



First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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**Welcome,
2022!**



Join us this **Sunday, January 16th** as we will be honoring **Tim Adcock** in our 11:00 a.m. service for his many years of service to First Christian Church. Tim let it be known in November that he wanted to retire as FCC Financial Administrator as of January 15, 2022. Tim has done an outstanding job as our Financial Administrator for the last 14 years. He was also our pianist/organist for 17 years & 4 months. So let's make a special effort to attend this Sunday, January 16, 2022 so we can honor, show our love and appreciation!

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Greeting 2022

What a great feeling to know that a new year has started. New possibilities, new opportunities for growth and outreach at First Christian Church. I am looking forward to a special month-long emphasis that we will be having in March. It's called PROJECT NEIGHBOR. During the month of March all of the adult Sunday School classes will be studying a series of lessons which will help us to answer the question --WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? We will also have a month-long sermon series that will deal with the topic of "Being a Neighbor" Each week everyone will be encouraged to pick a special service project to personally do for their neighbors and community. Some of you might want to team up together and do one of the bigger projects. We will be providing a list of ideas (big and small) to help you choose from or to help give ideas. Each week you will be given an opportunity to share with each other your ideas, experiences and what you have learned. You will be encouraged to find new service opportunities ---Yes, I know that First Christian Church people serve in all sorts of ministries in our community-- but sometimes you can get in a service rut. Sometimes our service can become so routine that we forget the who, what and why of doing it. So, you will be asked to do something new. Yes, out of your comfort zone, my experience is that is usually where we can find God in a fresh new manner.

This could be the beginning of a new day of outreach for First Christian Church and I am sure you will want to be a part of it. I know I do.

Also, this next Sunday, I am excited that we will be honoring Tim Adcock in our service for his many years of service to FCC. I am sure you will want to make a special effort to attend so that you can share a special word of encouragement and appreciation for Tims service. Well done good and faithful servant.

Love to all

Pastor Greg

*First Christian Church
Prayer Team*

meets every Sunday
afternoon at 4:00 p.m.
here at the church.

You are invited to come join for
a time of prayer for our church,
church family & friends

PRAYER CONCERNS

Michelle McCrory, health concerns
Mary "Brandi" Reinert, health concerns,
mom of Jessica Giddings

Linda Boyd
Bob Milstead, Jr., health concerns,
son of Bob & Jane Milstead

Dusty Green, husband of Gloria Green
Home Centered Members & Friends
Our Military Families & Friends



**Church Offices will be closed
on Monday, January 17, 2022
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



COFFEE TIME
Thursday Mornings
at 9:30 a.m.
Except the first Thursday
of each month here at
the church for a time
of coffee & fellowship
All are invited!

Come Join the FUN!!

FUNTIMERS 65+

or anyone who wants to hang out with us!

FunTimers meet on Thursdays from
1:00—3:30pm

here at the church for a time of playing board
games, dominos, card games and laughter!

**MARK
your
CALENDARS!**

Sunday, January 23 at 5:30pm
Ministerial Relations Committee
Meeting

Monday, January 24 at 5:30pm
Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26 at
11:30am Abilene Association of
Congregation Meeting here at
First Christian Church



Circle With Faith
will meet on Tuesday,
January 18th at 6:00 p.m.
at FaithWorks of Abilene,
1229 N. Mockingbird Lane

We will be meeting at their facility to see their new dining
hall and kitchen and hear a program by Joyce Dalzell,
founder and director. Brittany Paxton is a long time
member of their board.

Because this is an important outreach service that offers a
valuable ministry in Abilene, we are inviting all members
(men included) to join us. We will be serving a meal there,
so give us a call if you will be attending so we will know
you are going to join us. 698-3496 to leave a message



Hand Bells to start up again!
If you are interested in playing
Hand Bells, please contact our
Choir Director, Ricky Barringer.
ricky.barringer@gmail.com

Women's Leadership Event

Maria Garza – Speaker

Hispanic Convencion Women's President

February 18 – 19, 2022

First Christian Church Athens

900 Robbins Rd, Athens

Nuts and Bolts of Women's Leadership

Registration begins at 4 PM on the 18th. The event ends about
3 PM on the 19th.

Cost \$45 (includes meals)

Registration Deadline: Feb 1st.

Mail regis to: LaQuita Richardson CCSW Regional office
 4419 Kolloch or PO Box 1689
 Dallas, TX 75216 Ft Worth, TX 76101

ccsw@ccsw.org - pay on line

Include: name and address and e-mail with money

Motel info: Best Western Plus Royal Mt. Inn and Suites
 1414 State Hwy 31E, Athens
 903-292-1750

Rates: \$88.99 plus tax (King or 2 Queen) Avail Fri and/or Sat –

Tell them Disciples Women's block (goes up \$10 per nite if not reserved by Jan 18th.)



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education
Classes
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon — 1:00pm - 4:30 pm

First Christian Church Staff

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Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC



JOIN US ON

Wednesday Evenings
at 6:00 pm

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting