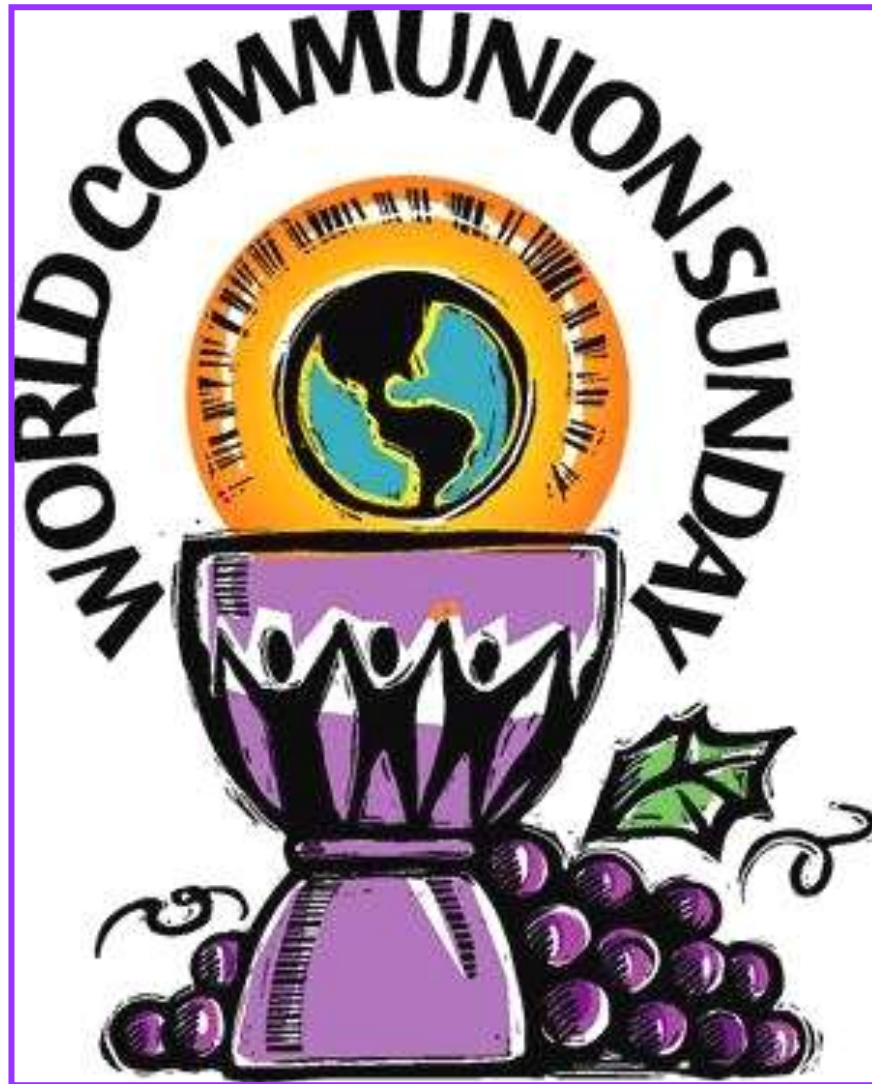




First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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World Communion Sunday is this Sunday, October 3rd.

Join us this Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.
as we meet around the tables in the sanctuary
for a unique service followed by a fellowship meal.

You won't want to miss this Sunday.



Greetings First Christian Church

Few things can bring the level of excitement or dread into the hearts of church member like the mention of the annual stewardship emphasis, pledge cards and budgets. But if we take a minute to look beyond the dread, maybe we can find something to be thankful for. First Christian Church and has been extremely blessed. God has positioned us to have a great impact on a new and growing part of our community. Indeed, God has blessed us as a community of faith, but God has also blessed us individually. So, as you prayerfully consider how to fill out your pledge card this year ---- try to look at it differently.

As we have filled out our pledge card for this year. Judy and I would like to share what it means to us:

1. It represents our connection with our new church family (that we love)
2. It reflects the blessing that God has provided for us through our finances
3. It represents the opportunity we have to be part of something greater than ourselves
4. It represents our statement of faith that God has provided and will provide
5. It represents our commitment to service in and through God's church
6. It represents our obedience to God's command to give
7. It represents our continued commitment to faith of our ancestors which was passed on to us
8. It is a reminder that we are to pledge more than just our money -- we pledge our service, time, etc
9. It represents a very private and meaningful act of worship that we will do monthly
10. It represents our expression of "I Love you Lord" in a tangible way

Whatever you pledge or giving has meant to you in this past, perhaps it can mean so much more. We cannot all give large amounts, but we have all been blessed and can give something. We can give it in a manner that brings honor and glory to God.

Let your pledge card be an act of worship.

Love you,

Pastor Greg



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.



Organizational Crew of First Christian Church.

Many Thanks to this group as they spent one Saturday here at the church organizing areas or building a fence around the A/C to keep our Children Come First kids safe.





- 8th Erin Barringer
- 9th Ava Davidson
Megan Herweck
- 10th Brooklyn Hill-Rutledge
- 11th Lane Brown
- 16th Elizabeth Allmand
David Smith
- 17th Daniel McCrory
- 20th Jeane Brittain
Danny Campbell
- 24th Sara Graham
- 25th Wes Giddings
- 27th Linda Gilliland
Larry Whitten
- 29th Jax Graham
Joe McAlister

FCC members, If we are missing your birthday, please help us complete our records by calling the church office, 677-2186 or send an email to fccabilene@outlook.com



FCC
Discipl es Men
Breakfast at IHOP
**Thursday, October 7th
at 6:15 a.m.**

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!

**Join the men on Thursday mornings at
9:30am for coffee here at the church.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Johnnie Lou Boyd**, after surgery recovery
 - Rebecca Johnson**, in hospital (Odessa) with COVID, friend of Greg & Judy Morris
 - 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 Minch**, health concerns for Gary
- Home Centered Members & Friends**
Our Military Families & Friends



**Dee Hamilton at Circle With Faith
Fall Craft Night on September 21st.
Ladies CWF group meets on the 3rd
Tuesday of each month.**

First Christian Church - Abilene Offering & Budget Report

WEEK ENDING: <u>September 19, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 3,807.29</u>
WEEK ENDING: <u>September 26, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 1,927.80</u>
THIS MONTH TO DATE: <u>Sept.2021</u>	<u>\$ 17,174.00</u>
YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS:	<u>\$ 234,338.93</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 do both!**

If you are able to provide a decorated trunk, sign up sheets are in the church office and on the church bulletin board in the hallway. There is a box for your candy donations in the church foyer or by the church offices.



Contact **Cindy Brown** for more information

FUNTIMERS 65 +

or 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!!](#)

Dart League 2021-2022

Thursday, September 30 —
FCC @ Crescent Heights
Thursday, October 7 — FCC @ FBC

ELDERS MEETING

Sunday, October 17th
5:30 p.m.

Disciples Women Retreat

The area committee working on the women's retreat scheduled for October has cancelled the retreat because there is still so much concern about COVID. It is tentatively re-scheduled for April 22-24.

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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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JOIN US

On Wednesday Evenings
at 6:00 pm

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values
Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting