



First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Stewardship Theme:

"Lay up Treasures in Heaven"

1st Stewardship Sunday - October 10
- Luke 12:13-24

2nd Stewardship Sunday - October 17
- Matthew 13:47-50

Sunday, October 24th is Commitment Sunday

In the mail you should have received a letter with a Commitment Card enclosed. Please fill out the card and turn it in anytime during the month of October or you can bring it with you to worship on Sunday, Oct. 24th. Remember that this is an estimate of your giving for FCC ministries in 2022, and it may be modified at any time as needed.

All pledge cards will be due on that date so that the Finance committee can complete the work of the budget/financial plan for 2022. This budget will be made available prior to the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 14th following our 11:00 a.m. service.



Greetings First Christian Church,

What a great Sunday we had on World Communion Sunday 10/3/21. I want to personally thank everyone who was involved in the fellowship meal. From the setting up and taking down of the tables and chairs, to the decorating, and the cooking and serving. It was a true model of how we need everyone to contribute to have a successful event. It was an illustration of the **church in action**. We had guests who were welcomed and made to feel like family. We had people who used their talents to teach, and sing, and serve. It was awesome, thank you.

Speaking of the Church in Action, I hope we are all looking for ways to involve people in ministry. I hope we are quick to spring to action in inviting people to Church with us. The greatest way to bring people to Christ and the Church is to sincerely care for people, treat them kindly, and invite them to be with you at church. We do not need some gimmick (like a prize in a crackerjack box). What we need to do is love people as Christ loved us. I pray we are quick to lend compassion and grace to those in need. This is the action of the church. If I was going to pick a possible theme for 2022 it would be: First Christian Church --A Church in Action.

So let me call us as a community of faith to Action. What Actions are we to be about? Prayer, Bible Study/Reading, Worship, Serving and Caring. These are the action points that will make FCC grow spiritual and otherwise. My prayer for FCC is that we would be characterized by:

Love -- that is expressed in action and in deeds

Forgiveness -- that is practiced and received

Grace -- that is spread in generous supply

Friendship -- that is without discrimination

Acceptance - instead of judgment

Valued -- instead of marginalized

Basically, everything that we experience every week at the table of Christ. These are the lessons of the table. Where all are welcome.

Love you

Pastor Greg

PRAYER CONCERNS

Christine Brockman, health
Jimmie K. Kennedy, health
Johnnie Lou Boyd, after surgery recovery
Robin McClure, health concerns, nephew of Dot Laurence
LuJeane Adcock, health concerns, Mother of Tim Adcock
Scottie Myers, health concerns, brother-in-law of
Sindi Whitworth
Bob Milstead, Jr., health concerns, son of
Bob & Jane Milstead
Dusty Green, husband of Gloria Green
Sandy Clay & Jill Powell, sisters-in-law of Cathy Clay
Home Centered Members & Friends
Our Military Families & Friends

*****Rebecca Johnson, (Odessa) passed away on Saturday, October 2nd. Rebecca was a friend of Greg & Judy Morris. Please remember the family & friends in prayer.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month
Remember to let Pastor Greg know how much he is appreciated!

RALPH N. HOOKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

First Christian Church has been blessed to be named the administrator of the Ralph N. Hooks Scholarship Fund. The fund was established under the Will of Elizabeth Ann Hooks, daughter of Ralph and Nelle Hooks. The Hooks were longtime members of FCC.

The fund is to be used for two purposes: first, "primarily as a scholarship fund . . . providing scholarships for members of the church to attend McMurry University and/or Texas Christian University" and secondly, "for providing funds to compensate interns employed by the church in its summer intern program".

This gift is a huge blessing and has the potential to be a major outreach program for FCC for years. The church will be able to positively impact the lives of generations of students as they begin their journey toward higher education.

Contact the church office for application information.



COFFEE TIME

every Thursday
at 9:30 a.m. the men meet
here at the church for a
time of coffee & fellowship.
(Disciples Men Fellowship
sponsored)



Circle With Faith

October 19 6:00pm at FCC

We have another great program
planned called
"Random Acts of Kindness"

Meal will be served by
Jane Hurley, Judi Chaney
and Linda Holmes
Ya'll Come!

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!

Community-Wide

Trunk or Treat

4:00—6:00p.m

Saturday, October 30th

in the church parking lot



*Join us for a family-safe,
friendly night of Trick or
Treating!!*



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Candy & Volunteers Needed for Community-Wide Event:

Candy donations needed for Trunk-or-Treat on **Saturday, October 29!** Adult and Youth Volunteers are also needed to provide decorated trunks and tailgates. Sign-up sheets are on the hall bulletin board.

Contact **Cindy Brown** if you have any questions.



I wish to thank First Christian Church for the ROLPH N. HOOKS Scholarship Fund. This will go a long way towards helping me finish my education and pursue my career.

Sincerely,
Daniel McCrory.



BOBS Volunteers Needed

(BOBS –Breakfast On Beech Street)

The First Christian Church BOBS team that serves on the Second Tuesday of each month is needing volunteers.

We are short a couple of helpers and it's hard working with only 4 of us! We arrive at BOBS around 5:30am and leave around 7:30am after we prepare and serve breakfast and clean up.

Barbara Hart

If you can help call 325-668-1509 or email hart34@suddenlink.net

Thanks for your help!!

[First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report](#)

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| WEEK ENDING: <u>October 3, 2021</u> | \$ <u>3,011.48</u> |
| WEEK ENDING: <u>October 10, 2021</u> | \$ <u>12,528.54</u> |
| THIS MONTH TO DATE: <u>October, 2021</u> | \$ <u>15,540.02</u> |
| YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS: | \$ <u>261,550.66</u> |
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| DEPOSITS THROUGH <u>Sept. 30, 2021</u> | \$ <u>244,773.14</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH <u>Sept. 30, 2021</u> | \$ <u>210,577.24</u> |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) | \$ <u>34,195.90</u> |



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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
8:15 am - Noon — 1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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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