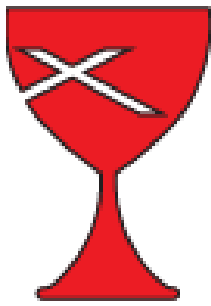




First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

Helping Disciples Make a Difference

This Sunday, September 19th in our 11:00am worship service
Guest Minister, Robert "Bobby" Hawley.

Bobby Hawley is vice president of the Christian Church Foundation's South Central zone, which includes Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. He joined the staff of the Foundation in 1998.



**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING 2021**

**REVEALING
GOD'S JUSTICE**

"The time is always ripe to do what is right."

ISAIAH 56:1

SEPTEMBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 3RD

RECONCILIATIONMINISTRY.ORG

For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to [Reconciliation Ministry](https://www.reconciliationministry.org), through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund.



Greetings

Well school has begun. Fall is in the air. Things are beginning to get busy, but let me encourage you to continue making participation in the fellowship and ministries of First Christian Church a priority. In these times of covid isolation it is important to stay in contact with your church family. We are still streaming our services on Facebook. We have been having some audio difficulty on the stream and are trying to fix it as best we can.

October begins our annual stewardship emphasis. It will be a time that we ask everyone to spend time praying for the continued Blessing of God upon this community of faith. God has been so good to First Christian Church and we desire to show our commitment to him in our giving and our serving. You will receive a letter and pledge card soon. **Commitment Sunday will be October 24.**

Some of the other activities that are in the works that you might want to reserve calendar time for are:

Community Wide Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday October 30 from 4 to 6 pm. We will need people to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. We have started collecting candy for this event. We don't have much yet but we are expecting about 500 to turn out so **BRING ON THE CANDY.** hahaha

The **Salvation Seekers class (Pastor's class)** has started this week. We have about four kids/youth that are in this and are seeking to understand Salvation and Baptism. Please be in prayer for them as they consider accepting Christ as Lord and Savior.

World Communion Sunday is October 3rd. We are planning on meeting around the tables for a unique service that morning followed by a fellowship meal. We are still working on some of the details on this unique event. You won't want to miss it

Service of Thanksgiving -- November 7th at 5 pm we will have a special time of reflection, prayer and thanksgiving. This will be a great way for us as a church to express our gratitude towards God for all he has done for FCC. Make this a new family thanksgiving tradition

Advent and all the various Advent/Christmas related events will soon be upon us. I am looking forward to celebrate my first Advent/Christmas season you my new FCC family.

Love ya!!!!

Pastor Greg.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * **Robin McClure**, health concerns, nephew of Dot Laurence
- * **LuJeane Adcock**, health concerns, Mother of Tim Adcock
- * **Scottie Myers**, health concerns, brother-in-law of Sindi Whitworth
- * **Dan & Sandy Owen**, health concerns, Missionaries in Austin
- * **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 Minnich**, health concerns for Gary
- * **Home Centered Members & Friends**
- * **Our Military Families & Friends**



Martha Bissex. Martha passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Please remember the family in your prayers. Martha & Earl (who is also deceased) were members of First Christian Church before moving from Abilene.

Don't Forget to Support the FCC Benevolence Fund

We maintain a small fund which is used to help minister to people in our area that contact the church office for assistance. We live in a community that has many services for those in need but sometimes the church needs to give assistance rather than referrals. This fund helps members and non-members who have various needs.

Most assistance is offered on a one-time only basis. As your church staff encounter people in need they have **used this fund to provide: Bibles, Food, Gas, clothing, school supplies, babywipes/diaper/formula, etc.**

Now that we are established in this new place People have begun to look to us for assistance. **We have encountered an increase in calls and visits for assistance.**

So -- we ask that --- as the Lord directs you -- give a contribution to the Benevolence Fund.
(Mark your contribution: Benevolence)

Thanks

Pastor Greg

TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, September 16

4:00 PM

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, September 19

5:30 PM



FUNTIMERS 65+

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!!](#)



Circle With Faith

September 21, 2021

6:00 pm

Dart League 2021-2022

Let the Games Begin!!

Thursday, September 16 — FCC BYE

Thursday, September 23 — Victory @ FCC

Thursday, September 30 — FCC @ Crescent Heights

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.



JOIN US

On Wednesday Evenings
at 6:00 pm



BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 27

5:30pm



The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

-PSALM 126:3, KJV-

First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report

WEEK ENDING: <u>September 5, 2021</u>	\$ <u>4,692.00</u>
WEEK ENDING: <u>September 12, 2021</u>	\$ <u>6,746.91</u>
THIS MONTH TO DATE: <u>Sept.2021</u>	\$ <u>11,438.91</u>
YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS:	\$ <u>228,603.84</u>

DEPOSITS THROUGH <u>Aug. 31, 2021</u>	\$ <u>217,164.93</u>
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH <u>Aug. 31, 2021</u>	\$ <u>188,505.43</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	\$ <u>28,659.50</u>



Community Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 30th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

To make this a FUN Trunk or Treat for our Church Kids & Community Kids we will need your help!

You can help by donating candy for treats! Or by having a decorated trunk! Or better yet, do both!

There is a box for your candy donations in the church foyer or by the church offices.

Contact Cindy Brown for more information



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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FCC Dart League
2021-2022
Practicing for the big
games!!



Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values
Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting