



# First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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***THIS SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021***

***10:00 a.m. Worship Service***  
**with Brook Hollow Christian Church**  
**joining us here at First Christian Church**

**Dress will be casual (shorts allowed)**  
**No Sunday School Classes**  
**Child Care will be provided up to lunch time**

**JOIN US!!!**

**following the worship service for our first**  
**church picnic at our new location 5125 Antilley Rd.**  
**Indoor/Outdoor Picnic**  
**with hamburgers & hot dogs, chips,**  
**desserts and more!!**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS and get ready for a**  
**great time of FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!!**



Summer has arrived!!! With Summer comes a multitude of activities and busyness. I am also reminded that it can also be a time of rest and reflection. After the journey that FCC has been on, it would be easy to take a break. Breaks and reflection are needed, in order, to see the vision of what lies ahead. I believe that God has a great future ahead for First Christian Church. Let me reflect on what I have seen and experienced the short time I have been your Pastor:

1. Renewed worship services on Sunday Mornings which are currently averaging approximately 65 people.
2. Renewed Sunday School services with new young adult class being added.
3. Renewed meetings of Youth on Wednesday nights and don't forget a great youth camp experience.
4. Renewed meeting of Mosaic on Sunday Evenings.
5. Renewed Music Ministry with the addition of Ricky Barringer and the re-start of Choir.
6. Renewed Children's Ministry with the addition of Cindy Brown — VBS is coming up too!!!
7. Renewed Children Come First, as a ton of hard work seems to be coming together at the House, so opening can happen this fall.
8. Renewed financial blessings as the Buffalo Gap property has been sold, and the church will no longer be in debt.
9. A spirited people committed to the love of God, people, and their church.

But most of all I sense a renewed spirit and excitement about just "Being the Church" God has called us to be. Yes, God has a future for FCC. Yes, God has a future for you. Yes, God has a future for me.

God knows what that future will be. It could be many things. Let us all be praying for discernment of God's will. Let us pray about future steps that might be taken. Please pray for the following which might be part of God's plan:

- A. New ministry opportunities that will help us reach into our neighborhood.
- B. That God would send new people that can become part of our FCC family.
- C. Next steps needed to prepare for growth
  1. Additional Sunday Morning service to help make room for more people (possibly starting in October)
  2. Long-range site development plans -- property development/new building to meet space needs/etc.
  3. Service and leadership opportunities -- that new people would be willing to help in leadership roles
  4. Mindset/vision changes -- that the FCC vision for the future would not be limited to the "Box of it's past" -- or that we would be open to new things and new ways of doing those things.

Yes, Summer is a busy time. Let it be a time of renewed commitment to this "JOURNEY OF FAITH" which God had placed us all on here at First Christian Church--the church that loves people.

Love you.

Pastor Greg

## FUNTIMERS

**We will NOT be having Funtimers Game Day this Thursday, July 1st.**  
 We will resume our Game Day next Thursday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m.



### Nominating Committee for 2022:

Michelle McCrory, Judi Chaney, Nikki Thrasher,  
 Randy Spiva & Ricky Barringer

First Christian Church Abilene is receiving nominees for new Deacons, Elders and Trustee. If you would like to serve, or would like to nominate someone, please let someone know who is on the Nominating Committee.



The lease on the space that First Christian Church leased at the Enterprise Building is going to be up soon! We are needing all KEYS and KEY

**CARDS** to the Enterprise Building to be turned back to the church office as soon as possible.

### [First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report](#)

Week Ending <u>June 20, 2021</u>	\$ 2,433.45
Week Ending: <u>June 27, 2021</u>	\$ 3,614.00
This Month To Date: <u>June, 2021</u>	\$ 14,338.10
Year to Date Offerings:	\$ 131,522.93

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \* **Brittney Barringer and family, Brittney's grandfather passed away this week.**
- \* **Kaye Carter**, health concerns, Sindi Whitworth's mom
- \* **Kathryn Petershagen**, health concerns, mom of Sarah Christopher
- \* **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**

**FYI** **B.O.B.S.** (Breakfast On Beech Street) **will be starting back with phase 1 on Mon., July 19th.**

The **B.O.B.S** teams from First Christian Church are needing Volunteers to come in every Monday afternoon to prepare sacks that are to be handed out on Tuesday mornings. If you can be a volunteer and help prepare the sacks, please call Jane Hurley at 325-660-1265.



- 3rd Mackenzie Taylor-Barnes**
- 4th Joe Mack Hill**
- 8th Mona Smith & Sindi Whitworth**
- 9th Doug Paxton**
- 14th Lesle Paxton & Gabe Stokes**
- 15th Natallie Stewart**
- 20th Brighton Stewart**
- 25th Gracie Rodriguez**
- 30th Braedyn Beal**



## FCC House Naming Project

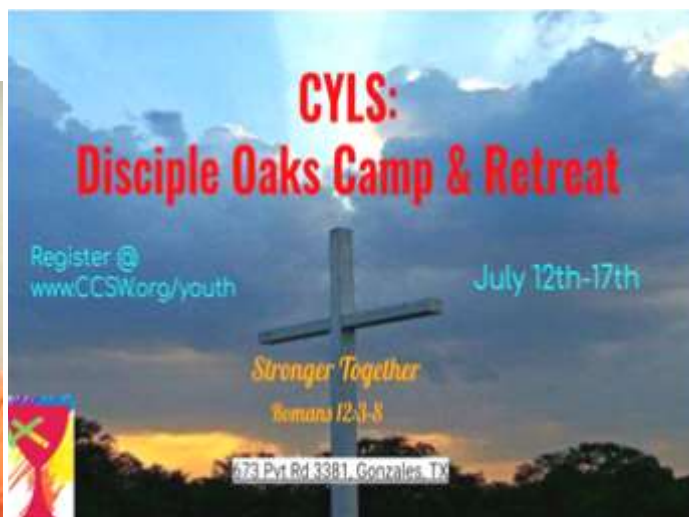
The following are the three leading suggestions for naming the house which will be the site for our CCF Mother's Day Out ministry. Please take the time to check the one you like best and provide a couple of brief statements of feedback on each of the names. Thank You.

### Name

### Input - What does this name "say" to you?

1. Wee Care House
2. Son-shine House
3. Shepherd House

If you have a "name to suggest" please email it to Pastor Greg at [gsmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:gsmorris@hotmail.com).



**CYLS: Christian Youth Leadership Seminar**



**Natallie Stewart— FCC Youth**

Jessica & Natallie will going to the CYLS Retreat in Gonzales, TX in July. Jessica as the Adult Area Officer of the MYC (Ministry Youth Council) and Natallie as the Youth Area Officer of the MYC.



## VBS planning is coming along great!

We are looking forward to sharing a fun week with the children. The decorating team would like your creative help. If you have anything in your home that you think might help with decorating a desert scene, the Red Sea, or the inside of Moses' tent, please let me know. I will be glad to come pick it up.

Cindy Brown 325-518-3821

**Everyone is invited to help with the decorating on Sunday, July 18th 1:30 - 4:30 and Monday, July 19th 9:00 - noon.**

There is a VBS Wish List posted in the foyer of the church. Please help us out by choosing something that you can donate. Be sure to sign the list saying what you have chosen. Bring the items to church by Sunday, July 18th and leave them in one of the boxes by the sign up list or poster. It's that easy! Thanks for all who are willing to help! Cindy Brown—Children's Director



# Adventurous Journey

Are We There Yet?

VBS 2021

Monday, July 26 to Thursday, July 29

9:00 a.m. to Noon

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.



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## Sunday Worship Schedule For this Sunday, July 4

10:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
followed by Food, Fun & Fellowship

5:00 p.m. - Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. - Mosaic Worship Service



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## JUMP IN AND JOIN US

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