celebrated Walter Colburn's 80th birthday. Part of that celebration was a series of messages from folks in the community. It turns out that Walter knows a lot of people! I wasn't able to read every bit of every written message we received because that would have taken a while. And so, below are those messages: from friends near and far, whop have all been touched by Walter.

This celebration was a reminder to me of the power of service. When you show up and help make life possible for the church, then the effect you have on the lives of those around you can be immense. I hope we will all remember this lesson in our own lives.

Blessings,

Rev. Andrew Guthrie

On behalf of the Wick family, we would like to thank you for many years of service to this church. You have been helping out wherever you can for as long as we can remember! We wish you the happiest of birthdays. You have earned it!

With gratitude,  
Rachel, Barney and Mark Wick

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We have known Walter since 1960, and all that time he has consistently and faithful been a dedicated volunteer and servant with and for First Christian Church – Lafayette. Though many things he does, the public does see or



You are invited to stay for a short, informal time of prayer each Sunday following the worship service (except for First Sunday Celebration weeks). The focus will be on praying for our church. The gatherings will take place in the Chapel.



## Fresh Market Service

We serve our neighbors through the Fresh Market on the third Saturday of every month. Sign up to join us below or reply to this email so we know how many we'll have volunteering.

Serve with Us

## Pub Theology

7pm May 9th  
at Lafayette Brewing Company

Come for a night of fun and faithful conversation in this casual environment. This is a great chance to get connected with others in the church while discussing matters of faithful living.

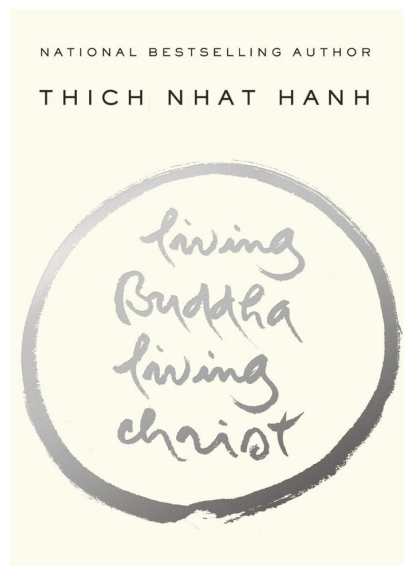


**The Seekers are currently reading a book** titled "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Hat Hanh

"Nominated by Martin Luther King, Jr. for a Nobel Peace Prize, Thich Nhat Hanh is one of today's leading sources of wisdom, peace, compassion and comfort.

The 20th anniversary edition of the classic text, updated, revised, and featuring a Mindful Living Journal.

"Buddha and Christ, perhaps the two most pivotal figures in the history of humankind, each left behind a legacy of teachings and practices that have shaped the lives of billions of people



For those joining by Zoom (note: this link is new as of January 2024)  
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over two millennia. If they were to meet on the road today, what would each think of the other's spiritual views and practices?

"Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between two great contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider. In lucid, meditative prose, he explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and he reawakens our understanding of both. 'On the altar in my hermitage,' he says, 'are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors.'"

The Seekers class meets every Sunday at 9am in the Upstairs Seekers classroom.

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## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the chain, replay to this email and let me know. Once you're added to the group, you can send prayer requests to [prayer@fclaf.org](mailto:prayer@fclaf.org). Once approved, these messages will be sent to everyone else on the prayer chain. This way, we'll be able to pray for one another throughout the week.

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