



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Be kind, Be thoughtful, Be genuine, But most of all Be Thankful

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



Hope

***Sunday, November 28th
First Sunday of Advent
"Hanging of the Greens"***



Greeting FCC

It is that time of year that we pause to express our thanks to God and those around us. Often, we become so busy, in our consumer driven world, that we forget the blessings of life. God has gifted us with life, friends, family, and church family. So, as we approach this Thanksgiving holiday let us pause to be reflective and to express our gratitude.

I am personally grateful for my new church family and ministry here at First Christian Church. I am grateful for my wife Judy and our dog Scarlett. I am thankful that God is not finished with me---I am still learning, still growing, still worshipping, and still serving. I feel loved here at FCC and want you to know that I love every one of you.

This Sunday the title of my sermon is: **A Truck Stop Thanksgiving**. Without telling too much (because I want you to come to Church), I will be sharing with you about how we can be surprised and thankful when things don't turn out the way we expected. This Thanksgiving I want to challenge you to really take this holiday to heart. It is so much more than just the food. It is so much more than just being the "gateway to the Christmas Season". In fact, we as Christians should be celebrating Thanksgiving all year long.

Grant to us O Lord,
time to pause, rest, and wait
time to take a breath
to inhale and exhale
the eyes to see all the Lord's goodness
a nose to smell the fragrance of
the world's perfume
the lips to express praise
the heart to feel love
the hands to share
the feet to move
and a Life to spend
in showing love, grace, and mercy
to God be the glory
amen.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving --- Love ya!!!

Pastor Greg.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brandi Reinert, health concerns,
mom of Jessica Giddings
Doug Paxton, health concerns
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



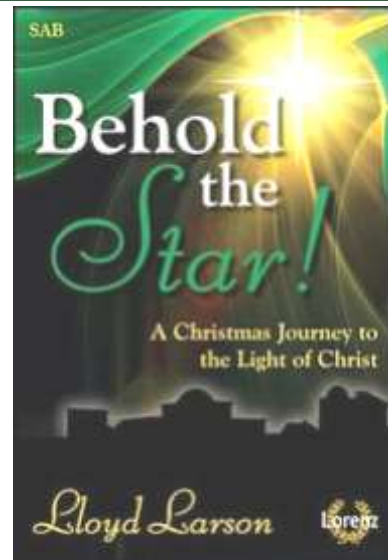
to Tim Adcock on the passing of his mom **LuJeane Adcock**. She passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Services were at Faith Baptist Church Iowa Park on Tuesday, November 16th.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

NO Youth Meeting

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There will be CHOIR PRACTICE
at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Choir Christmas Cantata

“Behold the Star!
A Christmas Journey to light
the Light of Christ”



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Colleges & Universities
Seminaries & Divinity Houses

2021 Thanksgiving Offering
Disciplesmissionfund.org

2021 Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

Please join Our YOUTH for A
Potluck Friendsgiving
Sunday Nov. 21st from 1:30-3:30
At First Christian Church of
Abilene
5125 Antilley Rd, Abilene, TX 79606



Hey Y'all,

It's that Time of Year we
get together and
remember all the things
we are thankful for, So
Y'all Come Join the Youth
this Sunday,
November 21st
from 1:30-3:30pm and
lets do Just That!
We will Have a Potluck
(bring your favorite
Covered dish, Games,
and fellowship.

Jessica Giddings
Youth Director



YOUTH SPONSORED FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 21st ____

Sunday, December 19th

Canned Food or

Non-Perishable

Items Only

Drop off your donations in the
Youth Room or in the collection
boxes in the foyer.



Children Come First made veteran's day cards for Dyess airmen.



I will provide _____ poinsettias
at \$20.00 each.
**Please mark your check
"Poinsettias"**

Please **print** name or names exactly as you wish to have them listed
in our list of Memorials and Honorariums for the worship bulletin.

(Circle one)

In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

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In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Deadline is Wednesday, December 15, 2021 by Noon.

*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



COFFEE TIME

Sponsored by Disciples Men Fellowship every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. the men meet 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!



- 5th Bobbie Snowden
- 10th Jackson Giddings
- 14th Connie Cawthron
- 16th Johnnie Lou Boyd
- 21st Emma Rutledge
- 22nd Michelle McCrory
- 26th Sue Siltman
- 28th Sydne Chapman
- 29th Sarah Christopher

Coffee Time Fellowship & FunTimers will meet this Thursday, November 18



They will not meet on Thursday, November 25 Happy Thanksgiving!!

FCC Disciples Men Breakfast at IHOP

Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 6:15 a.m.

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!

Tim Adcock Retires

To every season there is a time. This is the thought of Ecclesiastes 3, and so it is true at First Christian Church as well. Tim Adcock our Finance Administrator, has decided to retire from this position. On November 1st, Tim submitted a letter outlining his desire to retire. He will continue with us until 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. Wow--what a record of service to God and FCC. We are truly thankful. Plans are in process to honor Tim for this great accomplishment and for us to show our appreciation. Details will be shared at a later date. Please take this opportunity to share with Tim personally your love and appreciation for him. He will truly be missed.

PS. -- We did try to talk him out of it but were not successful. hahaha

Thank you Tim

Pastor Greg, Staff, and all of FCC.



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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

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Children Come First
Mother's Day Out
@ First Christian Church
325-677-2186
Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

Full-time Part-time Drop-ins
Monday & Wednesday 8:30-2:30
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PICCOLLAGE

FCC Youth

JOIN US
Wednesday Evenings
at 6:00 pm

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known

Our Values
Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting