

Attendance
October 1, 2017
Sunday School: 188
Worship Services:
9:00– 195
11:15 P&W– 75

Contributions
October 1, 2017
General Budget:
\$18,303.81
Total Designated: \$0

Attendance
October 8, 2017
Sunday School: 163
Worship Services:
9:00– 169
11:15 P&W– 46

Contributions
October 8, 2017
General Budget:
\$13,397.07
Total Designated:
\$5,020.00

Attendance
October 15, 2017
Sunday School: 172
Worship Services:
9:00– 219
11:15 P&W– 76

Contributions
October 15, 2017
General Budget:
\$9,560.50
Total Designated:
\$3,200.00

Attendance
October 22, 2017
Sunday School: 168
Worship Services:
9:00– 253
11:15 P&W– 50

Contributions
October 22, 2017
General Budget:
\$19,576.00
Total Designated:
\$6,125.00

This issue covers news
for the month of
November 2017



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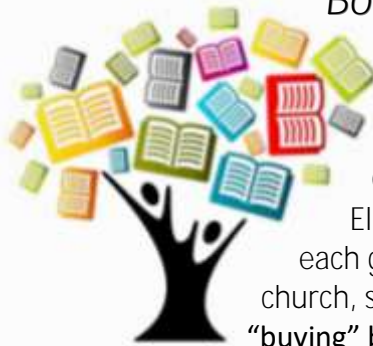
November 2017 Edition

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Beyond the Walls of FCC!!

Books For Bean Elementary!



Books for Bean Elementary begins on November 5th and continues throughout the month of November. We invite you to help underwrite 575 books, to be given as Christmas gifts to each child at our adoptive school, Bean Elementary. Note: the books-- selected by the teachers for each grade level--have already been ordered and paid for by the church, so our request is that you reimburse this expenditure by **“buying” books for the students. The average cost is \$5.00 per book,** so please buy three or four or MORE! A table will be set up in the Great Hall every Sunday **in November. Checks may be written to FCC, with “Books” on the memo line or you may place cash in an envelope in the offering tray or give to the church office, clearly designating your gift to “Books.”**

Wrapping Party & Prayer!

- Join us on Sunday, December 3rd from 3-5 p.m. in Kuykendall Hall for a wrapping party, with light refreshments to follow. All materials for wrapping these Christmas **books will be available, and it's a great time for all!**
- On Friday, December 8th at 2:30 p.m., any who wish will meet at Bean Elementary to help in delivering the books to the classrooms during the school Christmas parties.
- PRAY with teachers & staff at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, November 6th in the school library.

First Christian Church has the opportunity to participate in regional and overseas mission opportunities. Please see page 7 for more information on ways that you can be involved.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 12th during both services for the purpose of approving the 2018 budget. Please plan to attend.

A Message From Rev. Carpenter



Rev. Paul Carpenter
Senior Minister
paul@fcclubbock.org

A New Normal

Most of us remember a time when you could pass through airport security without taking off your shoes. There was a day when you would pump gas and then walk inside the gas station to pay your bill with cash. It was once normal to not carry a cell phone, beeper, or any electronics at all! These have become a new “normal.”

Our Chairman of the Elders, Robert Grimes, spoke in worship along with other members of the church during October. Robert cast a vision for a new normal at First Christian Church. *What if it was normal for each member of FCC to actively invite people to church and to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?*

God the Father is the supreme evangelist. He is determined to embrace countless people into His arms. The Father sent His only begotten Son for this mission. It cost Jesus His very life. The Holy Spirit of Christ is now actively seeking and saving the lost. In addition to all of this, the Father thought-up, created, and formed a holy church; we are God’s instrument to bring others to Him through Christ. He gave the church holy tools: the Gospel, the Bible, the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper), and church relationships and accountability. These are God’s means for God’s ends to draw people into His Kingdom.

First Christian Church is unique in that while the world is changing, we have held fast to the God-given resources of scripture and sacrament. **What’s lacking are Christians who personally engage the spiritual homeless with an invitation to gather before a loving and holy God.** When someone tells their faith story, who will they say invited them to church? In the last three years I’ve heard people say they received an invitation from Michael King, Nelda Jett, and Jack Nelson. I’ve heard Robin Grimes and Trois Payne named as the reason someone came the first time. I’m sure there are many others. The point is, what if this was our new normal?

To assist you, we’ve printed cards with the church’s information; they are available in the church office. Our leaders are doing their part, daring to “walk across the room” to engage a friend or stranger with an invitation. Our staff will each take half a day in the next 2 weeks dedicated toward inviting as many folks as we can to join us. The strength will come when the majority of our membership is used by God to invite others to church and to draw others to Jesus. I hope our water usage increases in 2018 for all the baptisms. I pray our church is favored to be a storehouse of harvest for the saved.

Along with Robert Grimes I am excited to be part of a church that is setting this new normal. Also I’m eager to learn who our new folks will identify as the person who took the time to love them with an invitation to gather before the Father in the name of Jesus at First Christian Church.

Godspeed!
Pastor Paul

Please See Next Page for Info About Worship on December 3rd...

“THE LIGHT” is published monthly January—December
Managing Editor: Crystal Vinson.
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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:
November 30, 2017
(December Issue)

Next Deadline:
Thursday,
November 23rd

Peace and blessings to you, my brothers and sisters! With Christmas on the way and quickly approaching, it is all too easy to get swept up into the madness that our host culture fuels concerning what this season is about. I invite you to join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 10:40 a.m. for a combined Hanging of the Greens service and special presentation of the Gospel through song and drama in *The Greatest Gift*. This first Sunday of Advent we will center our hearts, minds, and spirits on the manger and remember the reason we celebrate, the greatest gift of all, the gift of Jesus Christ given to the world.

Hanging of the Greens and *The Greatest Gift*
Sunday, December 3rd

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

All-Church Combined Worship Service at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of FCC

The Annual CWF Memorial Tea

Please Join Christian Women's Fellowship in Kuykendall Hall on Sunday, November 5th from 9:30-11:15 a.m. as we honor the memory of members of our church family who have passed away in the last year. Stop by for light refreshments and please consider making a donation to the CWF Memorial Fund to honor friends and loved ones. Those who make a donation will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful tea cup and saucer that will commemorate the memory of your loved one.

CWF ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE!!

Having company for Thanksgiving? Need help with the cooking? With gifts?

The Annual CWF Craft and Bake Sale will be Sunday, November 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. in Kuykendall Hall, next to the coffee shop. This is a church wide participation project, so please be thinking about what you might like to contribute. All proceeds from this event go to fund CWF outreach projects.

Items needed for the craft & bake sale include: candy, cakes, cookies, pies, sweet breads, breakfast or dinner casseroles, soups, homemade bread, home grown and/or home canned vegetables as well as other delicious items! Please make sure casseroles are assembled in a disposable aluminum pan that is sealed with foil and then frozen. We also ask that you please attach baking instructions to the pan.

- For those who are contributing crafts for sale, please bring items to Kuykendall Hall on Friday, November 17th between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- If you are donating baked goods, please bring them to the church before 8:30 a.m. on November 19th. Contact Patsy Moffett at 798-3520 or Patti Lupton at 794-5210 if you have questions or need any additional info.

2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner!

All women of FCC are invited to join together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at **Orlando's** Italian Restaurant on the S. Loop & Indiana. This is sure to be a time of delicious food, fabulous fun, & wonderful fellowship!!



Upcoming November Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Bible Babes Women's Bible Study**, Monday Evenings at 7:00pm *until November 13th* in the Chapel Parlor
- ◇ College & Career Bible Study & Fellowship, Every Tuesday Evening, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
(*will not meet November 21st*)
- ◇ Noon Bible Study, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Family Life Center
- ◇ Elders Meeting, Wednesday, November 1st, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Deacons Meeting, Wednesday, November 1st, 7:00pm, Room 107
- ◇ Oasis Book Club, Thursday, November 2nd, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ Keenagers Outing to Tech Meseum, Friday, November 3rd, 9:45am
- ◇ Mary/Martha CWF, Tuesday, November 7th, 9:30am, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Deborah CWF, Thursday, November 9th, 7:00pm
- ◇ Finance Committee, Monday, November 13th, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued, Wednesday, November 15th, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ◇ Lubbock Music Club, Friday, November 17th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Foundation, Tuesday, November 21st, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ Church Office Closes at Noon on Wednesday, November 22nd
- ◇ Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23rd
- ◇ Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving on Friday, November 24th

Thank you for helping us to reach our goal of collecting 700 cans of cranberry to help 350 families in need by providing them a Thanksgiving feast! Thank you for reaching out to help others! On November 18th the FCC College Ministry will be helping box and deliver these meals to families in need. Together as the body of Christ we have shared his love with others! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Keenagers!

Fellowship for Members & Friends Who Are 50+



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. 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 4th 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.

Don't Miss The December Keenager Program & Luncheon!



On Friday, December 1st, at 10:30 a.m. in Kuykendall Hall, Emily Wilkinson will be our guest speaker. She will give a presentation about the Texas Tech Art Collection. Wilkinson oversees the Public Art Collection and Program at the Texas Tech University System, which solicits, evaluates and commissions original public artworks to complement construction projects undertaken by the Office of Facilities Planning & Construction. She also handles the upkeep, maintenance and public education of the artworks in the collection. Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious catered lunch for \$10.00/person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office at 763-1995 no later than Wednesday, November 29th. Thank you!

Be Ye Thankful . . . Marilyn Wragg

The Bible is full of references that call for God's people to give thanks. The King James wording of Colossians 3:15b is a quaintly direct admonition: "Be ye thankful." Add to that scriptures like these cited, and we find that thankfulness is not an option for those seeking to live in Christ. Rather, "Be ye thankful" is an imperative.

Like the Israelites in the desert, we face many obstacles throughout life's journey. We may be tempted to grumble or question God's provision. But, as with the Israelites, a spirit of ingratitude spirals downward. People who are dissatisfied tend to be ungrateful, and ungrateful people tend to be more dissatisfied. As dissatisfaction grows, so do worry, anxiety, agitation, and a host of other negative states.

On the other hand, a spirit of thankfulness promotes awareness of God's provision, which promotes satisfaction, harmony, and peace. When we obey the imperative, "Be ye thankful," we develop a habit of gratitude that spirals upward.

November, the month of Thanksgiving, is a prime opportunity to refocus on giving thanks. Start each day praying to be filled with the Spirit and rooted in Christ. Take trouble to be mindful of every blessing received and give thanks always to God. Take time also to thank others for their service and kindness. Be attuned to scriptures, hymns, and spiritual songs that inspire grace and gratitude. Pray that thanksgiving will overflow through you.

Be ye thankful!

Be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.
Colossians 3:15b-17 (KJV)

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

Be filled with the Spirit... Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 5:18b-20 (excerpts)*

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thess 5:18

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

"RISE UP! HOMELESS TO HOME" Family Promise Annual Gala



Thursday, November 9, 2017

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites

Tickets: \$50

GUEST SPEAKER - KURT KISER

ENTERTAINMENT - KARLEIGH PORTERFIELD from
THE DANCE GALLERY

The Family Promise Annual Gala is the most impactful fundraiser of the year. Your generous support of this event makes an immediate and direct impact on homeless families in Lubbock enabling them to achieve a better life for their children. Tickets to the November 9th Gala will be on sale in the Great Hall before and after the 9:00 service on October 29th and November 5th.

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.*

Bud Reeds-Crown Point
Carolyn Gunter-Crown Point

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

Members: Larry Ackers, Margaret Kennedy, Sandra Foster, Randell Resneder, Jan Sanders, Mary Smith, Ronnie Taylor

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

Homebound Prayers:

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

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:
Joan Dulaney, Kay Greer, Joyce Manning, Jerry McKinney

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up Dr. Michael Armstrong in the passing of his mother, Mickey Armstrong. Mickey passed from this life on September 25, 2017. A memorial service was held in Plainview, TX on September 29th.

We lift up Matt Matzner in the passing of his father, Walter Matzner. Walter passed from this life on October 24, 2017. Services were held on October 28th in Ft. Worth, TX.

Welcome New Members!!

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

John Welch joined during the Traditional Worship service on Sunday, October 1st by Transfer of Membership. Patty and J.C. Chambers joined on October 6th by Transfer of Membership with Pastor Paul and 2 Elders.

WELCOME!!



Hurricane Harvey Response SPRING 2018

When Hurricane Harvey came ashore, the Category 4 storm hit Rockport first and caused considerable damage.

As the storm moved inland torrential rains continued for days and flooded many areas in Houston and Pearland.

We will begin putting together a team of volunteers to take to Houston and help rebuild as well as love on the people and families who have been

affected by this storm. Dates and information are still being put together but if you feel your heart being pulled to help please contact Jonna Russell, 325.374.4004.

Overseas Mission Opportunities

In the heart of the Caribbean, there are a number of islands which conjure up images of majestic skies, towering mountains, golden beaches, blue water and flocks of tourists. However, one island is much different and has been in serious peril for decades. With a population of over ten million people, Haiti is one of the least developed countries in the world and is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.



Because of the widespread poverty, many cannot afford to send their children to primary school. Only 73% will complete the six years of primary school and will do it in an average of sixteen years. Only 15% of the children will complete secondary school. The adult literacy rate is only 60%.

The people of Haiti desperately need your help to overcome the challenges of both physical and spiritual poverty. **Through the work of the Haiti Bible Mission and Mission of Hope, the lives of many Haitian's are renewed, and the burden of the Haitian people is lightened by the love of Jesus Christ.**

There are 2 opportunities for you to help:

PHYSICAL POVERTY:

Haiti Construction Mission Work FEBRUARY 2018

Lal Williams will be putting together a short-term mission team that will work alongside Haitian pastors and Haitian construction teams through construction projects needed in the Haitian villages. Must be 18 or older to participate in this trip.

SPIRITUAL POVERTY:

Haiti Evangelism Mission Trip SUMMER 2018

Every year, Mission of Hope hosts thousands of mission trip participants from around the world. Teams participate by serving in one of the 12 villages where we partner with the local Haitian churches. In seeking to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the villages, two primary strategies have been developed to reach every man, woman, and child – Strategic Village Time and Church Advancement Projects.

ALL ages welcome but children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian.

FMI regarding either of these trips please contact Lal Williams, 806.283.0339



Children's Christmas Choir practice starts
October 29th & will go through December 10th!
Be sure to have you children present during the
Sunday school hour so they can learn their
songs! They will perform on December 3rd
during *"The Greatest Gift"* service and on
December 15th for the Christmas Program.
More information to come for these events!

Parents,

I hope the school year has been going smooth for your family and I am excited to see you and yours each week as the year progresses. Christmas is already around the corner and that means so is the Christmas program! The kids will soon be learning songs to perform in church and for the program. Practices will take place at the beginning of Sunday school throughout the month of November and into December. The more practices your child attends the easier they will learn the songs, so bring your kiddos each week ready to sing!

God Bless,
Miss Holly



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



2017-2018 Acolyte Ministry Installation & Recognition

On Sunday, October 22nd, the incoming acolytes were installed and the graduating acolytes were recognized for their dedication and service. Six of our children have completed acolyte training and are now part of the Acolyte Ministry of FCC! They are: Luke Duty, Braxton Duty, Kyrstin Hight, Olivia Ortiz, Kaj Winfield, & Vincent Yaeger. Our 2017 graduates are: Connor Williams (*will continue to serve for 1 more year*), Reagan Hawkins (*will continue to serve for 1 more year*), Beau Harper, Colby Matzner & Tobey Duty. Please support and congratulate these young people as they serve our church in performing tasks to bring more meaning to our worship.

A big thank you to Lou Ann Underwood, Joy Gorsuch, and Claire Dulaney for all of their hard work organizing and leading the acolyte training. Please know how much FCC appreciates you!!

Watch Your Language... Youth News By Scott Hall

I've recently noticed that I personally have a problem...to be specific, a language problem. Now before you start jumping to conclusions, I don't have a potty mouth. This language problem refers to how I speak rather than what I say. I've noticed that I default towards selfishness in my thoughts and conversation. To be completely clear, I have a problem with being thanksgiving.

Now, I don't believe that I am overly pessimistic (in fact, I'm sometimes faulted from being a little too optimistic). But I have noticed how I'm quick to count my problems and display them up on a pedestal for all to see. I'm quick to look at what is withheld from my life, rather than looking towards the countless blessings. Thanksgiving doesn't come natural. In fact, I find that I am in constant need of help in order to practice thankfulness.

Luckily, I have all the help I need. Scripture (The Gospel!) continually points my vision towards thankfulness. The Gospel tells me that I have everything I need and desire all tied up in the work and righteousness of Jesus Christ. He is all-sufficient! So much so that if every blessing I possess was swept away and I never received another for the rest of my life, I would still have reason to be thankful because the credit of Jesus' righteousness is upon me...not by my doing, but through GRACE alone. This fact reminds me that in every season, in

every moment, there is reason to celebrate...there is reason to be thankful. Thus, I pray that the Lord will teach me to speak the dialect of thankfulness. This dialect is attractive to all people. This dialect helps soften the hardest of hearts (it has for my heart!). Most importantly, it is what is required of me. So I pray that you and I will join together in rebelling for the Kingdom as we speak the new, yet ancient language of thanksgiving. May the peace of Christ consume us in all moments.

"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

November

1st, 8th, and 15th

Home Church

6:00-7:30pm @ TBA

17-18th- Encounter LE

register online at

LCUcamps.com/encounterle

Cost: \$25. Pick up/drop off at LCU campus (Moody Auditorium)

29th- Game Night

Come enjoy some pizza and games hosted at the FLCC from 6-8pm. Video games, billiards, foosball, basketball. Bring a friend!

Did You Know...

- First Christian Church is one of the oldest congregations in Lubbock County? We are discerning the option to have a historical marker designated for this.
- First Christian Church has 2 playgrounds for our children? The newest playground is the recently completed toddler playground on the south side of the church.
- First Christian Church ministers to 110-115 children each day through our Child Development Center.
- that over 500 children and their families visit our Family Life Center each week while they participate in basketball practices and games?
- that Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum is the new Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.
- Pastor Paul is discussing the Book of Isaiah during the Noon Bible Study?
- as of October 26th, we have collected 541 cans of cranberry to help the 350 families in need by providing them a Thanksgiving feast?

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



Jonna Russell, Membership Administrator & Director of College Ministries
jonna@fcclubbock.org, 325/374-4004

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

Any good goal becomes dangerous when it displaces our desire to know and honor God. Notice those signs in your life where your relationship with God has become more about what He can give you than about who He is. All of us have oversights. All of us become friends to the world without becoming effective in reaching the world. One of the greatest tests of faith is something that seems pretty tame: the shortcut. Moses faced a shortcut during his time in the desert. He'd traveled with complaining and rebellious people and the idea of entering the Promised Land must have been attractive. But did Moses say yes to the promise at the expense of God's presence? Jesus, himself encountered a shortcut in the desert when Satan gave Him an opportunity to bypass the hardship and skip straight to claiming authority over the nations. All Jesus had to do was worship him. Would Jesus compromise to get with ease what God would deliver through suffering?



I want you to be able to answer a wholehearted yes to the question, "Is God's presence your ultimate goal?" James tell us, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8 ESV). Seeking God now will position you to make the right choice at any crossroads still to come.

Join me Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Room 208 as we ask the question "Good or God?"



"Be still and know that I am God."
The Hebrew root of "Be still" is not "Be quiet" it is "Let Go". So after a busy week instead of forgetting about the world and your responsibilities come and "Let Go and know that He is God."
Come GROW with us!
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

A Month of Thanksgiving!

On November 18th the College Ministry will help the Dream Center along with other volunteers in the community deliver Thanksgiving meals to 350 families in need.

Thank you for your Cranberry donations. You are helping put the GIVING in Thanksgiving!



Thank You...



The Child Development Center administration and staff would like to say a huge “THANK YOU!” to the members of the Sunday school classes who have offered encouragement and support to us in so many ways. We have thoroughly enjoyed the snacks, lunches, and gifts that have been so graciously given as well as the personal visits to our classrooms. We would also like to thank the entire church for your prayers for the staff and the children entrusted to

our care. It is a blessing to know that the members of the church recognize and appreciate the Child Development Center as a ministry of First Christian Church. We are so grateful for your prayers and support as we strive to be a positive influence in the lives of our students and their families. We would like to invite everyone to visit the Center and observe how this ministry is making a difference in many lives.

Your kindness and concern have meant so very much and will always be *remembered...*

“A very special thank you to so many of you at First Christian. Pastor Paul, Brittney, Jo Anne, Crystal, and all of the church staff; Dave Bender, Mike and Marilyn Wragg, Jo Wester, and so many others. The support and love you showed my dad (Sam Spence) and Henry and me was beyond any words. You made these last months bearable and full of love for my dad and us. ~ Henry & Kay Self”



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Deacons of First Christian Church offer to you and your family this year's Advent Devotionals. The devotionals this year investigate what Jesus might want for Christmas and, hopefully, will encourage each of you to offer up your own gift to the Christ Child. Additionally, this year we have provided a calendar of Random Acts of Christmas Kindness that you and your family can do to brighten the day of those around you. The Advent Devotional booklets will be available after each worship service on November 19th and 26th. If you cannot get a copy for your family on either of those Sundays, copies will be available in the church office. Explore and enjoy the Advent season with us.



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



Belle Ritchey and Jake Trevey were baptized on Sunday, October 22, 2017 during the 9:00 Traditional Service.

Congratulations Belle & Jake!!

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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
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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.



November 2017 FCC Birthdays!

November 1
 Cameron Graham
 Mason Moffett
 Nikki McKelvy

November 2
 Patsy Moffett

November 4
 Cooper King

November 6
 Mike Holmes
 Mildred Moore
 Ron Spears
 Jerry Duty

November 7
 Jim Bales
 Allen Young

November 8
 Zama Norris

November 9
 Bobby Milligan

November 11
 Dawn Bender

November 13
 Troy McNeill

November 15
 Carlene Morton
 Lois Swindle
 Meagan Payne
 Landon Walker

November 16
 Charles Cypert

November 17
 Janice Knox

November 18
 Shirley Sharp
 Jacob Trevey

November 19
 Charlotte Davis
 Vickie Ball
 Joni Davis

November 20
 Seamus Webb

November 22
 Steve Moffett

November 23
 Ty Voyles

November 24
 Sylvia Etter
 Rose Chase
 Paula Gibson
 David Follis

November 25
 Erika Shuman

November 27
 Jo Wester
 Sharon Ann McIntire

November 28
 Shari Herschberger
 Larry Morgan

November 29
 Linda Blome

November 30
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