



First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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This
Sunday,
March 13th

Remember to set
your clocks
ahead 1 hour.



Project Neighbor Month has begun! Pastor Greg's sermon series for this month is "Being a Good Neighbor" this Sunday the sermon title is "You are my Neighbor"



Greeting First Christian,

2022 is in full swing, and we have entered the season of Lent. As a special part of our Lent preparations, we as a church are having an outreach emphasis called "**PROJECT NEIGHBOR**" in which people are encouraged in big and small ways to find opportunities to connect with our neighbors. We are studying through our small groups (Sunday School) and sermons on Sundays what it means to be good neighbors (biblically).

I have already heard of several things people are doing and that our various groups are doing. CWF will be sponsoring a prayer walk around our neighborhood and a kite flying day (I am really looking forward to this). Please join in these and other efforts this month as we step out of our comfort zones to serve Christ.

Our Vision Seeking team -- Vision 2025 or as I like to call it our visioneering team has begun meeting. They have been tasked with the responsibility of seeking God's will and expressing it in some clearly defined goals and directions. Please pray for this group and give them any input you may have.

YOUTH MINISTRY RE-BOOT. Our youth ministry is undergoing and has undergone some changes. We are looking for people to serve on a new **YOUTH MINISTRY COUNCIL**. This will be a group that will help plan, participate and act as youth sponsor for the various activities here at FCC. We will also be needing a female youth sponsor to help take our youth to camp this year at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center. Greg Morris will be taking over the leadership of the youth group temporarily. Judy Morris will be teaching in Youth Sunday School and Greg will handle youth Wednesday nights. We will be looking for interns and volunteers to help as we re-start this ministry from ground zero. Please be in prayer and let us know of any youth that might be interested.

As always -- there is never a dull moment at FCC and never a lack of opportunity to serve.

Love you all

Pastor Greg

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chris McKenzie, pray for safety as Chris & others have traveled to the Romania/Ukraine border to help deaf friends get out of Ukraine, Chris is the grandson of Mil Boardman

Lesle Paxton, knee surgery recovery

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

Dusty Green, husband of Gloria Green

Home Centered Members & Friends

Our Military Families & Friends



FCC ladies we are eating out this month!!

Join us on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:00 pm at Chili's by the Mall.

Visionary Team 2022

Pastor Greg Morris ex-officio

Johnnie Lou Boyd ex-officio

Kathy Arno

Ricky Barringer

Cindy Brown

Danny/Mary Ellen Campbell

Judi Chaney

Suzanna Hosch

Jane Hurley

Brian/Michelle McCrory

Sharon McDonald

Please pray for our Visionary Team 2022 as they will be working hard helping to develop the first phase of the FCC master plan.



COFFEE TIME

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Except the first Thursday of each month.

Meet us here at the church for a time of coffee & fellowship

All are invited!

BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 28
at 5:30 PM

FUNTIMERS 65+
or anyone who wants to
hang out with us!

Come Join the FUN!!

Thursdays from
1:00—3:30pm

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



**2nd Annual
Community-Wide
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16**

NEEDED - Plastic Filled Eggs and Candy Donations! Don't buy plastic eggs to fill we have lots and lots of plastic eggs here at the church that need to be filled. There are boxes in hall & foyer for your donations. Thank You!



Disciples Women is excited to announce we are accepting registrations for our **2022 Women's Retreat!** Our theme is **"Fearless!"** and will be **April 22-24, 2022 at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat, Brownwood, TX.** We are excited to welcome Rev. Alice Hupp as our Keynote Speaker. Make plans now to join us for a weekend of renewal, fellowship and laughter. The Women's Retreat Planning Committee: Joni Hires, Rev. Alice Hupp, Kristi Lane, Connie Fritzler, Coleta Wilkerson and Tasha York.

FCC -Abilene Women you will find information packets on the hall bulletin board that will include a registration form, along with contact information.

*****Early Bird Registration ends on March 31st.**



Our Youth Group is going through some changes. We need volunteers to help with planning activities, bring ideas to the table to help grow our youth group, participate and act as youth sponsors. Please consider being part of the Youth Ministry Counsel. You can call or email the church if you are interested.

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[First Christian Church - Abilene](#)

FEBRUARY 2022—General Fund

Feb. 2022 General Budget Receipts	\$21,536.09
Feb. 2022 Budget	<u>\$22,436.92</u>
Budget Shortfall	<u>\$ —900.83</u>
Total Feb. Receipts (Includes CCF)	\$24,284.29
Total Feb. Disbursements (Includes CCF)	<u>\$21,974.65</u>
Net Gain	<u>\$ 2,309.64</u>

Central Area Disciples of Christ

Area Assembly

May 14th 2022

Hello Disciples of Christ friends in the Central Area,

It has been too long since we were all in contact with each other. I realize we have lots of new folks in the area, so I wanted to introduce myself and help us all get caught up on what is going on in the CEA at the moment. Like many other things, Area activity and connectivity has been disrupted over the past two years by the Covid-19 pandemic. We are working to get ministry and communication started again. At the moment, the group working on facilitating Central Area Activity includes your Area Council: Steve Esquivel, member at Wylie Christian Church, CEA treasurer; Jim Whitten, member at FCC San Angelo, CEA vice-moderator; and myself, Penny Bidy, co-pastor at Brook Hollow Christian Church in Abilene and currently serving as Central Area Moderator. The council is also blessed to work closely with our Area minister, Rev. Heather Reed.

This group of folks is looking at ways to help build relationships and connectivity in the CEA, and has decided that our first step towards that goal will be holding an **Area Assembly on May 14, 2022 at Wylie Christian Church**. We will meet from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, so please mark your calendars to share that day with us and let your congregation members know to save that date as well! More information will be coming to you soon about registration fees and programming.

That's all the news I have right now, but I will continue to update you as I have new information. Remember, the Area Assembly is on May 14. Please let your congregations know. Don't forget to email me if there's an update from your church that you want to share. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all soon.

Blessings, Penny Bidy

Everyone needs to bring their own kite!

let's

go

fly



a

kite

Join us on
Saturday, March 26
starting at 10:00 AM

Bring your
own kite!

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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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JOIN US ON

Wednesday Evenings
at 6:00 pm



2022 Summer Camps

June 3-5 Disciples West
Grand Beginning

June 6-11 Disciples West Conference
@ Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

June 26-30 Disciples West JYF

July 11-16 CYLS @ Disciple Oaks Camp
and Retreat

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting