

Attendance  
August 27, 2017  
Sunday School: 200  
Worship Services:  
9:00– 321  
11:15 P&W– 59  
  
Contributions  
August 27, 2017  
General Budget:  
\$15,182.00  
Total Designated: \$0

Attendance  
September 3, 2017  
Sunday School: 174  
Worship Services:  
9:00– 195  
11:15 P&W– 57  
  
Contributions  
September 3, 2017  
General Budget:  
\$17,359.48  
Total Designated:  
\$125.00

Attendance  
September 10, 2017  
Sunday School: 168  
Worship Services:  
9:00– 225  
11:15 P&W– 75  
  
Contributions  
September 10, 2017  
General Budget:  
\$14,600.01  
Total Designated:  
\$255.00

Attendance  
September 17, 2017  
Sunday School: 179  
Worship Services:  
9:00– 259  
11:15 P&W– 76  
  
Contributions  
September 17, 2017  
General Budget:  
\$15,855.61  
Total Designated:  
\$420.00

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This issue covers news  
for the month of  
October 2017



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# HARVEST TIME

## The WORD Aloud!

Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Make plans to participate in The WORD Aloud on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Help us pray the entire written Word of God in one evening. We need your voice to join your brothers and sisters in praying the scriptures. This is a powerful experience not to be missed! We need you!!

## Canned Cranberry Sauce Drive for Families in Need!

350 families in need

for a Thanksgiving meal our church will help feed.

700 cranberry cans is our goal.

Give what you can for God's in control.



Loving our neighbors doesn't stop there,  
Trunk or Treat is coming you must be aware!  
Bring candy for children to have something sweet  
and decorate your trunk for a Halloween treat.

Giving, praying and loving this season awaits,  
God's blessings are endless and His love is so Great!

## All Church Outing @ the At'l Do Corn Maize

Sunday, October 8th

4:00 pm—6:00 pm, \$8.00/person

Hayrides, pumpkin shooting, being lost in a  
corn maize! OH MY! Bring family & friends and  
come join us!

- ✓ Plan to meet your church family at the BIG yellow tent for a snack, drink, worship song, and group photo at 4:15 pm
- ✓ Then go and enjoy the night with your family, friends, and church!

GPS Address: 6323 FM 1294, Lubbock, TX 79415



CANDY WANTED!  
Taking candy donations in the  
church office!



Rev. Paul Carpenter  
Senior Minister  
paul@fcclubbock.org

## A Message From Rev. Carpenter

One of the signs and symptoms of being a Christian is repentance. Others include the list of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), a high esteem for Jesus Christ, an interest in God's revealed truth, and a love for God and for neighbor. Joy-based repentance is a sign and assurance that a Christian listens to God and is eager to adjust to truth. That being said, I have been experiencing my fare share of repentance lately. Frankly, I've learned to love it.

Most recently it had to do with praying. I heard a teaching that said, "Why do we pray because we are worried or afraid? We should most often pray because we believe!" Any prayer in faith is a good prayer, but I'm guilty of not only praying out of worry, but also encouraging others to prioritize this type of prayer. Again, it is always good to pray in all circumstances, but is fear-based and worry-based prayer the best and preferred way?

The scriptures say that all creation (including the things that worry us) is like the grass of the field. "The grass withers and the flower fades...but the Word of the Lord is forever (Isaiah 40:8)." In addition Jesus repeatedly tells us to not worry and to not be afraid. In the end, the only reality will be what God has promised; everything else will become untrue.

This may sound like simply semantics, but I think it's worth saying: many times we build our prayers around the temporal conditions around us, as opposed to building them around the eternal conditions set by God's Sovereign Word. Temporal problems and conditions are things like sickness, loss, financial stress, lack of meaning in life, disappointment. When we get that bad news or are discouraged by a hard day, by the time we get around to praying to the Lord our souls are crushed and weakened. We look to God to solve a temporal problem, so that we're restored to our condition before this most recent crisis. Again, those prayers are heard and received, but is this is the best way?

Recently, I wrote down the promises of God that are the most vivid and clear to me:

- God will be glorified and He will appear with weight.
- God's Word is forever and secure.
- God's Son has satisfied God.
- The name of Jesus is the authorized name.
- The Holy Spirit is inside every Believer and testifies to our spirits.

Psalm 1 tells us that the blessed man/woman is the one who delights in the Lord's Word and who meditates, muses, and recalls the Promises of God day and night. Blessed is the one who prays because they believe and who speaks to God while standing on God's promises. In addition to the universal, biblical promises, God may have given you a special "wink" or word through signs and dreams. If you're sure it's from God, then speak to Him about how you believe Him.

I am convicted to pray more in delight and excitement about what God has promised. We know that faith, not prayer, moves mountains. Will we pray with faith regarding the things God has promised?

In Christ, Paul

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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:  
October 26, 2017  
(November Issue)

Next Deadline:  
Thursday,  
October 19th

## Upcoming October Gatherings & Meetings...

- ♦ **Bible Babes Women's Bible Study**, Monday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Chapel Parlor
- ♦ College & Career Bible Study & Fellowship, Every Tuesday Evening, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ♦ Financial Peace University, Tuesday Evenings, 6:30pm, Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Noon Bible Study, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Family Life Center
- ♦ Mary/Martha CWF, Tuesday, October 3rd, 9:30am, Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Elders Meeting, Wednesday, October 4th, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Oasis Book Club, Thursday, October 5th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ♦ God Fathers, Friday, October 6th, 12:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Keenagers Outing to Elite Sign & Design, Friday, October 6th, 9:30am
- ♦ FCC Corn Maize Adventure, Sunday, October 8th, 4-6pm, **At I Do Corn Maize, 6323 FM 1294**
- ♦ Deborah CWF, Thursday, October 12th, 7:00pm, Home of Marilyn Wragg, 4519 8th St.
- ♦ Foundation, Tuesday, October 17th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ♦ South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued, Wednesday, October 18th, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ♦ The Word Aloud, Wednesday, October 18th, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- ♦ Lubbock Music Club, Friday, October 20th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Finance Committee, Monday, October 23rd, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ♦ **Minister's Cabinet (Executive Committee)**, Tuesday, October 24th, 11:30am, Room 107
- ♦ General Board, Wednesday, October 25th, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ♦ Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th, 4:00-6:00pm

### Keenagers!

#### *Fellowship for Members & Friends Who Are 50+*

On October 6th, the Keenagers will tour Elite Sign & Design right here in Lubbock. This company specializes in vehicle wraps, window graphics, banners, building signs, and many other media and promotional products. We will learn what goes into the process of designing these items and have a glimpse into how they are made. Lunch will be a Souper! Salad! and each individual will pay for his/her own lunch there. After lunch we will visit J. Cruse Christmas Gallery & Décor on 82nd St. The church bus will leave the west lot at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office at 763-1995.



Join the Keenagers on Friday, November 3rd, for an outing to the Museum of Texas Tech University, where we will see three featured exhibits. The first provides general background and very moving recollections of 19 Texas World War II veterans who participated in the liberation of Nazi concentration camps. This includes two Lubbock veterans, Dr. Robert Anderson and Dr. Ted Hartman.

Second, is a collaboration between an Atmospheric scientist and a visual artist with their insights and interpretation of the beautiful weather phenomenon, lightning. Also on display will be a portion of the Museum's collection of Andy Warhol prints. There is no admission charge for the museum, and lunch will be Dutch treat at Rosa's on 4<sup>th</sup> Street (each pay for our own lunch). The church bus will leave the west parking lot at 9:45 a.m. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office at 763-1995.

## Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

### The Past, Present, & Future

Join the CWF of First Christian in Kuykendall Hall before and after the 9:00am Traditional Service on Sunday, October 22nd. This will be a special ministry opportunity for all women in our church. Come by and check out all of the ways that you can partner together with other women in our church for fellowship and service. Below is a list of events that are hosted by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Where do you see yourself being involved?

Come and discover your niche!!

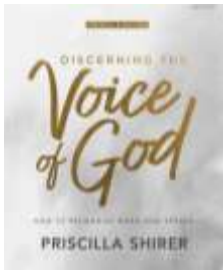


- CWF Memorial Tea, November 5th
- CWF Annual Bake Sale & Craft Sale, November 19th
- Blankets of Love, February 4th and 11th
- CWF Spring Retreat, Date TBA
- **Mother's Day Banquet**, May 2018

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### Deborah Bible Study

The Deborah Group will gather on October 12, 2017 in the home of Marilyn Wragg, 4519 8th St. at 7:00 p.m. Marilyn is also the facilitator for this meeting. For additional information, please call Lyn Williams at 806-787-0484.



### Bibles Babes - **Women's Bible Study!!**

Bible Babes meet each Monday at 7:00pm in the Chapel Parlor. The current 4 week study, *Breathe*, will end on Monday, October 2nd. *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer will be a six week study starting on Monday, October 9th. Study books for this study are available for \$13.00 each.

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### Prayer at Bean Elementary!!

If your schedule permits, we encourage you to meet at Bean Elementary (3001 Avenue N, 79411) on Monday, October 2nd at 3:45 p.m.

On this day we will pray with the teachers—for them, the staff, and the children who attend Bean. Please join us if you can!!



### Upcoming in November... **"Books for Bean"**

Watch for the opportunity to underwrite a book—or several—during the month of November for the children of our adopted school, Bean Elementary. More information to come!

### Lunch Buddy Program

As part of our partnership with Bean Elementary, FCC is inviting members to participate in the Lunch Buddy Program. For those who are interested, **"Lunch Buddy" volunteers meet with a student for a 30-minute lunch period once a week to share a meal and conversation, and perhaps play a game or read a book.** Lunches are served 10:30 to 1:50, and volunteers can choose the times and days of the week that will fit their schedule. Forms and more information can be found at the table in front of the coffee shop or you may contact Dave Bender @ 798-2109 or dndbender@yahoo.com.



## To Pray in Jesus' Name... Marilyn Wragg

Most of us learned from our earliest prayer experiences to end with, "In Jesus' name. Amen." I had previously concluded that to pray in Jesus' name entails praying selflessly, in obedience, and in love. It means praying in accordance with God's will and in light of God's character, as revealed in His Son Jesus. While these are all true, they present an incomplete picture. Through studying chapters 14–16 of the Gospel of John, my understanding of what it means to pray in Jesus' name was expanded.

As Jesus' disciples struggled with His declaration that He was going away, Jesus told them it was for their good, because the Holy Spirit would not come unless He left. Jesus also told them that, after He returned to the Father, they would no longer ask things of their earthly Rabbi. Rather, because they loved and believed in Jesus, they would ask the Father directly in His name.

My new understanding is that my entire relationship with my heavenly Father, including the privilege of directly approaching God in prayer, is grounded in my belief in the Person and the atoning work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus came from the Father, and when He returned to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to indwell believers.

That means when I pray in Jesus' name, I affirm my belief and stand on every promise of God that is "Yes" in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). I pray not only with Christ's Spirit now residing within me, but also with Christ Jesus Himself interceding for me at the right hand of God the Father (Romans 8:34).

Join me in reflecting on this truth and these scriptures. Thank God each day for sending the Spirit of Christ to live with and in us. And remind yourself often that praying with genuine faith "in Jesus' name" adds power to your prayers beyond all that we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

**"The Spirit of truth... lives with you and will be in you." John 14:17**

**"Truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." John 16:7**

**"In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:23-24**

A copy of the October 2017 Prayer Calendar can be picked up in the church office. You can also find it online on our website at: [www.fcclubbock.org](http://www.fcclubbock.org).



### Welcome New Member!!

We joyfully welcome the newest member of our family of faith at First Christian Church.

Fabian Davila joined during the Simply Worship service on Sunday, September 3rd by Transfer of Membership.

WELCOME!!



### Thank You To Our Family Promise Volunteers...

Linda Taylor & Wayne Kohout say a big thank you to all the faithful volunteers who give and give and give! Family Promise has an amazing group of caring & dedicated church coordinators and volunteers! On behalf of the families we serve, a huge thanks for sharing of your time and talent to help this past Labor Day Weekend! The success of the Family Promise program is due largely because of YOU. We appreciate your hard work!!

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

Joyce Manning- *Covenant*  
Bud Reeds-*Crown Point*  
Carolyn Gunter-*Crown Point*

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

Members: Larry Ackers, Margaret Kennedy, Jan Sanders

Friends: Jeff Adkins, Paul Bush, Bear Bock, Angel Cartwright, Lexy Galloway,  
Katelyn Harlow, Al Horton, Chris Mackey, Leroy Montoya

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### Homebound Prayers:

Jim Bales, Tom Chavez, Al Crossland, Kenneth Davis, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans,  
Margaret Ingraham, Cara Irvin, Joyce Manning, Meg Murphy, Ruby Power,  
Herbie Vannoy, Virginia Vincent

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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:

Mary Smith

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## *Our Deepest Sympathy...*

We lift up the family and friends of Truett Tyler. Truett passed from this life on September 15, 2017. A memorial service was held at First Christian Church on Friday, September 29th.

We lift up Cindy Wall in the passing of her mother, Joyce Jones. Joyce passed from this life on September 6, 2017. A memorial service was held on September 8th at Lakeridge Chapel.

We lift up Bill Davis in the passing of his brother, Joseph Samuel Davis. Sam passed from this life on September 20, 2017. A memorial service was held on September 25th at Northway Christian Church in Dallas.



## Thank You...

Thanks to 93 generous souls, Juliette Fowler Communities received \$25,790 at the end of the North Texas Giving Day. Thank you for your support of this Disciples Southwest outreach. Fowler has helped fulfill lives for children and adults for 125 years. Juliette Peak Fowler envisioned

a safe haven for those who cannot care for themselves. Through the dedication of caregivers and those who believe in Juliette's vision, lives of children and adults have been enriched. Thank you for believing in Juliette's vision and for your generous donations.



Mrs. Brittney Hardin  
Director of Music Ministries  
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**T**his past month, God has been stirring my heart and calling me into repentance about my heart and the heart of His church during worship. So often when we come to worship God, we are doing it with our spirits focused on thanksgiving. There are too many songs written about thanksgiving to count, both traditional and contemporary alike (for what God has done, given us, blessed us with, His interaction with us, etc.) While thanksgiving is good and an important part of our lives as blood-bought sinners, the Lord has been revealing to my heart that this is not worship. The **definition for worship in the dictionary is “the expression of reverence and adoration for a deity”.** Worship is the magnification of

God’s character and holy differences from us. In other words, it’s to look at God and adore Him for not what He gives, but for who He is. Thanksgiving says “I thank You” but worship says “I adore You.” I was convicted that before we feel or experience any symptoms of the grace He has given us through Jesus Christ, we must first sit at His feet and adore who He is. I pray that this October we do just that as we worship together here at First Christian. ~Brittney

## Faith of Linus... by Scott Hall

**H**alloween has got to be my favorite holiday. It’s tucked into the middle of Fall (which is my favorite season), it’s spooky, and CANDY! Some of my favorite movies are Halloween themed. One of those movies is *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (you could argue that this is a Christmas movie as well). This movie is animated, weird, and spooky all wrapped into an exciting story line of leadership, identity, and community (I know...I just got deep). But the Nightmare before Christmas pales in comparison to the 1966 family classic, *It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. Charlie Brown movies always seem to help me bring in the holidays. In this film, Linus refuses to go trick or treating for Halloween because he is going to stay up and wait for the Great Pumpkin to rise out of the pumpkin patch. Although he is continually ridiculed by friends, his faith remains strong. I am always baffled by his enduring spirit. As a kid, treat or tricking is right there next to opening Christmas presents. To give up this pinnacle moment of the year in order to sit in a cold pumpkin patch highlights his faith in this great pumpkin.

Every time I see this film, it challenges me to look at my faith in Christ. Is my faith as unwavering as a child who desires to see a pumpkin? As weird as it may sound, this film challenges me. I want to extend that challenge to you this month...where is your faith? Is your faith in the hope of Jesus Christ enough so that you would sacrifice your trick or treat moments to simply sit and wait for your Lord? My prayer this season is that we will not let our faith be suppressed under business & wind-chasing. Instead, may the Father lead us into deeper obedience as to mature and complete us. My friends, may we be more like Linus, who we know every year will be in that pumpkin patch waiting and evangelizing...

*Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31*

## October

- 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Home Church  
6:00-7:30 p.m. @ TBA
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Corn Maize  
4:00-6:00 p.m. @ At'I Do  
Corn Maize (6323 FM  
1294 Lubbock 79415)
- 25<sup>th</sup>-Snaps ONLY  
6:00-7:30 p.m. in the  
Youth Room. Wear a  
costume and bring some  
type of poem, song, rap,  
**instrument, etc...**  
(whatever you want to  
perform)
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Truck or Treat  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Come help the church by  
volunteering to run  
games and booths for our  
annual trunk or treat.





Come join us at the Corn Maize for an afternoon of family fun and fellowship!

When: Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm

Where: At'I Do Corn Maize (6323 FM 1294)

We will sing fun songs and there will be treats for the kids before we all disperse to the maize and hayride!



**DONATE CANDY  
TODAY!**

Trunk-or-Treat is around the corner and we need candy donations!

Drop off bags of individually wrapped candy in the front office.



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

Parents,

Fall is beginning to be in full swing. The chaos can sometimes become overwhelming, but don't let that stop you from being in church on Sunday! Great things are going on in the life of your children at church! FCC Children's Ministry is now using a new curriculum called "Orange." Its main focus is combining the light of the church (yellow) with the love of the home (red), to create gospel centered families. I am so excited to see what God has in store for His children at FCC this year!

*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14*

Blessings,  
Holly

### *Acolyte Installation & Recognition*

Installation of our new Acolytes, and recognition of our outgoing Acolytes, will be on October 22nd during the Traditional Service, 9:00 – 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Claire at 507-0961.





Jonna Russell  
Membership Administrator &  
Director of College Ministries  
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We have taken this journey on Tuesday nights redefining LOVE. The pressure to figure out who you are, who you are going to marry, and what your future looks like is so great and can lead to anxiety and a great need to find identity in false idols. In order to prevent such urgency it

is important to surrender to God, to give everything to Him. With Him all else falls into place. Your identity is created in Him. As we redefine love we will begin looking at all relationships in our life. Why is it so easy to fall in love even when we know it's wrong? Why have we made dating and relationships a 12 step program? Is God part of your relationships? Are you ignoring red flags? Until we *"Love the LORD with all our heart, mind, and soul"* our own relationships will be lacking in desire, care, and sacrifice. One without the other is not the love that God promises and gives. You know it's true love, when you are brought closer to God.

*Come GROW with us! Tuesdays at 6:30 pm*

### **IF IT'S GOOD,** **IT MUST BE GOD, RIGHT?**

These days the terms *good* and *God* seem synonymous. We believe what's generally accepted as good must be in line with God's will.  
Generosity, humility, justice = good.  
Selfishness, arrogance, cruelty = evil.  
The distinction seems pretty straightforward.  
But is that all there is to it?



If good is so obvious, why does the Bible say that we need discernment to recognize it? This study will do more than ask you to change your behavior, it will empower you to engage with God on a level that will change every aspect of your life.

**Join me Sunday morning as we ask the question "Good or God?"**

10:15 a.m. in Room 208

## Remembering FCC Member, Truett Tyler...

Article from page 84 of the  
Lubbock Senior Link publication

# Truett Tyler

## Following His Brothers

BRANCH  
Army

**T**ruett Tyler grew up on a farm near O'Donnell, Texas, the youngest of four brothers. (One of his brothers died in 1932 at age 7.) Truett graduated early from O'Donnell High School at age 16. He watched both of his older brothers go off to war. One day, while hoeing weeds, his dad suddenly asked him if he would like to go to college and offered to pay his way for one year.

He started Texas Tech in the fall of 1942, but attended for only one year. Truett followed his brothers' example and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in April, 1944 in Lubbock. He was sent to Amarillo Air Base for basic training. The young man had dreamed of flying ever since a childhood experience on a carnival ride shaped like an airplane. However, by the time he was ready for flight school training, the demand for bomber pilots had declined, and he became part of a flight crew that worked on small trainer planes.

He was sent for additional training to Stockton, California, then was transferred to Carlsbad Army Air Base which was a bomber training school. His assignment was to score bomb hits by the trainees. He was then transferred to Lowry Field near Denver, Colorado. He was doing clerical work and reported that he "obtained the speed of 60 mistakes a minute". In spite of his "mistakes", he became a



typing instructor. The military needs all kinds of skill. Truett was discharged from the service in November, 1946.

He returned to college and went into the ROTC program and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation in 1949. He declined his commission and went to work at

Westinghouse as an Industrial Engineer. He had a variety of jobs over his career including a stint at General Dynamics in San Diego, and retired in 1986. As he grew older, Truett realized how much he missed West Texas and moved to Wolfforth.

Truett is a patriot who values the contribution of all veterans. The story of his brother's service, in particular, is one he wanted to tell. His brother R.L. joined the Army Air Corps in Lubbock before WWII began. He trained at March Field in California and was sent to Nichols Field in the Philippines in 1940, where he was trained to be a radio operator. However, a Japanese attack was imminent and R.L. became an infantryman to help defend the island. He was transferred to Bataan where 74,000 Filipino and American servicemen held out for over three months against the invading Japanese. R.L. was captured on his birthday in April 1942. A few days later the men were forced to begin the grueling 90-mile journey which is now known as the Bataan Death March. Thousands lost their lives because of brutal physical abuse and merciless killing. R.L. survived the horrible experience, but succumbed to malaria and died at POW Camp O'Donnell in July 1943. His remains were never recovered.

Truett travelled to the Philippines in 2001 to pay his respects to his missing brother and his fellow missing servicemen.



*Respectfully submitted by Larry A. Williams,  
Texas South Plains Honor Flight  
Veterans Liaison Co-Chair*





These members of our church made the move from 16th & Avenue J to our current building on Broadway...

*Larry Deardorff, Gay Foster, Joyce Manning, Jerry Etter, Bill Davis, Mollie Parsley, Martha Wells, Jodie Schneider, Margaret Ingraham, Pat Thurman, Dr. Bud Reeds, and Barbara Onstead.*

Did we miss anyone? If so, please contact Crystal in the church office to let her know.  
Courtesy of Sylvia Etter.



### *Lubbock A-J Remembers: Lubbock's Charles Baldwin saves only best memories*

"Charles Baldwin, fisherman and World War II fighter pilot, clings to the good memories. He doesn't consider himself a hero, but undeniably, he was a talented combat pilot in 1944.

"There are a lot of civilians that did a heck of a lot more than I did. Everyone pulled together," he said of the war years.

He remembers leaving the University of New Mexico to sign up for cadet training, and was called to active duty in January 1943.

Baldwin, who at 95 has the appearance of someone 25 years younger, doesn't concentrate continually on sorrow. His wife passed away in

"Seven years ago, he was attending a school reunion at Lamesa and was talking with a group when someone spoke to a woman named Myrna by using the wrong last name. Her husband had passed away. She tactfully replied that she answers to any name, and Baldwin had said spontaneously, 'What about Baldwin?'"

He analyzes that often:

"You know, I didn't say that. It came out of my mouth, but I didn't say it. I didn't even think it. It just popped out." Still, the seed was planted: "We fell in love."

They married a year later.

Myrna said, "We have had six wonderful years together."

Baldwin talks of their new beginning:

"People need to realize — it's not all gone," he said.

"You can cling to sorrow, or you can learn to dance again."

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*By Ray Westbrook  
A-J MEDIA*

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*Especially for:*

### *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.



### 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.*

# DID YOU KNOW



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- The New Visions class remodeled the kitchen in the teacher's lounge at Bean Elementary School.
- The men's group created a new irrigation system at Bean Elementary for the children to have a garden.
- FCC hosted 22 Youth With a Mission (YWAM) group for 17 days in the FLCC as this group served Lubbock through Outreach and Evangelism. This was their first stop before going over-seas and serving as missionaries.
- The Silver Stars group shares God through music each month as they sing for residents in Rehabilitation & Assisted Living facilities.
- All parking lot funds raised during Tech home games goes to Outreach groups in the Lubbock area: **Boy's Ranch, CASA, St. Benedicts, and the Rainbow Room.** These organizations make between \$1000 to \$2000 on game day!
- The third Wednesday of each month FCC gives out between 25-35 Food Vouchers to those in our community who are in need. We need volunteers to help.
- The church office gives out shelf stable snack packs and water to those who come into our church during the week that are in need.

### **We're on the web!**

[www.fcclubbock.org](http://www.fcclubbock.org)

### WEEKLY

#### **MEN'S**

#### **BREAKFAST**

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Cast Iron Grill  
620 19th Street



*For more information regarding any of these ministries or to become involved in the church please call the church office at 763-1995.*

Attendance  
September 24, 2017  
Sunday School: 184  
Worship Services:  
9:00—190  
11:15 P&W— 71

Contributions  
September 24, 2017  
General Budget:  
\$14,640.70  
Total Designated:  
\$425.00

A list of the October birthdays can be picked up in the church office. You may also request a copy by contacting Crystal at 763-1995.