



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the church! Be sure to **wear something red** and be ready to pray with your church, “Come Holy Spirit—fill this place and fill our hearts!”

We also have opportunity to bring a special gift for the Disciples of Christ Pentecost Offering, which is used to equip new church starts in our Region and beyond.

We encourage everyone to wear RED to church on Sunday, May 23rd.



The 2021 Pentecost Offering is a special offering in support of the new church movement in your Region and across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

SUNDAY MAY 23

BE BOLD + BE COURAGEOUS + BE GENEROUS + BE THE NEW CHURCH



Pastor's Corner

Hey First Christian Church, in all the busyness of the last few months, seasons or years it is often easy to lose sight of the important things of life. Once when I was a tax accountant in Dallas, I got so busy with all the stress and deadlines of tax season. I had started a new job with Peat Marwick CPA firm and was working extremely long hours in downtown Dallas. Life was alive with activity. My wife and I had recently bought our first house. It was a busy time. But it was exactly during this time that I forgot something that was important. I had inadvertently pushed this item of life aside. Something that I once made sure I remembered and celebrated -- I forgot.

I am reminded from time to time of this event in my life. It helps me to keep focused on the things that are most important. In our spiritual walk with Christ we have and often forget the important spiritual principles by which we are to live in Christ. Sometimes we get so busy "doing church" we forget to "be the church" I am reminded of this very thing in the story of Martha and Mary in Luke 10:38-42. I, myself tend to identify with Martha who was so busy with "important" stuff but forgot to get the very thing that Mary was busy with. Mary was busy being at the feet of Christ, learning and growing in him. FCC Abilene let me encourage you not to neglect the disciplines of the faith which will help us "sit at the feet of Jesus" Don't neglect worship, prayer, Bible reading, and serving others.

So, I sure you are curious, what was it that I forgot so long ago during a season of busyness in my life. I remember that day like it was yesterday. There was a major snowstorm, it caused problems with my commute. I worked an extremely long day. I arrived home very tired. I then remembered (because Judy reminded me) that I had forgotten her birthday. Needless to say, I have never forgotten it since.

But I can imagine the voice of Jesus reminding me to spend time with him.

May God guide your journey --- Love you Pastor Greg



Mosaic Worship Service
to start back this
Sunday, May 23rd at 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * **Kaye Carter**-health concerns, mom of Sindi Whitworth
- * **Kathryn Petershagen**-health concerns, mom of Sarah Christopher
- * **Margie Royall and her son David Royall**
- * **PJ Gerard**, 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**



FCC Disciples Men Breakfast @ IHOP
Thursday, June 3rd @ 6:15am

You can come earlier or later and leave as it fits your schedule and needs. It's pay your own way.



MEETING

Sunday, May 23rd
3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School in anyway you are encouraged to attend this meeting. For questions you can call Cindy Brown at 325-518-3821.

***If you can't come to VBS because of work or other obligations, we still want your help!! We will need volunteers to help with planning and decorating before VBS.

YOUTH CAMP SCHORLARSHIPS NEEDED.



Adventurous Journey

Are We There Yet?

VBS 2021

Join us as we travel with the children of Israel. They have escaped Slavery and are on an Adventurous Journey to a Land flowing with Milk and Honey.

Are We There Yet?

Date: Monday July 26th to Thursday July 29

Time: 9 am to Noon

Overall Theme: God has a plan— Follow God



In observation of Memorial Day
The church offices will be closed
Monday, May 31, 2021

First Christian Church - Abilene
Offering & Budget Report

Week Ending: <u>May 2, 2021</u>	\$ <u>4,154.00</u>
Week Ending: <u>May 9, 2021</u>	\$ <u>5,636.00</u>
Week Ending: <u>May 16, 2021</u>	\$ <u>8,966.10</u>
This Month To Date: <u>May 2021</u>	\$ <u>18,756.10</u>
Year to Date Offerings:	\$ <u>103,224.15</u>

2021 Disciples West Summer Camps

Grand Beginnings Camp — June 4-6
Lake Brownwood Christian Center
Cost \$110 per person Age 4-3rd Grade
and Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

FCC members pay 1/2 you will need to bring in a check made out to FCC for your half of the camp cost.

JYF Camp (Grades 3-5) — June 20-24
Lake Brownwood Christian Center
Cost \$365

Fees must be paid to your local church before camp date.

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Disciples West Conference 2021
Ceta Glen Christian Retreat - Happy, TX
June 7 - 12 **Cost \$380**

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2021 Disciples West Grand Beginnings Camp
June 4-6 Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Shine Bright For Jesus
GLOW!
JESUS IS OUR LIGHT

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

To Register Go To:
<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/9473>

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

Disciples West JYF Camp (Grades 3-5)

Code Breaker

Unlocking The Parables of Jesus

Cost: \$365

Fees must be paid to your local church before camp date.

To Register Go To The Link Below
<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/10319>

June 20-24 Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

The Big Picture:
God In Plain Sight

Register at:
<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/9471>

Scholarships Available:
<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/9471>

Cost: \$380

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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship

Join us in person or on Facebook

5:00 p.m. - Fellowship

5:30 p.m. - Mosaic Worship Service



**Last Day of Classes for
Children Come First for 2020-2021
will be Wednesday, May 26th.**

No Summer Program

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**JUMP IN AND
JOIN US
on Wednesday
evenings at
6:00 pm
at 5125 Antilley
Road.**

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values
Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting