

Attendance
March 26, 2017
Sunday School: 170
Worship Services:
9:00– 212
11:15 P&W–78
Total: 290

Contributions
March 26, 2017
General Budget:
\$8,433.93
Total Designated:
\$690.00 (Beans)

Attendance
April 2, 2017
Sunday School: 181
Worship Services:
9:00– 217
11:15 P&W– 73
Total: 290

Contributions
April 2, 2017
General Budget:
\$24,848.14
Beans: \$680.00
Total Designated:
\$1,270.00

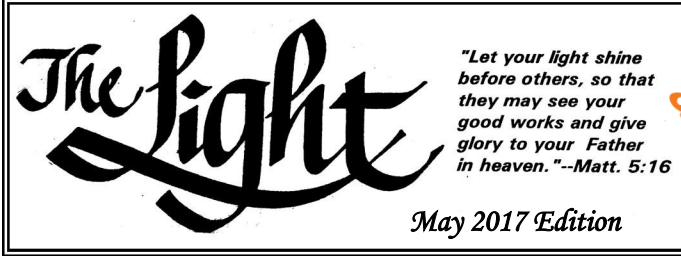
Attendance
April 9, 2017
Sunday School: 191
Worship Services:
9:00– 276
11:15 P&W–69
Total: 345

Contributions
April 9, 2017
General Budget:
\$22,960.10
Total Designated:
\$60.00 (Beans)

Attendance
April 16, 2017 (Easter)
Sunday School: 200
Worship Services:
7:00 (Sunrise)- 55
9:00– 415
11:15 P&W–91
Total: 561

Contributions
April 16, 2017
General Budget:
\$17,291.74
Week of Comp: \$820.00
Beans: \$60.00
Total Designated:
\$820.00

This issue covers news
for the month of
May 2017



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First Christian Church All-Church Spring Banquet

You are invited to the First Christian Church All-Church Spring Banquet on **Monday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Kuykendall Hall**. The theme of the banquet will be "The Harvest." We will discover how we are ALL farmers that are cultivating and harvesting for Christ. Tickets are available to purchase on Sunday mornings in the Great Hall. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. This event is sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). All men, women, and children are encouraged to join us so invite your family, friends, spouses, children, and co-workers! You won't want to miss this fantastic time of fun and fellowship!!

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer. ~Paul Harvey



Congratulations to Our 2017 College and High School Graduates!

We will be celebrating our graduates on **Sunday, May 21st**. We will introduce all of our graduates during the 9:00 a.m. Traditional worship service and will host a banquet during the Sunday school hour for the graduates, their family, and their friends.

On this Sunday in the Great Hall, you will get the opportunity to write something special to each graduate through a personal card and/or by signing each graduates' picture frame. We will be honoring the graduates with these gifts during the banquet.

If you would like to send a special something to our graduates, please contact Scott Hall or Jonna Russell.

Change of Plans for May Keenagers!

Please join us **at the church in Kuykendall Hall on Friday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m.** The location has changed because the lavender in Afton, TX is not blooming yet. The program will still be presented by the owners of the ThistleDew Lavender Farm. They will bring various lavender products with them. A catered lunch will be served for \$10.00/person. This is our last program of the year. We will resume in September with all new programs & outings! Please make reservations by calling the church office at 763-1995 or by signing the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall by noon on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Time To Register For Vacation Bible School!! June 5th-8th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

The link to register your child is: <https://goo.gl/forms/O6zmsrymtqBZMSX52>
The link to sign up as a volunteer is: <https://goo.gl/forms/wqctykxeuXHcshHx1>



Rev. Paul Carpenter
Senior Minister
paul@fcclubbock.org

A Message From Rev. Carpenter...

Many of us encountered the Lord in unique ways during the Lenten journey. We all had a chance to receive a unique “cross word” as Lent began. These words would accompany us and be a focal point of God’s revelation concerning His work in our lives. My word was “guide.” Over the years I’ve learned that attempting to predict God’s meaning is futile, so I waited and prayed. After 40 days I walked away with a deeper dependence and enthusiasm with the Church’s earliest guide: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While the Gospel is assumed and has always been the foundation of FCC, the following is a distillation of my 40 days in prayer: *Gospel Clarity*, *Gospel-centered Communities*, and *Gospel-based Missions*.

“THE LIGHT” is published monthly January—December
Managing Editor: Crystal Vinson.
Deadline for news is the Thursday before “The Light” is mailed.

“The Light” informs members of congregational news/activities.

IS YOUR “LIGHT” LATE?

If this issue is not delivered to you by Saturday, call Crystal at the church, 763-1995 or e-mail her at crystal@fcclubbock.org

Next Issue:
May 25, 2017
(June Issue)

Next Deadline:
Thursday,
May 18th

“Gospel clarity is one of the greatest needs in the modern Church. God’s Gospel is revealed in Christ Jesus, testified by the apostles, and is entrusted to the people of God as a way of life. Christ builds His Church upon the rock of the Gospel: *Sinners are counted as justified by faith alone through grace alone, on the basis of Christ alone, and for the glory of God alone*. Christians have a history of not completely trusting the Gospel as sufficient for our salvation; our ego tells us that God will only be pleased with us if we perform well. The paradox and scandal of the revealed Gospel is that we are unable to please God with our life, actions, and thoughts, AND yet, by grace, for those who have faith in Jesus, His accomplishments and perfection are credited to us as pleasing to God. Lack of Gospel clarity often confuses the agenda and goals of the Church. Therefore, let us hear the Good News that God has accomplished a perfect work in His Son, Jesus Christ, upon which the faithful will rest in satisfaction and then live and serve boldly – not to prove ourselves, but to glorify the One who has already spoken identity and belonging into us: “You are mine, and I am yours!”

“Gospel-centered communities are both a strength and joy for those in Christ. The world preaches a popular false-gospel where we are told that we must prove ourselves and seek to live for our own glory. The Church is God’s possession and we are free to live counter-culturally with the power of the Gospel. Gospel-centered communities place us in relationships with other people who aren’t out to make a name for themselves, but whose aim is God’s glory. We don’t brag by comparison or sulk in our failures, because our value and standing in life is sealed up in the work and perfection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Being fully satisfied in Christ we serve and love not to gain anything from the world, but to seek God’s work and glory. Gospel-centered communities keep us Gospel-centered individually, and we all need to hear the Good News in real time all the time.

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The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday. Thank you!

A Message From Rev. Carpenter Continued...

"To encounter Jesus is to come face-to-face with **God's mission**. The Father sent His Son into the world to reveal and fulfill the Gospel. This Gospel is still fruitful and changing lives, because it gives to sinners who have faith access to the storehouse of hope, love, and faith in our Father's Kingdom. The Holy Spirit testifies throughout the nations, and is sending the Church to trust the Gospel's power in the lives of an unbelieving world. We aren't arm-twisters, sob-story tellers, lawyers, judges, negotiators or persuaders. We find the authorized moments of the Spirit and then proclaim in word and deed the mystery of the Gospel. If someone is attracted by a false-gospel, a good sale-pitch, or sheer effort of an evangelist, then their attraction isn't to God through Christ – it's to something lesser and fleeting. But we boast in the cross of Christ, which is the power that saves. Jesus is a missionary and so is His Gospel. The essence of Church is mission founded on the power of the Gospel and led by the timing and power of the Holy Spirit."

In Christ, Paul

Upcoming May Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Oasis Book Club**, Thursday, May 4th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ **God Fathers**, Friday, May 5th, 6:00am, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Keenagers Program & Luncheon**, Friday, May 5th, 10:30am, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ **Finance Committee**, Monday, May 8th, 11:30am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Executive Committee**, Monday, May 8th, 5:30pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **Mary/Martha CWF**, Tuesday, May 9th, 9:30am, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **General Board**, Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Deborah CWF**, Thursday, May 11th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office For Location
- ◇ **All-Church Spring Banquet**, Monday, May 15th, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ **Foundation**, Tuesday, May 16th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, May 17th, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ◇ **Lubbock Music Club**, Friday, May 19th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Church Office Closed, Monday, May 29th**
- ◇ **College & Career Summer Bible Study & Fellowship**, Tuesday, May 30th, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall



Bethany Santillan

Welcome New Members!!
We joyfully welcome the
newest members of our
family
of faith at FCC.



Marissa Konde

Bethany Santillan along with her children **Miguel, Joaquin, & Annabelle**, joined by Profession of Faith on Sunday, April 9th during the Traditional worship service. **Marissa Konde** joined by Transfer of Membership on April 9th during the Simply Worship service.

WELCOME!!

MILITARY NEWS & CONCERNS

Lt. Brant Brock- Japan
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks
Currently deployed on a ship

Lt Heath Brown
Millington, TN- grandson of
Flo Brown

Christopher Colgrove
nephew of Laurie Williams

**Lieutenant Colonel
Ethan Diven**
Anchorage, AK
husband & father of
Sabrina, Jacob & Kendall
and son-in-law of
Jerry & Brenda Stanfield

Ryan Mansell
grandson of Jim Bales

1st Lt Nicholas Swanson
USAF, Tinker AFB,
Oklahoma City, OK
grandson of
Virginia Myers Dorman

Capt. Nathaniel Swanson
USMC, Oceana Naval Station,
Virginia Beach, VA
grandson of
Virginia Myers Dorman

*If you desire to add one of
your family members to our
military list, please contact
the church office at 763-1995.*

Joys & Concerns of our Church Family & Friends...

We unite with you in your happiness, comfort you in sorrow, and pray for your concerns.
**NOTE: If you do not wish for your name to be in our hospital list or prayer concerns,
notify the church office.**

David Mayfield- University Medical Center
Cara Irvin- Mackenzie House
Jan Sanders- Crown Point

We lift up in prayer our friends and family struggling with ongoing medical issues:

Members: Mike Chase, Sandra Foster, Randell Resneder, Truett Tyler

Friends: Paul Bush, Bear Bock, Angel Cartwright, John Craig, Joan Dulaney,
Katelyn Harlow, Chris Mackey, Herb Miller, Leroy Montoya

Homebound Prayers:

Jim Bales, JoAnn Brown, Al Crossland, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Carolyn Gunter,
Margaret Ingraham, Joyce Manning, Lynise McDonald, Meg Murphy, Ruby Power,
Bob Renfro, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells

It is a joy to report those dismissed from the hospital throughout the past month.
We continue to pray for them as they recover at home:

Mike Chase, Margaret Ingraham, Wes Ninemire, Bob Renfro, Kim Robertson

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up the family of **Molly Pattillo**. Molly is the mother of Bob Pattillo, Beth Pattillo,
and the late David Pattillo. Molly passed from this life on April 8, 2017. A memorial
service was held on Saturday, April 15th, at First Christian Church.

We lift up Nancy Stamps in the passing of her husband **Jerry Stamps**. Jerry passed
from this life on April 23, 2017. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 26th
at First Christian Church.

Thank you!

*"Thank you so much for the lily. It truly made my day. I've never gotten one so it's pretty special, that's for sure!
Hope to be back soon!
Sincerely, **Sandra Hensley Foster**"*

*"I want to express my thanks to my church family for all the prayers and love I have felt through my surgery and
these past months. The beautiful Easter lily was the frosting. Thank you for your texts, cards, and calls. They are
priceless when you think you are alone.
God Bless, **Juda McKinney**"*

Praying When the Prognosis is Bad... Marilyn Wragg

In a recent meeting of our ladies' group, a prayer concern was raised for someone with a terminal illness. One of us said, "I just don't know what to pray in situations like this." That led to a meaningful discussion about praying in hard situations.

On the one hand, we affirmed that our Sovereign God can, and often does, perform miraculous healings. Knowing God's power, there is much to be said for boldly praying for full healing and restoration, even when that goes against medical odds.

On the other hand, we also have seen people suffer and die in spite of many fervent and believing prayers. We thus do not want to promise that God assuredly will physically heal someone, building hope that may be dashed and sometimes causes crises of faith.

Following are practices that help me pray over very difficult prognoses:

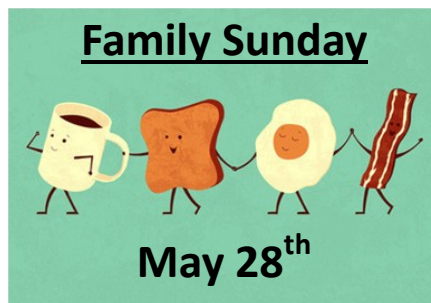
- Pray boldly for the best outcome, knowing that God absolutely can accomplish it. I prayed until my son's last breath that God would heal him.
- Ask God for faith to believe that God will heal. I have often prayed the prayer of the father in Mark 9:24, "Lord, I do believe. Help my unbelief."
- Affirm your trust in God, no matter what. That may sound like a hedge, but I find it important. Remembering Daniel's three friends, I pray, "I know You are able to deliver, my God, and I believe You will. But even if You do not in the manner I want, I will continue to trust, love, and worship You."
- When you discern that healing is not going to occur on this side of Heaven, pray for God's grace and mercy. Pray that God will move all physicians and caregivers to exercise wisdom and compassion. Pray for comfort, courage, and peace for the individual and family. Pray scriptures like Psalm 23. Pray for God's perfect timing in everything. Pray that God will grant supernatural hope to all involved. Pray that God will be glorified.

On the other side of the crisis, when the person for whom you have prayed is healed on earth or in Heaven, look back for blessings and answered prayers along the way. As your vision clears, you will find many. When you do, express thanks to your Heavenly Father—even if your thanksgiving is mixed with tears.

A copy of the **May 2017** Prayer Calendar can be picked up in the church office. You can also find it online on our website at: www.fcclubbock.org.



Miss Holly Jessen
Director of Children's
Ministries
holly@fcclubbock.org



**Meet your children in
Davis Hall at 10:15am for
food and fellowship!**

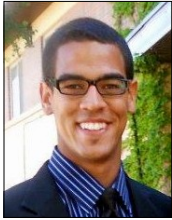


Vacation Bible School
June 5th-8th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Get Registered!

The link to register your child is:
<https://goo.gl/forms/O6zmsrymtqBZMSX52>

The link to sign up as a volunteer is:
<https://goo.gl/forms/wqctykxeuXHcshHx1>

*"But Jesus called the children to him and said,
"Let the little children come to me, and do not
hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to
such as these." Luke 18:4*



Mr. Scott Hall
Connections Pastor &
Youth Ministries
scott@fcclubbock.org

Youth Ministry News-Summer Reminders!

Summer is Coming!

***Encounter - June 11-17:** This camp is for 9th - 12th grade students. This camp is high impact and filled with encounters with the Lord. The early bird cost is \$295 until June 1 (\$315 after that). You can sign up online at <https://lcucamps.com/encounter>

***Camp Champion - June 25-30:** This camp is for 6th - 8th grade students. Camp Champion is exciting, challenging, and of course, fun! Students will be immersed into a theme (literally!) as the whole campus is decorated to make the students feel like they are a part of a space exploration team. Everything from the way the counselors talk, how directors dress, to the activities they do are all geared around the theme with the goal of pointing students to the Lord in a unique, immersive way. The early bird cost is \$295 until June 18 (\$315 after that). You may sign up online at <https://lcucamps.com/camp-champion>



Waco Mission Trip - July 17-21: This mission trip is open to the church adults and students alike. However, due to the maturity level required for the success of this trip, students must be at least 13 years old to participate. This trip will require participants to share faith with others. Thus, if you are not at the point where you feel like you can talk to someone about your faith, this may not be the trip for you. All that being said, this will be a highly rewarding trip! We will be partnering with the lord to impact locals through the gospel, blessing the local DOC church in the area, and, of course, having fun along the way. Suggested donation is \$75-\$100. Again, this trip is open for adults and students.

***Transfigure - July 31-August 4th:** The vision of Transfigure is tied up in the story of Matthew 17:1-13...The Transfiguration of Jesus. This camp is intentionally designed for students to go off to a distant place in order to experience Jesus in a fresh, personal way. By encountering Jesus in such a powerful way, we seek to enter back into our own worlds changed and energized. Everything we do throughout the week can be summed up in two simple steps: 1. *Hearing from the Lord* 2. *Obedying Him*. This camp is geared towards 6th-12th grade students with the hopes of deepening their relationship with their Lord. The total cost for the camp is \$250. However, if you sign up a friend, the cost goes down to \$200 each for both you and your friend. Please have a healthy urgency towards signing up for camps! Let me know how I can help your students get signed up!

(*Scholarships are available. Please contact Scott Hall for more information)



Baptism
Sharing in your joy and gratitude as you are
baptized into the community of faith!

Nadia Gonzalez was baptized on April 16, 2017
during the 9:00 traditional service.



Kaj Winfield was baptized on April 23, 2017 during the 9:00 traditional service.

Congratulations Nadia and Kaj!!

collegeministry



Ms. Jonna Russell

**Membership Administrator &
College Pastor**
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325/374-4004

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always
giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

~Ephesians 5:19-20



Sunday Life Group

The greatest adventure in life is not an exotic safari, a booming business, Disney World, or a relationship with that certain someone. Rather, it's discovering the purpose for your life. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual that equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage the believers in Ephesus but it wasn't meant to stop there! This letter is for any and all believers today.

This letter answers the question men and women have asked throughout all time:

Why Am I Here? Who Am I?

The answer may startle you, considering the standard media ideas of our age. It has to do with eternity, making peace with God and understanding the believer's new identity in Christ.

Interested?

Come join me for donuts, coffee, and fellowship at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday in Room 208.



***Just because it's
SUMMER
doesn't mean we take a
break from being Church!***

Summer Bible Study Dates:

- ⇒ May 30
- ⇒ June 13
- ⇒ June 27
- ⇒ July 11
- ⇒ July 25

Food *for* Thought College dinner & bible study



TUESDAY Nights
6:30 – 7:30 pm

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Worship Times

Sundays:

Traditional Service:

9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:

10:15 a.m.

Simply Worship

11:15 a.m.
Chapel

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806-763-1995

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-Noon
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-Noon

Family Life

Community Center

747-5962

Office Hours: 3-6 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit we will **NURTURE:** help individuals become more Christ-like, **SHARE:** lead people into a relationship with God through the love of Jesus Christ, and **REACH OUT:** call each member to respond to the needs of others in Jesus' Name.*

May 2017 FCC Birthdays!

May 1

Paige Belew

May 2

Travis Bridwell
Carter Bowers

May 4

Carolyn Lawrence
David Gorsuch
Tobey Duty
Logan Brown

May 5

Cindy Watson
Bobby Yates
Mechelle Underwood

May 6

Lance Cunningham
Sarah Etter

May 7

Nikolas Becker
Charles Dodge
Hannah Flournoy

May 9

Lyn Williams
Mike Wragg
Randall Joy

May 10

JoAnne Overstreet
Melissa Reeves

May 11

Susan Clowe
Carol Weeks
Alicia Johnson

May 12

Dylan Avant

May 14

Frances Ansley
Lou Ann Underwood

May 15

Steve Ball



May 16

Anne Sweazy
Pete Broome
Susan Broome
Jerry Chapman
Tasia Dixon
Kenleigh Conner

May 17

Finley Rawe

May 18

Margaret Kennedy
Daniel Carter
Thad Bartholomew
Asher Branecky

May 19

Larry Weiss
Piper Rains

May 21

Harry Mayes
Jack Kirkpatrick
MacKenzie Chunn

May 22

Melissa Follis

May 23

John Paul Belew

May 24

Pat Strong
Mary Katherine Plowman

May 25

Marilyn Wragg

May 26

Bob Irvin
Kelly Jenkins

May 28

Larry Simon
Chris Level

May 29

Sue Williams
Carmen Gallegos

May 30

Ruby Power
Scarlet Stevens



WEEKLY

MEN'S

BREAKFAST

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.

**Cast Iron Grill
620 19th Street**



The **Silver Stars Choir** is an ensemble made up of members of our church who want to serve others! This group goes to different managed care and rehabilitation facilities each Thursday morning at 10:00am to sing and perform for the residents.

May Silver Star Performances

May 4th- Beehive, 2105 W. Loop 289

May 11th- The Plaza, 4910 Emory

May 18th- Bus Trip to Library of Legacies in Idalou, TX, 910 Frontage Road

May 18th- Bus Trip to Slaton Care Center in Slaton, TX, 630 S. 19th St.