



First Christian Church

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2022 HOLY WEEK

April 10 — April 17

First Christian Church • 5125 Antilley Rd.

Featuring • **Worship Services** • Prayer • **Palm Branches** • Candles •
Easter Eggs • Singing • **Candy** • Community Outreach

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Easter Lilies for decorating the church!
Cost for lilies will be \$20.00 each.
Deadline for ordering lilies will be Monday, April 11, 2022



Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday, April 10
The Children will be making the Triumphant Entry as they wave palm branches shouting "Hosanna!"



Maundy Thursday
Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 14th
6:30pm - Worship Center



Good Friday
Good Friday, April 15
Brief Time of Prayer & Scriptures
7:00pm - Worship Center



2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16th
11:00am
on the fields outside of FCC church building



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 17
You are invited to our
Easter Sunday Celebration!

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in FCC Worship Center



Greeting First Christian Church

WOW, what a great month we had in March for our Project Neighbor emphasis. It was awesome hearing the stories and testimonials of the interactions with our Neighbors. Our Church will become known as the caring church --the good neighbor church. Some of the things I heard that were being done this last month were:

1. Bill Arno and Don Thompson spent about a week in Tyler Texas helping the Disciples Men work on "Iglesia La Nueva Sion" new worship center.
2. Many families (including mine) made cookies/Pecans/etc and delivered them to the neighbors around their house
3. CWF sponsored prayer walks in our Neighborhood and
4. Kite Flying Day --- This was awesome even if I can't fly a kite very well.
5. Payday candy bars were delivered to every employee of Wylie High School (144+)
6. Groups gathered to stuff and prepare Easter Eggs for the Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 16.
7. We assisted some people with gas & lodging through our Benevolence fund.
9. IHOP gift cards were given to the needy.
10. Biscuit Recipe Contest and Outreach event was planned (more details to be announced)
11. Clothes and items collected and donate to assist families in the fire swept areas of Texas.
12. Packing Hygiene bags at Global Samaritan Ministries.
13. And Many More . . .

Remember, that just because our "emphasis" time has ended does not mean we stop-- we must still keep up the good work.

I want to express a word of farewell to Bruce & Johnnie Lou Boyd. They have moved to Midland Texas to be closer to her Daughter. Both of these Saints have been such a vital part of the life and ministry of First Christian Church. We are sad to see them go -- but we understand. It was so sudden that many of us did not have a chance to properly say goodbye ---- So I want each of you to send them a card expressing the love we have for them. Their new address is

Bruce & Johnnie Lou Boyd
130 Abell-Hanger Drive
Midland TX 79707

Love All - Serve All

Pastor Greg



MEN'S
FCC Disciples
Men Breakfast
at IHOP
Thursday, April 7th
at 6:15 a.m.

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pray for Ukraine**
- Chris McKenzie**, safe travels back to the USA, grandson of Mil Boardman
- Sheri Mehaffey**, health concerns, friend of Brittney Barringer
- Lesle Paxton**, knee surgery recovery
- Connie Cawthron**, health concerns
- Bob Milstead, Jr.**, health concerns, son of Bob & Jane Milstead
- Dusty Green**, husband of Gloria Green
- Home Centered Members & Friends**
- Our Military Families & Friends**



Sunday April 10 and 17, 2022

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund



supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

strong
— FEARLESS —
BEAUTIFUL

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.



ATTENTION ALL FUNTIMERS or anyone who wants to hang out with us!

Starting this month GAME DAY will only be meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month.

April Game Day—Thursday, April 7
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Church Offices Closed
Monday, April 18
(Easter Monday)

2nd Annual Community

EASTER EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, April 16th
11:00 am

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
5125 Antilley Road, 79606



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**We need volunteers to help
with the Community Wide
Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday,
April 16th. If you can help,
please contact Cindy Brown -
325-518-3821**



April 10, 2022



Easter

April 17, 2022



Easter Lilies



Number of flowers ordered: _____

(Cost per Easter Lilies \$20.00)

Please print name or names exactly as you wish to have them listed in our list of memorials and honorariums for the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make your check payable to FCC and write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line of your check.

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Deadline for ordering Monday, April 11, 2022



JUNE 6-11
COST: \$400

DISCIPLES WEST
MINISTRY COUNCIL
PRESENTS
CONFERENCE 2022

CHRISTAPALOOZA

ROCK OUT: OUR ABUNDANT
LIFE TOGETHER

LAKE
BROWNWOOD
CHRISTIAN
RETREAT

KEYNOTER:
ANDY MANGUM, CCSW
REGIONAL MINISTER

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://DWCHILDRENDANDYOUTH.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/YM13J0M5PU0J0P0G/](https://dwchildrenandyouth.wufoo.com/forms/ym13j0m5pu0j0p0g/)

2022 Disciples West Grand Beginnings Camp
June 3-5 Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Cost: \$110 per person Age 4-3rd Grade & Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

To Register Go To:
<https://dwchildrenandyouth.wufoo.com/forms/r17nq1h50e3r8ws/>

For More Information Contact Paula Brooks at pbrooks@fccmidland.org

JYF CAMP

June 26-30th
Lake Brownwood
Christian Retreat

Ages: All who have
completed 3rd-5th grade

\$365.00

Registration closes June 12th

Questions? Call Regina Artaway
(932)260-2321

**YOUTH CAMP
SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED.**

**Want to be involved in outreach without being in crowds of people?
We've got projects for you! Contact Angel Rodriquez for a list of projects ideas.**

Do with what we've got: a connection.

Leaders in Multifamily Housing

Monarch owns various apartment companies in Abilene. The office workers, maintenance/ make ready staff try to maintain quality affordable housing for Abilene families.

As they carry the burdens of their residents, let's partner with them in prayer and encouragement so they may remain steadfast.

We cannot knock on the doors of residents to directly help families but we can build up the teams that serve them.

If you are interested in

- * providing lunch or snacks with a nice note
- * devotional gifts to the staff or
- * Volunteering at their next neighborhood event please contact Angel Rodriquez for location details and a site into what their staff are appreciate.

Angel Rodriquez
Hendrick Health Club
Abilene Boys & Girls Club
325-386-9398



Circle With Faith
will meet on Tuesday, April 19 - 6:00pm
at FaithWorks of Abilene • 1229 N Mockingbird
Park in the front of building facing Mockingbird and
enter the door marked dining because supper will be served.



Outreach Opportunities

Would you like to teach or assist with a small group cooking class for kids through Boys & Girls Club?
Contact Mrs. Angel 325-386-9398 for details.

Did you know that Boys & recreation program called to be members to participate.
Contact



Girls club participates in a fishing/outdoor 'Free range kids'. Children do not have
Volunteers welcome.
Mrs. Angel 325-386-9398 for details.

Gather with the Central Area Churches!

When: Saturday, May 14, 10:00-3:00

Where: Wylie Christian Church

What: Worship with the Wylie Praise Band!

Workshops on Centering Prayer and Spiritual Practices!
Time for games, fellowship, and updates on work God is doing in, through, and around our churches

Registration Fee: (to help with the cost of lunch)

\$10 (Can be paid upon arrival)

Nursery fee: \$5 per child needing nursery care

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/31xGMjvsMAwUjeRB8>

Or: Fill out a printed registration form (FCC members registration forms are available on the hall bulletin board) and mail to:

Penny Bidy, 3218 Winterhawk, Abilene, Tx, 79606



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education Classes
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - FCC Prayer Time
6:00 p.m. - Youth

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon — 1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC



Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting