



# First Christian Church

— Disciples of Christ —

May 5, 2021 Volume 72 Number 8



## Church Garage Sale

5125 Antilley Road  
at the house on the church property



**Friday, May 7 &  
Saturday, May 8  
8:00am—3:00pm**



**We have** — Solid Core Doors(36"), Entertainment Center, Round Tables, Desk, Conference Table, Communion Table & Pulpit, Boy Bike & Girl Bike, Kitchenware, Loveseat, Plastic Chairs (all sizes), Padded Chairs, Christmas Decorations,  
**AND MUCH MUCH MUCH MORE!!!!**



God is moving in exciting ways. First Christian you have been blessed. We want to welcome two new members to our staff. Ricky Barringer who is now our part-time Music director, and Cindy Brown as our new part-time Children's director. They have already hit the road running with choir meeting this Wednesday (5/5/21) at 7:00 pm and a children's dedication scheduled this Sunday. Mack's has scheduled Mosaic worship to begin Sunday evening May 23rd. Jessica our youth director has taken youth to the April rally at Ceta Glenn and has been meeting with the youth on Wednesday nights. Sunday School has returned for all ages and has been a great success. Our worship services have been well attended and God is speaking to his people. The future is bright for First Christian Church of Abilene and I am blessed to be your pastor. Let me take a few minutes of your time to let you know what God has put on my heart for our future:

1. Increased Opportunities for Worship --- possibly adding an additional morning service when we start consistently reaching 75% of our seating (we have 115 seats currently)
2. Increased Opportunities to make friends and expand our church family --- Be more than just welcoming -- be the friend that you yourself need. That we become a place where we say "I Love you" to each other, because we do.
3. Increased Opportunities for Families with children & youth --- Vacation Bible School on July 26-29th, Youth Camp June 7-11th (We are needing Camp Scholarship donations), Increased enrollment in our CCF (Mother's day out program) due to the completion of the house remodel.
4. Increased Opportunities for fellowship-- We will fellowship and enjoy people of all ages. We will learn the give and take that is needed to include and minister to everyone that God blesses us with. Yes, even the grumpy ones. Hahaha
5. Increased Opportunities for Service -- both within the church and to our neighborhood --- Maybe hosting a neighborhood July 4th picnic on our grounds, trunk or treat, food truck night. That we become a place where all can be involved in ministry ---- by the way Mack's is still needing some people to train to run our sound system.
6. Increased levels of willingness to tell others about our church and about Christ.
7. Partnering with others for Service and Worship
8. Becoming an important and relevant part of our community. Let's make Abilene better.

I can imagine that as we reach people with the love of Christ, that our family will grow.

My prayer is that we grow in our walk and faithfulness to God.

My prayer is that we grow in number of people of all ages.

My prayer is that we will be found faithful in our giving --both of our finances and of our service and time.

**CAN YOU SEE IT? ---- I can.**

Love You

Pastor Greg

## 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
- \* **Patricia Ho-Carlson**, health concerns
- \* **Jeane Brittain**
- \* **Andy Weatherby**,
- \* **Marla Banks**
- \* **Bob Milstead, Jr.**, son of Bob & Jane Milstead
- \* **Dusty Green**, husband of Gloria Green
- \* **Kelly Spotts**, daughter of Kay Thompson
- \* **Jill Powell**, sister-in-law of Cathy Clay
- \* **Sandy Clay**, sister-in-law of Cathy Clay
- \* **Home Centered Members & Friends**
- \* **Deployed Military & Families**



If you are interested in joining the choir here at First Christian Church, please see our

**New Choir Director  
Ricky Barringer.**

Choir Practice Resumes starting tonight Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00pm here at the church.



11th	Danacka Moreno	22nd	Jane Hurley
13th	Ray Dillard	26th	Andy Weatherby
20th	Cody Brown	31st	Ashton Stewart
22nd	Judi Chaney		



The FCC Prayer Team invites you to join them on Sunday afternoons for a time of prayer. They meet every Sunday at 4:00pm at the church.



**FCC Disciples Men Breakfast @ IHOP  
Thursday, May 6 @ 6:15am**

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

### First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report

Week Ending: <u>April 25, 2021</u>	\$ <u>2,146.00</u>
Week Ending: <u>April 30, 2021</u>	\$ <u>8,606.06</u>
This Month To Date: <u>April 2021</u>	\$ <u>28,830.26</u>
Year to Date Offerings:	\$ <u>84,468.05</u>
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Offerings through <u>April 30, 2021</u>	\$ <u>84,468.05</u>
Disbursements through <u>Apr.30, 2021</u>	\$ <u>83,354.29</u>
Excess (Deficit)	\$ <u>1,113.76</u>



**National Day of Prayer  
Thursday, May 6, 2021**

First Christian Church Worship Center will be open from 11:00am to 2:00pm for anyone that wants to drop by and spend some time in prayer.





**Circle With Faith will meet on Tuesday May 18 - 6:00p.m. at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch and Family Services.**

**TWO opportunities:** we will meet together to see and hear the story of the new homes on Lavena Lane AND the ranch children will be riding horses at that time so we can see them also.

Then we will travel on to the church for supper and the rest of our meeting.

**Circle With Faith** are gathering items to donate for the Ben Richey Boys Ranch and Family Services and we would love for the whole church to be involved in this project.

If you can help us gather any of the items listed, Please bring your gift on Sunday May 9 or 16, so we can deliver on May 18.

**Needed: hygiene/toiletries, socks/underwear, bed pillows, women's/girls clothing**

## 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.**

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

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

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

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](mailto: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/10319>

Scholarships Available:  
<https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/10319>

**Cost: \$380**

Disciples West  
Conference 2021  
June 7-12  
Ceta Glen Christian Retreat - Happy, TX

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am -

Sunday School Classes for all ages

11:00 am -

Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Join us in person or on Facebook

### First Christian Church Staff

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**JUMP IN AND  
JOIN US**

on Wednesday

evenings at

**6:00 pm**

**at 5125 Antilley  
Road.**

Children Come First are temporarily located at

**Brook Hollow Christian Church**

**2310 S. Willis St., Abilene, TX 79605**



Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting