



# First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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# 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.

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**Date: Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday July 29**

**Overall Theme: God has a plan – Follow God**

**Time: 9 am to Noon**

Day 1 -- Crossing the Red Sea -- Exodus 14

Day 2 -- Bread for the Journey – Exodus 16

Day 3 – Journeys in the Wilderness – God gives 10 commands – Exodus 20

Day 4 -- Crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land (Water Day / Hot Dog Lunch at Noon)

Stations:    Worship Rally    Snack Time    Crafts    Story Time    Recreation



Hey First Christian,

What a whirlwind of activity and ministry has been occurring in our church family. We had a great day of combined worship and fellowship with our sister church (Brook Hollow Christian Church) on July 4th. Many thanks to all those who helped decorate, setup, cook, serve, and clean up. Thanks to all that brought food. We want to say thanks to Brook Hollow for joining us. We are excited for what God is doing with them and want to pray and encourage them as they have sold their facilities and are moving forward into the future.

This week Jessica Giddings and Natallie Stewart are at CYLS camp planning next year's camp programs for Disciples of Christ. Finishing touches on the "Wee Care" house are being done. Yes -- the house has been named. The winners of our little contest for house names are Jane and Mac Hurley.

Our nominating committee will soon be meeting to enlist new Deacons, Elders and Trustees so prayerfully consider serving if you are asked. If you have a name of a person that you think they should consider, please let one of them know. Who is on our nominating committee? It is composed of: Michelle McCrory, Judy Chaney, Nikki Thrasher, Randy Spiva, and Ricky Barringer.

Vacation Bible School is getting close. Cindy Brown has been working hard and things are coming together. Don't be surprised if you come some Sunday (July 25) before VBS and find that our Sanctuary and some of our class spaces have been decorated for our "Adventurous Journey". We are still needing a few supplies/donations so be sure to check the display in the lobby of the church. Be praying that children in our community will come and be impacted.

Please be in prayer for our continued journey of faith as a church. Love you all.

Pastor Greg

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \* **Mel Herweck**
- \* **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**



**Everyone is invited to come help with VBS decorating this coming**

**Sunday, July 18th  
1:30 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.  
and/or on  
Monday, July 19th  
9:00 a.m.— Noon**



## FUNTIMERS

or anyone who wants to hang out with us!

**Join us this Thursday, July 15th at 1:00pm we are planning on having a Movie Day.**

**Mark your Calendar** so you will know which Thursdays are Game Days and which are Movie Days.

**Game Days** will be on Thursdays July 22 & August 5 & 19.

**Movie Days** will be on Thursdays July 15 & 29 and August 12 & 26



*Ladies Circle With Faith meeting for July will be on Tuesday, July 20th we will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at,*

*Al's Mesquite Grill  
4801 Buffalo Gap Rd.  
It will be Dutch Treat*

*You will go through the line to select your meal, then we will gather in one of the two meeting rooms and continue with our plans for*

*"What's in your Bible?"*

*Lesle Paxton, CWF President*

## 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.

**READY, SET....**

**for Pastor's PAL Club**

Coming in

August 2021

for Kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade



**ELDERS MEETING**

**has been CANCELED that was scheduled for Sunday, July 18th.**



**The lease on the space that First Christian Church is leasing 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. THANKS!**



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

**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 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.**

First Christian Church - Abilene  
Offering & Budget Report

WEEK ENDING: <u>July 4, 2021</u>	\$ <u>3,808.10</u>
WEEK ENDING: <u>July 11, 2021</u>	\$ <u>11,767.75</u>
THIS MONTH TO DATE: <u>July 2021</u>	\$ <u>15,575.85</u>
YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS:	\$ <u>154,734.68</u>
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OFFERING THROUGH <u>June 30, 2021</u>	\$ <u>139,158.83</u>
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH <u>June 30, 2021</u>	\$ <u>142,518.52</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	\$ <u>(3,359.69)</u>





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*Sunday Worship Schedule*

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education Classes  
 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship  
 5:30 p.m. - Mosaic Worship Service

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:00 am - Noon — 1:00pm - 4:30 pm**

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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