

Attendance  
January 28, 2018  
Sunday School: 194  
Services:  
9:00- 216  
11:00- 69  
  
Contributions:  
January 28, 2018  
General Budget:  
\$14,934.73  
Total Designated: \$0

Attendance  
February 4, 2018  
Sunday School: 162  
Worship Services:  
9:00- 196  
11:00- 73

Contributions  
February 4, 2018  
General Budget:  
\$19,398.50  
Total Designated:  
\$525.00

Attendance  
February 11, 2018  
Sunday School: 176  
Worship Services:  
9:00- 198  
11:00- 70

Contributions  
February 11, 2018  
General Budget:  
\$21,667.00  
Total Designated:  
\$145.00

Attendance  
February 18, 2018  
Sunday School: 184  
Worship Services:  
9:00- 208  
11:00- 63

Contributions  
February 18, 2018  
General Budget:  
\$11,437.00  
Total Designated:  
\$3,795.00

Attendance  
February 25, 2018  
Sunday School: 175  
Worship Services:  
9:00- 208  
11:00- 53

Contributions  
February 25, 2018  
General Budget:  
\$10,506.00  
Week of Compassion:  
\$505.00  
Total Designated:  
\$5,330.95



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### 2018 Upcoming Easter Events:

- Palm Sunday, March 25th- During our 9:00 a.m. worship service, we include palm branches as a sign that Jesus alone holds our hope and future.
- Maundy Thursday, March 29th- Living Last Supper, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary (*Reenactment of the Last Supper between Jesus & His 12 disciples*) \*Child care provided.
- 24-Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, March 30th – Saturday, March 31st, 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m., Chapel
- Good Friday, March 30th- Good Friday Worship, 6:00pm, Sanctuary  
\*Child care provided.
- Easter Sunday, April 1st-  
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Broadway Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service- Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Simply Worship Service- Chapel

### CWF 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. The next gathering will be Tuesday, March 13, 2018. This is sure to be a time of delicious food, fabulous fun, & wonderful fellowship!!



Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30pm

**The youth and children's ministry will have another combined Parents' Night Out** at the FLCC. There will be food and games! A nursery will be provided as well.  
RSVP to [holly@fcclubbock.org](mailto:holly@fcclubbock.org)



Rev. Paul Carpenter  
Senior Minister  
paul@fcclubbock.org

## A Message From Rev. Carpenter

### 37,000 Focus

#### Our ministry toward Tech

**H**ow does God use our congregation to impact the world? This question was the biggest takeaway I received from our 21 days of fasting and prayer. The clearest answer that came was, **"God uses us to invest in people. This is how God changes the world through His church."** The only treasure we can bring with us from earth into heaven are other people. The wise in the Lord will strive in the sacred work of transferring wealth and resources into eternal treasure. We are called to invest in people as God has invested in and loved us.

Unique to our church is our relationship and proximity to a major, world-class University – Texas Tech. People come from all over the world to Lubbock and then return to all over the world. FCC has a calling and opportunity to **"disciple people from all nations" without ever leaving Lubbock.** Focusing on this distinct ministry will further connect us to our roots and enhance all of our other ministries. Imagine our fellowship connected and invested in 1% of the students at Tech – **that's 370.** This ministry should include connections to LCU, South Plains, and Wayland as well.

Not one of us is stronger than all of us. This vision casting is to move across our entire membership. Every member will be asked and encouraged to engage this calling. Over the next few months you will be invited to prayerfully explore how God will use you for His glory in changing the world through FCC.

This impact will require four things: (1) Faith in this calling and a partnership with God. (2) Generosity and an eagerness to invest in this generation. (3) A personal engagement with this ministry. (4) A growing holiness through a relationship with God.

As we take steps forward and lean on our past, our staff and ministry team leaders are working to create opportunities for you to engage in this holy work. We will hold a ministry fair on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through the morning to give you a chance to commit to old and new ways of ministering to students. On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> I will ask the church to pause at home at 5:30 PM to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond in financial generosity toward missions, discipleship, and outreach.

Most of this mission is desire based. Much of our church loves to attend Tech athletic events, concerts, and the general life of the university. **Let's attend these things not for us, but for Jesus. Pray, engage, and welcome the students. Let's learn how to trust the Holy Spirit in conversations on campus.** When a student courageously walks into our church building, let them know that we are here to welcome and invest in them. With the Gospel, Bible, sacraments, and Christian relationships God will continue to change the world through our West Texas Church.

With joy and grace,  
Paul

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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:  
March 29, 2018  
(April Issue)

Next Deadline:  
Thursday,  
March 22, 2018

## FCC Music Ministry Happenings...

As we continue through this Lenten season of God's grace together, there are many opportunities this month to worship and remember the love sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Holy Week begins March 25th with Palm Sunday. Our children will help lead us in worship as they wave palm branches during services that morning and sing *Antiphonal Hosanna* during the offertory in the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service. Thursday, March 29th we will be holding our Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary where we will remember and witness the reenactment of Jesus with His disciples as they receive the holy sacrament of Communion. The following day, March 30th, we will be holding our Good Friday service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come worship with us and together we will witness the power of the Cross.



**Get Ready + Get Set = Go !!!!!**

### *Repairs and Renovations Now Underway*

Thanks to funding provided through the accumulation of excess annual operating funds over the past several years, a few major repairs and renovations are now underway.

The flat roof portion on the entire main building is finally being replaced. The 28+ year old tar and gravel roof served us well for many years. However, it reached a point where we experienced a new leak during almost every rain. Over the next 30-45 days, a new modified rubber roof is being installed; one which should give us several decades of good service.

If you normally park on the 13th street side of the building, please plan to park in another area of the property over the next month. We will be staging the roof job from the parking spaces along 13th street, so these spaces will not be available.

On March 5, work will begin to replace the old steel doors at the west entrance with new glass doors. These will match the doors on the Broadway and East entrances that were installed over the last couple of years. In addition, work will begin to renovate the Great Hall. New ceiling treatments, lighting, and paint will upgrade and slightly modernize the look and feel of the Great Hall. This should provide a much better welcome to all those entering the building, especially first time visitors.

**Over the next month, please understand that these projects will create some "mess." We will do our best to have construction dust cleaned up daily. However, there may be a few weeks when the Great Hall is a "work in progress" as you walk through on Sunday morning.**

These renovations were approved by the General Board back in 2012. We thank God for providing our Finance Committee the patience and discipline needed to accumulate the funds in cash to complete these projects. We are grateful that none of the funding comes through debt financing. Our congregation is blessed to remain debt free.

Thank you for your understanding while this work is underway.

### **CMF SMOKED AND COOKED HAMS ARE BACK!**

The CMF is happy to announce that we will be doing our Easter ham fundraiser again this year. Each ham will be fully trimmed, smoked, and available for you to pick up on Easter Sunday (April 1<sup>st</sup>). Each ham will weigh approximately 10-12 pounds and will cost \$40. We will smoke them early Easter Sunday morning so they will be fresh and ready to pick up after the services. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings, until March 25th in the Great Hall. Cash, check, credit/debit cards are welcomed. All proceeds will benefit various CMF church improvement projects.

### **Upcoming March Gatherings & Meetings...**

- ◇ **CMF Weekly Men's Breakfast**, Every Tuesday Morning, 7:00am, Cast Iron Grill, 620 19th St
- ◇ College & Career Bible Study & Dinner, Every Tuesday Evening, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ Noon Bible Study, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Family Life Center
- ◇ Oasis Book Club, Thursday, March 1st, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ Keenagers Outing, Friday, March 2nd, 8:00am, Outing to Scurry County Museum
- ◇ Mary/Martha CWF, Tuesday, March 6th, 9:30am, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Elders Meeting, Wednesday, March 7th, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Deborah CWF, Thursday, March 8th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ Lubbock Music Club, Friday, March 9th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Finance Committee, Monday, March 12th, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner, **Tuesday, March 13th, 6:00pm, Orlando's on S. Loop 289 & Indiana**
- ◇ Foundation, Tuesday, March 20th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued, Wednesday, March 21st, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ◇ Living Last Supper, Maundy Thursday, March 29th, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- ◇ 24-Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, March 30th, 12:00pm – Saturday, March 31st, 12:00pm, Chapel
- ◇ Good Friday Worship Service, Friday, March 30th, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

### ***Keenagers April 6th Outing to Midland, TX!***

On April 6th, the Keenagers will be taking a bus trip to Midland, Texas to tour the Permian Basin Petroleum



Museum. This will showcase the past history as well as the present oil industry we have grown up with. The bus will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. Admission is \$8.00 to the museum. Michael's Charcoal Grill is our lunch stop. Michael's is in a unique airplane hangar type setting. Lunch is order/pay on your own. Our next stop will be the childhood home of George W. Bush. Admission will be \$3.00. To RSVP, please call the church office at 763-1995 by Noon on

Wednesday, April 4th, or sign up on the sheet located in the Great Hall. We hope you can join us.



### **Front Desk Volunteers Needed**

Do you have a few free hours during the week? Join our wonderful front office volunteer team. We are so thankful for the welcome our volunteers extend to those who visit our church and the support they provide to our office staff! Serve as a substitute or as part of a weekly rotation. There are 3-hour shifts available throughout the week both in the mornings and in the afternoons. Substitutes are needed as well, to fill in on an as-needed basis.

Training is provided, and our office is a fun place to hang out! If you are interested, please contact Crystal Vinson in the church office at 763-1995.



# Pray God's Blessings Upon Others . . . Marilyn Wragg

I carry a little card in my pocket planner that lists suggested areas of blessing to pray over individuals. It is something I picked up from Pastor Paul soon after he became our minister. The idea is to use these points to pray over someone on your heart for ten minutes every day for two weeks. Then, at the end of that period, determine whether to continue for this same person another two weeks.

Since the theme of our Lent booklet, "Practicing Love," continues through the month of March, these blessing areas are shared as suggestions for praying for others. Use them to pray for whomever God puts on your heart. It may be a family member, friend, church staff, or someone on FCC's prayer list. It may be someone you dearly love or someone you barely know. It may even be someone with whom you have issues. It is amazing how love and tenderness grow while faithfully praying every day for a person.

Obviously, the areas serve as guidelines to be adapted to needs of individuals for whom you pray. But they provide structure and a good starting point for praying God's blessings upon others, which is an excellent way to obey the command to love "with actions and in truth."

## Areas for Blessing a Person

- For the Holy Spirit to anoint the person and grant full life
- Health, strength, protection, and long life for the physical body
- That God's heavenly storehouse provide for material needs and remove worries over provision
- For relationships to strengthen and work well

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

## FCC Youth Ministry

# WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR 2018

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 4th-5th: Winter Hangouts
- 24th: Faith In Action  
Service project Boy's Ranch 6pm-8pm
- 31st: Experience!  
Popcorn, drinks, a movie, and Gospel discussion.

- 5th: LISD Lunch Out  
Join us for lunch at Chick-fil-a on Slide @ 12pm. Bring \$10. Transportation available upon request.
- Ash Wednesday Service  
6pm in the Sanctuary
- 28th: Faith in Action  
Service project TBA: 6pm-8pm

- 15th-17th: Spring Retreat!  
Details pending - \$75
- 28th: Faith in Action  
Service project TBA 6pm-8pm
- 30th: Southcrest/New Deal/Frenship Lunch Out

**Weekly:**  
**Sunday Youth**  
Every Sunday in the Youth Room  
10:00am-10:45am  
**Home Church**  
Every Wednesday; 6-7:30pm

"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." -Ephesians 6:13-17

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**"FCCLUBBOCK"**  
to 84576 to  
receive important  
updates on your  
phone!

[www.fcclubbock.org/student-ministry/](http://www.fcclubbock.org/student-ministry/)

Questions? [scott@fcclubbock.org](mailto:scott@fcclubbock.org)

## *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

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.*

*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.*

Howell Forman- *Covenant Heart Center*  
Roycee Langston- *Covenant*

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

Members: Robbie Bedker, Patty Chambers, Sandra Foster, Juda McKinney,  
Randell Resneder, Jan Sanders, Shirley Sharp, Karen Slay, Choya Teichelman

Friends: Jeff Adkins, Bear Bock, Bill Dean, Kyle Gibbs, Barry Hanks, Katelyn Harlow,  
Delmon Hilton, Ron King, Herb Lynskey, Chris Mackey, Leroy Montoya, Abu Nasser,  
Darnell Vandivort

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Homebound & Home Communion Prayers:

Al Crossland, Kenneth Davis, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Carolyn Gunter, Cara Irvin,  
Margaret Kennedy, Ruby Power, Herbie Vannoy, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells

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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:

Chris Armstrong, Neoma Hillis, Pat Renfro

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### ***Our Deepest Sympathy...***

We lift up the family and friends of Rev. Jim Bales. Jim passed from this life on February 10, 2018. A memorial service was held on February 24th at First Christian Church.

We lift up the family and friends of Margaret Ingraham. Margaret passed from this life on February 16, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 2:00pm in the Chapel of First Christian Church.

We lift up Patsy Moffett in the passing of her father, Paul Bush. Paul passed from this life on February 24, 2018. Services were held on February 28th at Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

We lift up Sally Barfield in the passing of her husband, Randall Vaughn. Randall passed from this life on February 26, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00am in the Sanctuary of First Christian Church.



## Thank you!

**“Thank you.** Thank you. I want to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the prayers, cards and well wishes of the congregation during my recent illness and surgeries. I likely would not be here today except for your prayers and I will be forever grateful. May God continue to bless the FCC family. Sincerely, Bob Lawless”

**“The administration and staff of First Christian Child Development Center would like to thank the church members who presented the entire staff with T-shirts with the CDC logo on them. They are very attractive and everyone is enjoying wearing them. We also very much appreciate the lunches you continue to provide each month and the insulated lunch bags our lunches arrived in recently are great. Thank you for everything you do for us and for the prayers and support for our children, our staff, and our ministry.”**

## Welcome New Members!!

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

Jonathan & Silvia Slaten joined by Transfer of Membership during the Traditional Service on February 4th.

Jen Townsley joined by Profession of Faith during the Traditional Service on February 18th.

WELCOME!!

## Baptism

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

Felix Hernandez was baptized on Sunday, February 18, 2018 during the 11:00 a.m. Simply Worship Service.

Congratulations Felix!!



Weekly Reading of 2 Corinthians

### **Week 2: Monday, March 5th—**

***Saturday, March 10th***

Monday ~ Chapter 7

Tuesday ~ Chapter 8

Wednesday ~ Chapter 9

Thursday ~ Chapter 10

Friday ~ Chapter 11

Saturday ~ Chapter 12 & 13

### **Week 3: Monday, March 12th—**

***Saturday, March 17th***

Monday ~ Chapter 1

Tuesday ~ Chapter 2

Wednesday ~ Chapter 3

Thursday ~ Chapter 4

Friday ~ Chapter 5

Saturday ~ Chapter 6

### **Week 4: Monday, March 19th —**

***Saturday, March 24th***

Monday ~ Chapter 7

Tuesday ~ Chapter 8

Wednesday ~ Chapter 9

Thursday ~ Chapter 10

Friday ~ Chapter 11

Saturday ~ Chapter 12 & 13





***“Our mission is to mobilize the Body of Christ to Shine the Light and Share the Love of Jesus.”***

***It is not a question of “IF you are called” it’s a question of “How?”***

## BEAN ELEMENTARY

### Did you know that...

- ★ FCC assisted with funding for Texas Tech Robotics teams working to build a...
  - robotics hand for a student whose fingers are not of full size?
  - robotics chair for another student who is wheelchair-bound and who can now maneuver up and down so that he is up to **the height of most of his classmates?** It even has a “governor” which keeps him at a safe speed for the hallways at Bean since it has a capacity to reach 35 miles per hour!!
- ★ **Bean’s own 5<sup>th</sup> grade robotics team won 1<sup>st</sup> place for all of Region 17,** competing against 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders, and will now be headed to the state competition in Austin on April 7<sup>th</sup>?

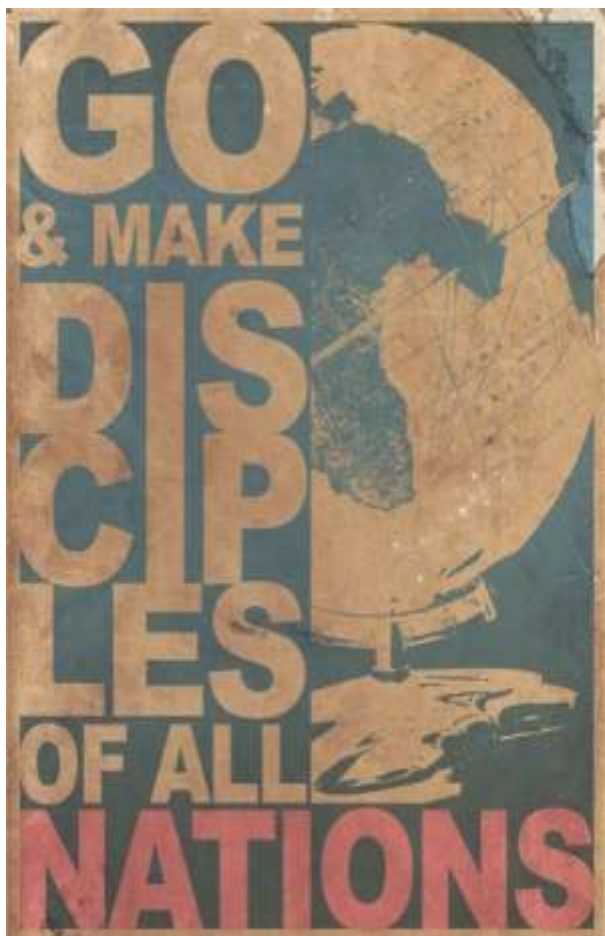


- ★ Bean has a red carpet to roll out for special occasions and honored guests, donated by Yates Flooring? Thanks, Bobby and Becky!!
- ★ There is a panoramic canvas photo hanging in the hallway adjacent to the Common Grounds Coffee Shop, showing the FCC congregation holding up Thank-You cards created by Bean students in response to the books we gave each child for Christmas? A copy was presented to Bean on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

- ★ FCC again will host the Bean 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kuykendall Hall!

*FMI please contact Marcy Lawless at 918/284-8195*





## **HOUSTON "Flood Them With Love"**

This team is headed to Houston Sunday, March 11th and will return to Lubbock Thursday, March 15th. They will help rebuild as well as love on the people and families who have been affected by this storm.

Evangelism, rebuilding, loving your neighbor.

**Don't miss the opportunity to be apart of God's work**

We ask that you flood this trip with love and prayer!

## **PUERTO RICO**

After Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Puerto Rico was the next victim of a hurricane devastation. There are still so many damages, people without power, and rebuilding that needs to take place.

This team is headed to Puerto Rico Sunday, March 11th and will return to Lubbock, Saturday, March 17th.

Because the cost of lumber and materials is so high in Puerto Rico this trip still needs help being funded. We are asking you to prayerfully ask if God is calling you to be apart of this opportunity either in prayer or helping financially. The team

going will help build a roof for a 70 year old man and will help build a home for a 25 year old single mother of 5. Along with building, the team will serve food, work with children, and share the Gospel.

FMI regarding giving to the Puerto Rico trip please contact Jonna Russell 325.374.4004

## **Haiti Evangelism Mission Trip**

July 13-21, 2018

Led by Lal Williams

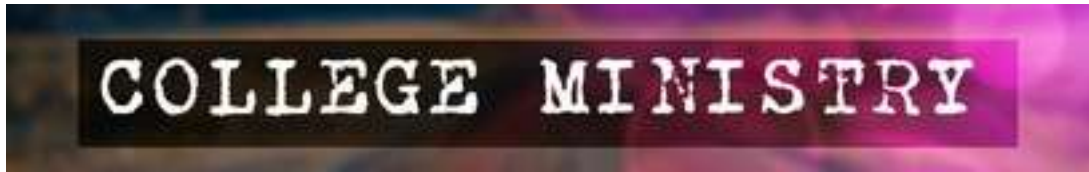
Every year, Mission of Hope hosts thousands of mission trip participants from around the world. Teams participate by serving in one of the 12 villages where we partner with the local Haitian churches. In seeking to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the villages, two primary strategies have 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 Haiti please contact Lal Williams, 806.283.0339

**It's not a question of "IF you are called" it's a question of "HOW?"**

**PRAY      GIVE      GO**



Jonna Russell, Membership Administrator & Director of College Ministries  
[jonna@fcclubbock.org](mailto:jonna@fcclubbock.org), 325/374-4004



## The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew's gospel is the longest of four, and many believe it was the first to be written. All four gospels were the accurate and true history of the life of Christ.

Before Matthew becomes one of Jesus' 12 disciples, he was a tax collector in the town of Capernaum. Matthew was called Levi by Luke and Mark. So when reading those gospels remember that Levi and Matthew are the same. It was not uncommon for a person in those days to be given a different name after an encounter with God.

Matthew who was a tax collector before his encounter with Jesus was totally despised by their culture because they worked for the Roman government and made themselves wealthy by collecting taxes dishonestly from their own people who made them very rich. Tax collectors were seen as very sinful people, so sinful that spending time with them could tarnish a good person. So when Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, with many other tax collectors and sinners, the Pharisees began questioning Jesus' choice of companions.

Matthew 9:10-13 ~Jesus' response here is one of the clearest explanations of God's heart and His gospel to man. This is just the beginning of how God worked in Matthew's life.

Join me Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 208 as we journey through the Gospel of Matthew

Have you Forgotten God?

Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm!

Fear is an excellent motivator. Every American is taught from an early age to denounce fear. Our heroes are tough and fearless. We actually believe that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. But let's face it: We're all far more affected by fear than we'd like to let on. What are you afraid of?



Sometimes the fears that we have are such a strong driving force that we choose to change what we believe only to be with someone we want to be with or to be friends. If we do this long enough those "new beliefs" become "our beliefs".

Though these fears are natural, they are not right! They are lies that pull you away from God.

- How can you have faith but fear the unknown?
- How can you trust God but have fears that lead you to worry and anxiety?
- How can you believe but question who you are when God has shown you?

A life of following Christ is relinquishing those fears. You must let go of these fears to truly follow. This life doesn't have room for your fears to take over and lead you away from the Holy Spirit.


Are you willing to pursue truth in order to know the Holy Spirit better and to be known by the Holy Spirit?

Come GROW with us! EVERY Tuesday at 6:30 pm



♥ Prayers designated with a heart are aligned with FCC's devotional booklet: *Practicing Love*.

## MARCH 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Pray each day as you read and put into practice the Lenten devotional:</p> <p><i>"Jesus, I give you my heart with my acts of love today."</i></p>		 <p><b>Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3:18</b></p>		<p><b>1 ♥</b> Pray that our Lent booklet inspires each of us to seek God's presence and re-commit to "Practicing Love."</p>	<p><b>2</b> As God Fathers meet today, pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen families in all life-cycle stages within our church.</p>	<p><b>3 ♥</b> Ask God to take away the weight of guilt and worry from your heart and lighten your heart with His forgiveness and love.</p>
<p><b>4</b> Pray that members and visitors experience the tangible presence of God's Spirit as we worship our Lord.</p>	<p><b>5</b> For God's blessing over contractors, custodians, and administrative staff during construction projects in progress.</p>	<p><b>6</b> During construction, for God to keep everyone safe from worker injuries, free from weather delays, and on schedule.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pray that God shows FCC more ways to share the gospel and love our neighbors.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Pray for our nation and its leaders, as well as first responders, law enforcement, and our military.</p>	<p><b>9</b> For health and protection, especially for our oldest and youngest, during this time of year with so much sickness.</p>	<p><b>10</b> That the Holy Spirit multiply efforts of the Houston spring-break mission trip, as well as bless and protect participants.</p>
<p><b>11 ♥</b> Praise God for loving us so much that He gave His only Son, so everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Pray for blessings and safety for students, teachers, and their families during spring break.</p>	<p><b>13</b> For blessings and protection over the FCC mission team to Puerto Rico; that their efforts bring the love of Christ to many.</p>	<p><b>14</b> For the Holy Spirit to enable Sanctuary and Handbell choirs to connect God's people to Him through music.</p>	<p><b>15 ♥</b> Pray for God to enable you to love Him first and best, and to find your confidence and joy solely in Him.</p>	<p><b>16</b> For blessings on our homebound ministry and all members who are homebound; may we honor and encourage them.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Pray regularly for members and friends listed in <i>The Light</i> and weekly church bulletin who are in special need of prayer.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Praise God that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we all are being transformed into the image of Christ.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pray that those facing uncertainty in life situations be strongly comforted by the assurance of God's power and presence.</p>	<p><b>20</b> That God bless our ministers and staff with joy, strength, and discernment as they labor for our church.</p>	<p><b>21</b> That God multiply the impact of all FCC outreach—including food vouchers, Bean Elementary, Family Promise, &amp; St. B's.</p>	<p><b>22 ♥</b> Ask God to pour His love into you today, so you can keep on loving others, even when your own strength runs out.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Give thanks to God that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw many to FCC this Holy Week; may the Spirit's power flow through all services and worship.</p>
<p><b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b> Pray for revival and spiritual awakening in our community as thousands gather to pray in Jones Stadium from 5–7 PM.</p>	<p><b>26 ♥</b> That FCC be a church whose members celebrate giving and receiving the gifts that God freely shares with His children.</p>	<p><b>27</b> That God would abundantly bless and grow our ministry to Tech and LCU students as FCC makes this a priority.</p>	<p><b>28</b> For Christians around the world, especially those persecuted, to sense our prayers and experience the hope of Holy Week.</p>	<p><b>29 MAUNDY THURSDAY ♥</b> As Jesus served by washing feet, pray for God to show you how to serve others by sharing today the gifts God has given you.</p>	<p><b>30 GOOD FRIDAY</b> That the Holy Spirit will touch and change lives through prayers offered during the 24-hour prayer vigil.</p>	<p><b>31</b> That we, through the Spirit, grasp on this Holy Saturday the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice and depth of God's love for us.</p>

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#### March 1

Elizabeth Tidwell  
Felix Hernandez

#### March 2

Don Garnett  
Lawrence Boggs

#### March 3

Kayton Trevey

#### March 5

Barry Davis  
Indie Williams  
Georgia Kitten

#### March 6

Choya Teichelman  
Marianna Chapman

#### March 7

Sammy Ribble  
Meredith Fowler  
Christopher Vinson

#### March 8

Matthew Trevey

#### March 9

Tom Johnson  
Lindy Lauderdale

#### March 10

Jodie Schneider

#### March 11

Wes Ninemire  
Lal Williams

#### March 12

Luke Stevens

#### March 13

Pam Patton  
Lynda Reid

#### March 14

Stephen King

#### March 16

Fabian Davila  
John Welch

#### March 17

Terry Parish  
Sawyer Williams

#### March 18

Kirk Cunningham  
Rebecca Cunningham

#### March 19

Martha Wells  
Karen Watt  
SuAnn Simon  
Crystal Vinson

#### March 20

Steve DeHay  
Shelton Bowers  
Dana Duty

#### March 21

James Pope

#### March 23

Valerie Carpenter

#### March 24

Bill Davis  
Susan Brints  
Deenie Stone  
Kevin Hunt

#### March 25

Linn Parish

#### March 28

Marissa Konde

#### March 29

Virginia Dorman

#### March 30

Doris Kochanek  
Robin Carter  
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