

Attendance
May 28, 2017
Sunday School: 183
Worship Services:
9:00– 178
11:15 P&W– 55

Contributions
May 28, 2017
General Budget:
\$9,601.00
Total Designated:
\$1,050.00

Attendance
June 4, 2017
Sunday School: 169
Worship Services:
9:00– 246
11:15 P&W– 45

Contributions
June 4, 2017
General Budget:
\$22,919.07
Total Designated:
\$630.00

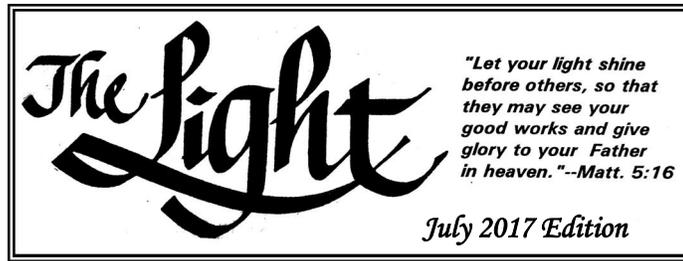
Attendance
June 11, 2017
Sunday School: 169
Worship Services:
9:00– 188
11:15 P&W– 59

Contributions
June 11, 2017
General Budget:
\$13,106.00
Total Designated:
\$370.00

Attendance
June 18, 2017
Sunday School: 160
Worship Services:
9:00– 173
11:15 P&W– 60

Contributions
June 18, 2017
General Budget:
\$8,382.43
Total Designated:
\$300.00

This issue covers news
for the month of
July 2017



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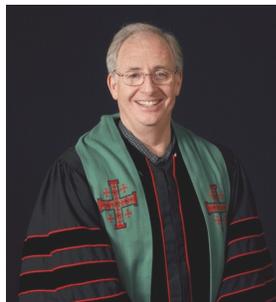
Canned Tuna Drive!!



The Children's Ministry of FCC asks all members to donate tuna cans for their upcoming mission week. The kids will be serving the Dream Center July 12th through the 15th. Canned tuna will be accepted until July 14th.

The Dream Center's mission is to reach the Lubbock community and provide needs for our neighbors while spreading the Gospel. Our kids will be serving alongside them showing Christ's love to our town.

*Donated cans of tuna can be dropped off in the front office.
Help our kids help others!*



Mark Your Calendars Now!! First Christian Church to Host Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner

First Christian Church will host this worship event on Friday and Saturday, **September 8th-9th**. It will be open to all area Disciples of Christ congregations and leaders.

Rev. Dr. Skinner is the Senior Minister at Northway Christian Church in Dallas, TX. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon and please make plans to join us!!

School Supply Drive!!

We are once again collecting school supplies for the students at Bean Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year!! At Bean 94.5% of the students enrolled are considered economically disadvantaged. The cost of school supplies can really add up for families. Often teachers make up the difference out of their own pockets so the students can be welcomed back to school with the materials they need. We will collect the following items from July 23rd through August 20th:

Composition Books, Spiral Notebooks, Big Pink Easers, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, Ziploc Bags, Glue Sticks, Dry Erase Markers, Scissors (pointed), Colored Pencils



A Message From Rev. Carpenter

Rev. Paul Carpenter
Senior Minister
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At First Christian Church the transition of leadership occurs in the heart of the summer – July 1st. This offers us a chance to evaluate the past year, to celebrate how God has used us for His glory, and to make adjustments for the next year. The following is my perspective as the Senior Minister.

FCC continued to express and lean upon the stalwart ministries that have been the core of our congregation for decades. Our worship life (both Traditional and Simply Worship) is orderly, prayerful, and centered around God’s Word and God’s glory. Our choir, under the direction of Brittney Hardin, continues to grow in number and execute their calling to lead us in worshipping the King through song. Our regular musicians, Susan Wass and Darryl Berry, continue to prepare and accompany the heart of the Church as we sing. Our musicians in Simply Worship serve as well with unity and faithfulness. Hand-bells have regrouped and our children’s choir is currently developing.

Our education ministries are healthy, primarily built upon Sunday School. Our six adult classes provide reflection, accountability, and encouragement to our members. Many classes are nearing capacity. Every member of the church is encouraged to make Sunday School attendance a goal this year, and we would love to have to start two or three new classes this year. The strength of our children’s ministry remains during the Sunday School hour as well. This is where we reach the most children with the Gospel and scripture. Our director of Children’s Ministry, Holly Jessen, would love to hear from volunteers to teach and mentor our children on Sundays. In addition, our Child Development Center ministers Monday-Friday to 100+ children. Our youth and student ministry continues to grow both during the Sunday School hour and on Wednesday nights. This year the youth ministry shifted off campus to host homes for midweek fellowship. If you would like to host or assist, Scott Hall would love to discuss the possibilities with you. Our college ministry continues to develop and has become quite ecumenical. We host Tech and LCU students from a variety of backgrounds each Tuesday night.

One of the notable shifts this year has been in Outreach. Under the direction of Bob and Marcy Lawless, FCC has connected locally to Bean Elementary, which saw their greatest academic performance in five years and highest morale in a long time among teachers and staff. We continue to engage the homeless community through St. Benedicts and Family Promise. Lal Williams has led a trip to Haiti and feels the urge to be the lead on other overseas trips to help some of the most vulnerable. If you would like to volunteer call Jonna Russell in the church office to get plugged in.

There is so much that FCC has our fingerprints on. Homebound ministries, Elders, Deacons, pastoral care, counseling, teaching, and even delivering the sanctuary flowers; there is more than can be mentioned in one article. But I am encouraged as a member of this church to see the three greatest gifts be evident and utilized – faith, hope, and above all, love.

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“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: July 27, 2017 (August Issue)
Next Deadline: Thursday, July 20th

A Message From Rev. Carpenter Continued..

As we look forward there are a few things that I believe should be top priorities for this year. The **first** is to find more clarity when it comes to the Gospel. There is only one Gospel and if we build ministry on anything other than what is revealed by Jesus and spoken through scripture, then we cannot confidently assume God will prosper and thrive the future of FCC. As your pastor and preacher, I will continue to learn, preach, and teach from the Bible and offer up with clarity the hope we have in Jesus Christ alone. The **second** is to celebrate existing small groups and to launch new ones. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is appropriated best by living in community with people who know our struggles and who remind us weekly of our position in Christ through faith alone. Relationships have been one of the strengths of FCC and it is wise to quickly seek the same for all of our new members and for the folks who will join the fellowship in coming years. This Fall we will be rolling these affinity groups out. Please be prepared to either join up, encourage our church as we take these steps, and to pray that God will bless what we feel He is calling us toward. The **third** is to more assertively engage in local ministries of mission and evangelism. With Gospel clarity and Gospel-based communities, Christ's Church is strengthened to preach the Good News to unbelievers. Of all the new members and growth we've seen, very little is from new Christians. Along with many of you, I am convicted to take the Gospel to our neighbors with love and patience, and to acknowledge that this will require learning new things. This involves the whole Church. The concept of the "priesthood of all believers" does not mean to micromanage our local church, but to shine the Gospel out in the nations. This is the greatest calling and is the core of Christian living; to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

These three moves are timely and are fit for the season we're in now. I love our church and am pleased to live in days like these. I appreciate you allowing me to lead and to offer up your feedback and prayers. May God bless FCC and the fruitful field we are called to harvest. May He keep us faithful and effective, united and courageous, in Jesus' name.

In gratitude,
Pastor Paul

Upcoming July Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **College & Career Summer Bible Study & Fellowship**, Every Tuesday Evening (No July 4th), 6:30pm, 2121 92nd St
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, **Family Life Center**
- ◇ **Church Office Closed For Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4th**
- ◇ **Oasis Book Club**, Thursday, July 6th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ **Deborah CWF**, Thursday, July 13th, 6:30pm, Contact Church Office For Location
- ◇ **Finance Committee**, Monday, July 10th, 11:30am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Foundation**, Tuesday, July 18th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, July 19th, 9am-12pm, Church Office



Welcome New Member!!

We joyfully welcome the newest member of our family of faith at FCC.

Steven McGaw joined by Transfer of Membership in the Traditional Service on Sunday, May 28th.
Welcome Steven!!

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

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.

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.

Sam Spence-University Medical Center
Rebecca Cunningham- Covenant Medical Center

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

Members: Mike Chase, Margaret Kennedy, Randell Resneder, David Rebber, Jan Sanders, Nancy Stamps, Truett Tyler

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

Homebound Prayers:

Jim Bales, JoAnn Brown, Al Crossland, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Stumpy Greer, Carolyn Gunter, Margaret Ingraham, Cara Irvin, Joyce Manning, Meg Murphy, Ruby Power, 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:

Bob Brown, Tom Chavez, Kenneth Davis, Chad Kane >(long term recovery center in Colorado)

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up Margaret Ingraham on the passing of her daughter **Becki Ingraham**. Becki passed from this life on Sunday, June 25, 2017. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We lift up the family of **Cecile Mankins**. Cecile passed from this life on June 11, 2017. A celebration of life was held on Monday, June 19th in Sanders Memorial Chapel.

We lift up Burle Pettit on the passing of his wife **Frances Pettit**. Frances passed from this life on June 8, 2017. Services were held on June 12th at First Christian.

We lift up Pat Renfro on the passing of her husband **Bob Renfro**. Bob passed from this life on May 28, 2017. A memorial service was held at First Christian on June 1st.



Baptisms

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

Allison Robinson was baptized on Sunday, June 11, 2017 during the 9:00 traditional service.

Congratulations Allison!!

The Cure for Grumpiness. . . Marilyn Wragg

I have had some grumpy spells of late. As Pastor Paul preached from Jonah 4, I could thus identify with Jonah as he sat sulking under a vine outside the city.

Experience has taught me that when one thing bothers me, that thing may legitimately need correcting. But when multiple things bother me, most likely it is my attitude that needs correcting.

The most effective cure I have found for a grumpy attitude is prescribed in 1 Thessalonians, where the apostle Paul directs us to “rejoice, pray, and give thanks.” However, when applying this cure for grumpiness, I have to shift the order of Paul’s three admonitions.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thess. 5:16–18

1. First, I give thanks, because I cannot go straight from grumpy to rejoicing. When I start mentally to gripe about something or someone, I pause and ask what I have to be thankful for related to this situation. Most often, several things come to mind; if not, I ask God to forgive my stubbornness and give me a thankful heart. As soon as I tell God the first “thank you,” my heart begins to soften and other blessings come to mind.
2. Then, I pray. With my heart softened, my focus begins to shift to God’s bigger picture, where it is not all about me. I ask God to forgive and free me from pride and self-centeredness, and to give me a heart to pray for whatever persons or situations had been bugging me. The more I pray, the less I am bothered about whatever was bothering me, and the more I genuinely want God’s desired resolution.
3. Sure enough, as I persist in this pattern of thanksgiving and prayer, my grumpiness yields to joy. I am finally able genuinely to rejoice.

The bad news is that this is not a one-time cure. When we neglect giving thanks and praying, we can quickly revert to self-centered grumpiness. The good news is that, by God’s grace, we know and can readily reapply the cure. And the more often we do so, the more quickly we recognize, repent, and get back into the cycle of giving thanks, praying, and rejoicing—which is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.

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

Thank you!!

“Dear FCC Family, Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement delivered by Jill Nelson. It was not only beautiful, but it was very comforting knowing it had been in the sanctuary during services. I appreciate your prayers and concern, and give special thanks to my wonderful shepherding Elder, Marilyn Wragg.

In Christian love, **Margaret Kennedy**”

“Dear FCC Staff, thank you so much for all the help that each of you gave to the all-church banquet. You each in your own way and area helped so much. Our church’s brothers and sisters came together to honor God’s plan and helped us all to love each other even more. Thank you again. In Christian love, **Zoe Phillips**

“Dear Paul, Jonna, Brittney, and everyone else at FCC, Thank you so much for the beautiful journal, notebook, and backpack you gave me for graduation! I’ve already been using my journal to take notes at church services and I love it. I’m looking forward to using the backpack at school! I’m still job hunting, but I’m excited to share with you what I find. Thank you for constantly pointing me towards our Father. The biggest thing I’ve learned at FCC is that He truly does life better. Thanks again! Love, **Allison Speziale**”



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

Children's Ministry News Foundations Camp!

WHEN: AUGUST 7TH -11TH

WHO: 3RD – 5TH GRADERS

WHERE: SNYDER, TEXAS @ WHITE RIVER CAMP

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL HOLLY AT HOLLY@FCCLUBBOCK.ORG

OR CALL #214-707-8060

Dream Center Mission Trip

Who: 3rd-5th graders

What: Mission work

Where: Lubbock Dream Center (we will meet at church first)

When: July 12th-15th from 9am-12pm

RSVP: holly@fcclubbock.org

**For more information call #214-707-8060 **



A Look at Outreach in 2016-2017!!

The Outreach committee and congregation at FCC has had a busy year. Without your help, none of this would have been possible! FCC has provided school supplies, installed a drip irrigation system, supplied prayers, teacher appreciation lunches/gifts, books, pajamas, Valentine's day cards, a 5th grade awards banquet, and snacks to the students and staff at **Bean Elementary**. 14 people from FCC volunteered to be "lunch buddies" and were paired with 19 students! Someone from FCC was there every day of the week for this program!!

For the children and staff members in our **Child Development Center**, the committee, along with members of our church, provided prayer, monthly staff appreciation lunches, gave teacher appreciation gifts, Valentine's day gifts for the children, purchased and installed cork strips in the classrooms, and construction has begun for the Toddler Playground— a much needed feature for the CDC facility.

Additional outreach support included partnering with **FCC-Amarillo** in providing funds for an African Mission Project and providing supplemental funds for **FCC-Lubbock Haiti Mission Trip**. THANK YOU for reaching out to those in our community and for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



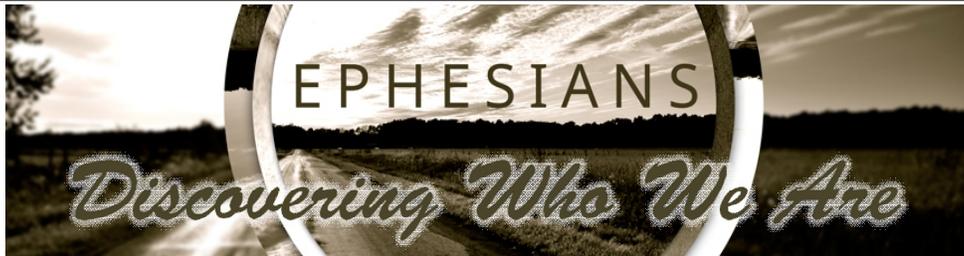
COLLEGE MINISTRY

Ms. Jonna Russell
Membership Administrator &
College Pastor
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Follow God's example, therefore as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

~Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)



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. Remember the Lord didn't leave His Word and send His son for behavior modification rather He came and left His Word for soul transformation.

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

Food *for* Thought

Summer Bible Study & Dinner
Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
2121 92nd St
Make the Most of Summer
Don't Let the Days Just Slip By



If you are graduating in August we want to celebrate with you! Please contact Jonna Russell, so we, as the Body of Christ, may honor you, your accomplishments, pray for the future, and lift up what the Lord has and will do in your life.

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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.*

Worship Times

Sundays:

Traditional Service:

9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:

10:15 a.m.

Simply Worship

11:15 a.m.
Chapel

PHONE:

806-763-1995

Fax: 806-763-5904

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.

July 2017 FCG Birthdays!

July 1

Lynise McDonald

July 2

Mary Jane Smith
Jerry Stanfield
Ben Swindle

July 3

Wanda Walton
Allison Follis

July 5

Scott Hall

July 6

Bob Brown
Gerri Young
Claire Dulaney

July 7

Hannah King

July 8

Sam Spence
Donna Russell

July 9

Glen Garnett
Marsha Stevens

July 10

Helen Lauderdale
Joey Yates

July 12

David Nelson

July 14

Todd Taylor

July 15

Gordon Blome
Brian Wilhelm
Alex Hardin

July 16

Linda Greenstreet
Rolf Stone
Tricia Plowman

July 17

Pat Barnett
Cherie Deardorff
D’Ann Yeager
Sara Skar
Renee Edwards

July 18

Clayton Yeager
Wade Wilson
Wylie Rawe

July 19

Brett Upchurch
Brax Upchurch
Colby Matzner

July 20

Carolyn T. Davis
Morris Knox
Vincent Yeager

July 21

JoAnne Richardson
AJ Sampayo

July 23

Debbie Passmore

July 24

Mike Chase
Courtney Jenkins

July 25

Amber Carr

July 26

Burle Pettit
Dennis Wall
Kenan Gilbert
Olivia Harrel

July 29

Lynn McClendon
Pam Davis
Ben Todd

July 30

Bill Skar
Sara Duty
Aurora Wilhelm

July 31

Peggy DeHay
Ainsley Nelson

Happy Belated
Birthday to
Amy Hight.
Her birthday was
on June 23rd!!

We’re on the web!
www.fcclubbock.org

WEEKLY

MEN’S

BREAKFAST

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.

**Cast Iron Grill
620 19th Street**



***Sam Spence** will be 96 on July 8. Wouldn't it be fun if he received 96 birthday cards? His family is spreading the word among coffee and RV friends, and would like to pass this on to his church friends. Please send cards to his home address: Sam Spence, 3603 61st St, Lubbock 79413. If you would like to save on postage, the church will have a collection box in the office and will deliver the cards to Sam’s family. You are welcome to drop your card off there.*