



First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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Fall Registration is Now!

Children Come First
Mother's Day Out
@ First Christian Church
325-677-2186
Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

Full-time Part-time Drop-ins
Monday & Wednesday 8:30-2:30
fccabilene.com sarahccffcc@gmail.com

First day of fall classes
Wednesday, September 8th
at our new location
5125 Antilley Rd.



Greetings First Christian Church

Once again it looks like things have been heating up in the on-going battle with covid. I must confess it is hard to keep track of all the news reports, opinions, statements, fake news, etc. It is difficult to know what is true or not. It is difficult to find one solution that fits everyone's needs. **So how are we to respond?**

I believe scripture calls us to be watchful of the times that we live in (1 Peter 5:8). Each of us must decide for ourselves and our families what we feel is best. If you feel you need to stay home, then by all means stay home --- but stay connected to us. We will continue to stream our services on Facebook.

If you feel comfortable with getting vaccinated--then get vaccinated. If you feel that masks help -- then feel free to wear masks. **The choice is yours, but also be respectful and supportive of other people's choices.** Let's keep each other safe.

By all means, do social distancing as much as is possible. It is very difficult in our small building to do this but be considerate of one another. To my knowledge we have not had any instances of covid due to exposure here at the church since we started back with "in-Person" worship on 3/7/21. We ask that everyone please continue to be careful. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself, do not expose others to what has made you ill (Flu, cold, etc.).

We will continue to use the individual wrapped communion cups. We will continue to have hand sanitizer available. We will continue to encourage people to use their best judgement, **but most of all we will continue to be the church.**

We will continue services (of some form) no matter what happens -- those services for now are available both in person and online (streamed on our Facebook page). In the event that we are called upon to make changes we will make the necessary adjustments.

We pray for our community in its fight against Covid. We pray for our first responder and our armed forces. We pray for our church that it will continue to shine the light of Christ. **We pray for YOU!!**

Love you!!

Pastor Greg

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * **Lesle Paxton**
- * **LuJeane Adcock**, health concerns, Mother of Tim Adcock
- * **Raul Garcia, Jr.**, health concerns and in the hospital in Laredo TX, son of Raul
- * **Scottie Myers**, health concerns, brother-in-law of Sindi Whitworth
- * **Dan & Sandy Owen**, health concerns, Missionaries in Austin
- * **Gary & Beverly Minnch**, health concerns for Gary
- * **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
- * **Gary & Beverly Minnch**, health concerns for Gary
- * **Home Centered Members & Friends**
- * **Our Military Families & Friends**



FCC
Disciples
Men
Breakfast at
IHOP

**Thursday, September 2nd
at 6:15 a.m.**

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!



Monday,
September 6th
Labor Day

Church Offices
Closed



- 3rd **Amethyst Stewart**
- 4th **Bill Arno**
Tim Adcock
Ryan Thrasher
Stephanie McMahon
- 5th **Mary Ellen Campbell**
- 10th **Taylor Christopher**
- 11th **Sharon Daugherty**
- 15th **Arritta Bruton**
Josie Graham
- 17th **Raul Garcia**
- 18th **Brenda Harris**
- 20th **Emma Barringer**
- 22nd **Kelly McDonald-Taylor**
- 23rd **Mel Herweck**

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Monday, September 13th

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, September 19th

Guest Minister - Bobby Hawley

VP at Christian Church Foundation

5:30 p.m. Ministerial Committee Meeting

Monday, September 27th

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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

Salvation Seekers

(aka Pastor's Class)

- ◆ Will be starting soon
- ◆ Let Pastor Greg know if your child or teen is interested

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting on Wed. Sept. 15 — Oct. 20.



Congratulations to Daniel McCrory for being the first recipient of a scholarship from the Ralph Hooks Scholarship fund. Daniel is a Senior at McMurry University. Daniel and his parents Brian and Michelle McCrory are members at FCC.

(To be eligible for our new Scholarship fund you must be a member of FCC (soon to be a member of a Texas DoC church) and going to either TCU or McMurry)



Dart League 2021-2022

Let the Games Begin!!

Thursday, September 9 — FCC @ Hodges

Thursday, September 16 — FCC BYE

Thursday, September 23 — Victory @ FCC

Thursday, September 30 — FCC @ Crescent Heights



FUNTIMERS 65 +

Invites anyone who wants to hang out with us.

Join Funtimers on Thursdays from 1:00—3:30pm here at the church for a time of playing board games, dominos, card games and laughter!

Come Join the FUN!!

First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report

WEEK ENDING: <u>August 15, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 4,123.00</u>
WEEK ENDING: <u>August 22, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 2,627.00</u>
WEEK ENDING: <u>August 29, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 2,195.00</u>
THIS MONTH TO DATE: <u>Aug. 2021</u>	<u>\$ 17,171.42</u>
YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS:	<u>\$ 185,107.18</u>

OFFERING THROUGH <u>July 31, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 167,935.76</u>
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH	<u>\$ 166,553.40</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 1,382.36</u>

Trunk or Treat 2021 — Saturday, October 30th
We are starting to collect candy, you will find a box in the foyer and in the hallway by the church offices.
Thank you for your donates!!

CCSW Disciples Men's Retreat

"THE CHURCH VISION FOR A NEW ERA"

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2021
LAKE BROWNWOOD CHRISTIAN RETREAT

Speakers: Rev. Renee Hoke & Rev. Brett Coe



For more information go to ccsw.org and scroll down to Learn More

Disciples Women is excited to announce we are accepting registrations for our

2021 Women's Retreat!

"Sweet Friends, Sweet Reunions, Sweet Jesus!"

October 22-24, 2021

Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Brownwood, TX

Keynote Speaker: *Donna Snow from Texas Flip and Move*

Susan Mayo will be leading the music

There will be ***Workshop Sessions***. ***Talent Show*** which is back by popular demand!
A ***Silent Auction*** with proceeds will be used as seed money for the next year's Women's Retreat.
A ***Book Swap*** if you have books you no longer need but might bless another woman, bring the books and donate them to the swap.

There will be more information on the church bulletin board, if you have questions contact our Circle With Faith President - Lesle Paxton



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education
Classes
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - Noon — 1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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Building Committee Team—Dorothy Davidson, Bill Arno, Sharon & Mike McDonald, Doug Paxton, Judi Chaney, Michelle McCrory, Don Thompson, Jane & Mac Hurley



The men of the church who put up the pergola at the Wee House- Mac Hurley, Don Thompson, Bill Arno (not pictured—Doug Paxton & Mike McDonald)

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting