



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Join us here at First Christian church on as we honor women on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th.

10:00 am - Sunday School Classes for all ages
Between Sunday School and Worship we will gather to witness and support Alana's baptism.

11:00 am - Worship Service

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: \$10 (to help with the cost of lunch) (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



Greetings Church,

Well, Easter season is over, and summer is fast approaching. Already the church calendar is filling up with activities. This next Sunday is Mother's Day and what better way to celebrate than with a Baptism. We will conduct an outdoor baptism in a stock tank. Our current facility does not have an indoor Baptistry. So, between Sunday School and worship service we will conduct a quick baptism right outside the kitchen side door. Sunday School Classes please dismiss a few minutes early so that all can witness and support Alana's Baptism. We are so proud of the decision she had made to follow Christ and to be baptized. I am prayerful that this will be the beginning of many more baptism we will get to be part off.

My hope is for us to be able to raise enough funds to purchase a proper portable baptistry (with heater) that can be used in our Worship Center. Something similar to this picture but stained in a color that would match our worship center. The approximate cost would be about \$5,000 to 7,000 depending on the features.



I believe that God will honor our efforts to be properly prepared to the people who make decisions for follow him. Thank you for allowing me to share with you this need and a possible solution. If you desire to contribute to this project, as I have, just mark you contribution for "New Baptistry Fund"

Thanks

Pastor Greg

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for Ukraine

Sheri Mehaffey, health concerns, friend of Brittney Barringer

Paul Burns Jr. health concerns, brother of Bobbie Snowden

Bill Dowdy, health concerns, brother of Beth Laurence, the daughter in-law of Dot Laurence

Ann Cornell, recovery from a car wreck

Peter and Paul Nguen, loss of their mother this past Sunday, high school friends of Manny Rodriquez

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



FCC Disciples
Men Breakfast
at IHOP

Thursday, May 5th

6:15 a.m.

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!



FUNTIMERS or anyone who
wants to hang out with us!

Next Game Day

Thursday, May 5th

1:00pm - 3:30pm



You're Invited!

GRADUATION

PARTY

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE GRADUATION OF

Daniel McCrory

FROM MCMURRY UNIVERSITY

Saturday : **Food, Friends & Family**

May 14th : 1334 Sayles Blvd * Abilene, TX
2-5 pm

RSVP

Come and Go : **817-980-3717 Michelle**



Joint Choir on

Sunday, May 15th

First Christian Church choir will be
partnering with the choir of First
United Methodist Church of Clyde
in presenting a joint choir anthem.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED for all ages

Church Pays ½ of the camp cost, but many or needing help with the other ½.

We have several Children & Youth in need of scholarships. If you would like to help send someone to camp this summer, please make your check out to
First Christian Church in the Memo put —Camp Scholarship

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/>

If you are planning on going to one of these camps you will need to register online.

After you have registered, **PLEASE** contact the church office at 325-677-2186 or email at fccabilene@outlook.com and let us know which camp you are attending.

2022 Summer Camps

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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 Attaway
(432)260-2321

JUNE 6-11
COST: \$400

DISCIPLES WEST
MINISTRY COUNCIL
PRESENTS
CONFERENCE 2022

LAKE
BROWNWOOD
CHRISTIAN
RETREAT

CHRISTAPALOOZA

ROCK OUT: OUR ABUNDANT
LIFE TOGETHER

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://DWCHILDRENANDYOUTH.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/M1JONSPUOJOPEG/](https://dwchildrenandyouth.wufoo.com/forms/m1jonspuojopeg/)

KEYNOTER:
ANDY MANGUM, CCSW
REGIONAL MINISTER

Register At:

<https://dwchildrenandyouth.wufoo.com/forms/m1jonspuojopeg/>





RECIPE CONTEST

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5125 Antilley

Abilene TX 79606

325.677.2186

\$200 prize/gift for best biscuit recipe.

What to do: Call church to register for contest. Bake your batch of biscuits and bring them with the recipe to the church on May 21st at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship and judging of entries.



Sunday, May 22, 2022

11:00 am worship service

we will be honoring our 2022 Graduates!

Followed by a Covered Dish Luncheon to celebrate our Graduates!

***We are asking that each family bring enough food for your family plus extra for visitors. There will be sign-up sheets for you to let us know what you will be bringing.



Please plan to join us as we Celebrate our 2022 High School & College Graduates!

First Christian Church parents if you have a student that is graduating High School or College/etc.

Please email the church office fccabilene@outlook.com with the following information:

- Full Name of child/children
- Name of school/college graduating from
- A picture
- Plans for after graduation

We need this information as soon as possible.



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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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Faithworks of Abilene

Circle with Faith would like to thank you for being long time friends with Faithworks of Abilene. This ministry has grown so much since its first class in 2003. Praise God that FCC continues to partner with such an impactful program!

If you haven't visited their facility since renovations, please schedule a lunch visit or tour. Perhaps some of their outreach opportunities will spark your interest.

- Mentoring a new friend
- Creating confident work attire in the Clothing Shoppe
- Kitchen volunteer
- Help in the garden
- Assisting in continued facility work
- Sponsoring bus passes or laundry cards
- Providing full size hygiene items
- Spend quality time as a lunch buddy or congratulate students at graduation.

Become a prayer partner

Truly a visit reminds us where we fit in.

Again, thank you, FCC for helping our community gain confidence and skills for longterm employment.

Please visit faithworksofabilene.org
 or call the office 325-437-2272

Our Mission To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values
 Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting