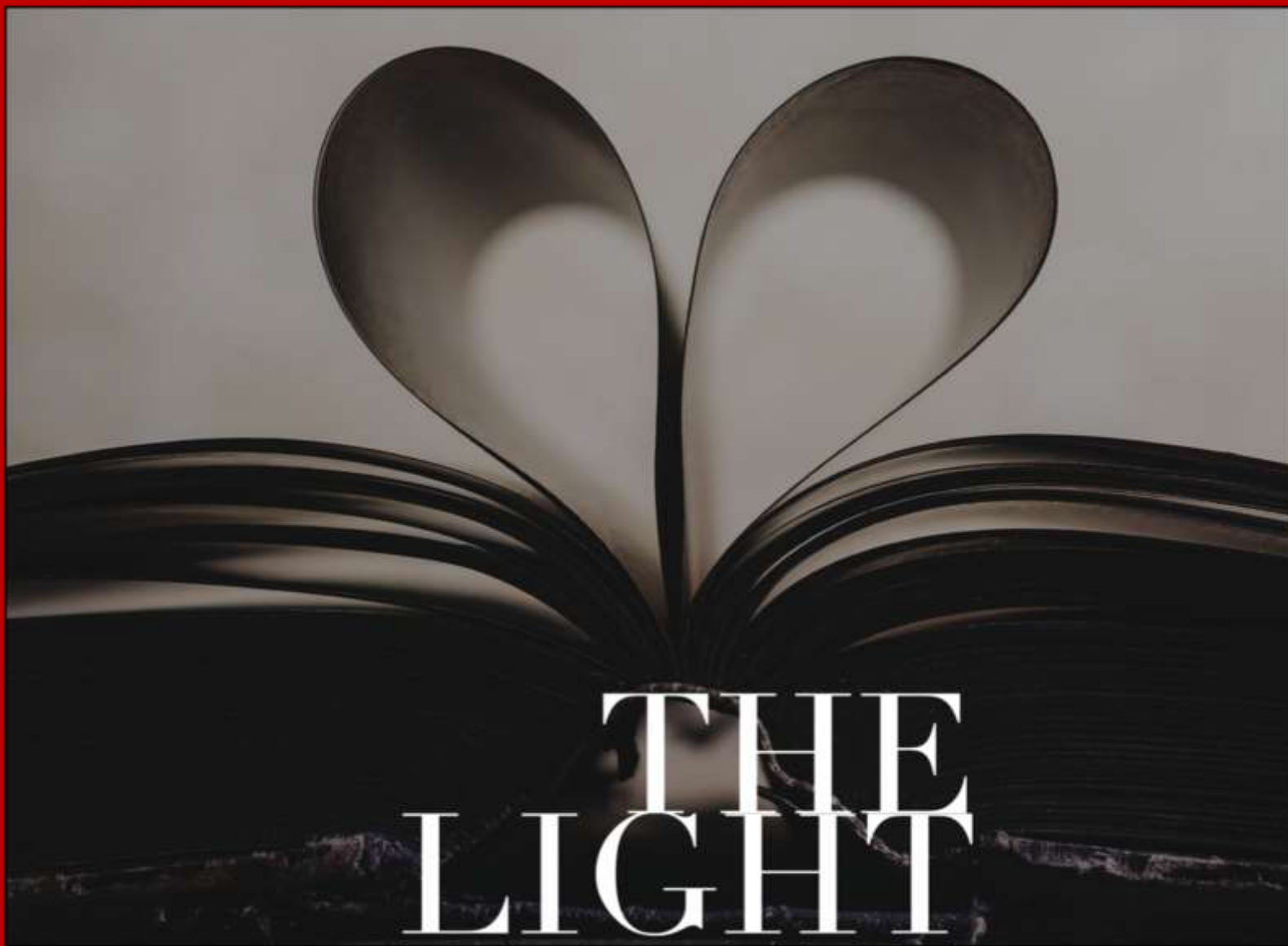
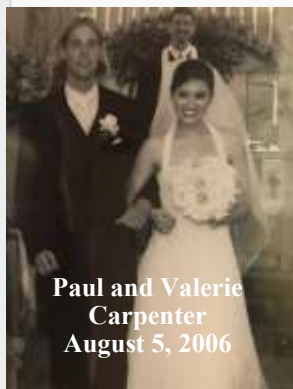


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Celebrate God's LOVE



Paul and Valerie
Carpenter
August 5, 2006

**Reverend
Paul
Carpenter
Senior Minister**

paul@fcclubbock.org

January Attendance

6 th	10:40 AM- 286 Sunday School- 134
13 th	10:40 AM- 214 Sunday School- 114
20 th	10:40 AM- 268 Sunday School- 123
27 th	10:40 AM- 294 Sunday School- 116

Whenever I am first introduced to someone in town the conversation inevitably heads to Jesus and to First Christian Church. Most of the time I am asked, "Where is that church?" The easy answer is 2323 Broadway, or Broadway and Ave X, or (my favorite) right next to Chimy's.

"Where is FCC?" can be more accurately answered with a longer, complex response. We are at work in just about every field. We are in every neighborhood in Lubbock, and just about every school. Some of FCC is on the road for work and travel. All of FCC is being used by Jesus all over the place, and a couple times a week we meet at 2323 Broadway in our sacred space.

When people think of FCC, they think of the people they know who are members; our personalities, honesty, and grace. You are FCC and thank you for your daily witness for the Lord.

The foundation of all congregations is Jesus, His blood, and the Word of God. The structure that grows on this firm foundation is made up of ordinary Christians. People see us, before they see what we're standing upon. People usually know the church before they know our Savior. Your ability to stand tall, even when the foundations of the world shake, reveals to the nations that there is hope.

I stand with you. Arm in arm. "Victors in the midst of strife." I couldn't ask for a better church family with which to stand. May God bless us with health and opportunities to shine. May He grant to us voices to sing on Sunday and throughout the week. May the Church reflect its foundation as we grow up for God's glory. May God bless His name through First Christian Church. I love you all and am humbled to be your pastor.

In love,
Pastor Paul

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

The February edition of *The Light* is a celebration of God's love and marriage. God designed marriage to provide partnership, spiritual intimacy and the ability to pursue God— together. In this edition of *The Light* we spotlight Christ centered relationships and the power of God's eternal love.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17



Jim and Susan
Evans
June 11, 2010

Light messages

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SAVE the DATES

FEBRUARY

1 st	Keenagers TTU Museum Tour 9:30 am
2 nd	Faith In Action, Youth Service Project, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
8- 10th	All Church Retreat- Santa Fe, New Mexico
17 th	Family Service Day at Family Promise, 4:00- 6:00 pm
18 th	Pray with Teachers, Bean Elementary, 3:35 pm
22- 24 th	College Retreat, Lone Tree Ranch, New Mexico

Pray for the Next Step ... Marilyn Wragg

A friend whose husband died unexpectedly soon after our son asked me, "How do you get through this?" My answer, "One step at a time. Trusting God for the next step."

It is good thoughtfully to make plans. It is wise prayerfully to set goals. But most of us realize sooner or later how little of life we actually control.

When we come to this realization, we can drive ourselves crazy as we worry over and try to prepare for every upcoming contingency. Or, we can draw near to and trust in the only One who actually knows what lies ahead. The second option takes intentional effort, but it is the only way that yields peace.

Poems and scriptures like these shown remind us that, not only does our Lord know the future, but He—our Father in Heaven—loves us more than we can imagine. We can trust His grace.

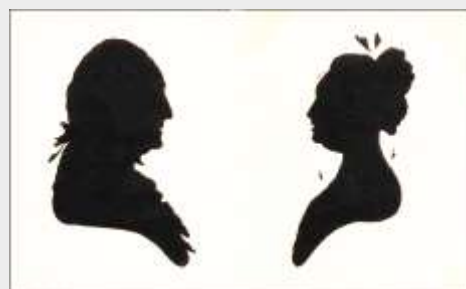
Lord, this year I have set some goals and made some plans. But I know full well that my times are in Your hands. Through Your Holy Spirit, help me trust You. Nudge me daily to pray for each next step, and give me faith to walk in it.

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.
Tomorrow's plans I do not know.
I only know this minute;
But He will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."
And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His
grace
Shall far exceed its care.
What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them, one by one.
~ Barbara C. Ryberg, "Step By Step"

But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand. *Psalms 31:14-15a*

In the Life of the Church

Celebrating the nation's original First Couple George and Martha Washington with a fancy tea became a popular social event during America's centennial in 1876. The tradition still exists today. On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, (Washington's birthday) guests to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cathey were greeted by Miss Alice Bledsoe dressed as George Washington and Miss Delia Wilkinson as Martha Washington to celebrate what the *Lubbock Avalanche* called, "in all probability the most brilliant social event of the season given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church." The festivities included hostesses and musicians in costume, candlelight, red, white and blue decorations throughout the house, portraits of the honorees, tea, cake, cream, and hatchet souvenirs for each guest. The newspaper notes that, "Despite the bad weather, a large number were present in the evening and all were very liberal with the offering."



Celebrate

Tommy and Carolyn
Davis
February 14, 1949



Gary and Linda
Greenstreet
Married by
Dudley Strain,
July 16, 1968



50 +
years
of LOVE

*A celebration of those who have
loved over 50 years*

LOVE

Clayton and D'Ann Yeager
First Christian Church
July 2, 1968



Bud and Alta Reeds
January 18, 1957

Jerry and Sylvia Etter
June 8, 1956



**Dwayne and Elizabeth
Tidwell**
July 1, 1967

Helping Families in Need

Have you heard about Family Promise and FCC's active volunteer support of this great program? If not, we want to offer you the opportunity to learn about Family Promise and the great job FCC volunteers are doing.

MISSION

Family Promise of Lubbock's mission is to provide homeless families with children the tools necessary to achieve long term financial, parental and personal self-sufficiency through a comprehensive program of temporary housing, case management and supportive services.

FAMILY PROMISE HISTORY

Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network, a nonprofit, non-denominational, volunteer-based organization, opened its doors in the fall of 1998 reaching out to homeless families with children. In early 2006 Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network changed its name to ***Family Promise of Lubbock***. This newer name consists of simple words that deliver a powerful message of hope. It is a pledge of our commitment to help families with children achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

Family Promise partners with religious congregations, community organizations and local social service organizations to help families achieve sustainable independence. We are one of 200 Family Promise affiliates operating in 42 states; we are linked by membership to the National Family Promise in Summit, NJ.

WHERE DO FAMILIES LIVE?

First Christian Church and Family Promise partner together in providing a safe and comfortable place to stay while the families are in the program. A home located on the corner of 13th & Ave W (behind our Family Life Center) provides housing for up to five family units at a time. A kitchen and living/dining area allow families to have meals and family time in a traditional home setting.

WHAT DO OUR VOLUNTEERS DO?

Family Promise works with several churches who act as hosts for the families living in the Family Promise house. Families return to the home each day after working, school or other activities. This is when our volunteers arrive to the house to provide on-site oversight. The evening host is responsible for setting up food for

the evening meal (meal is provided by a volunteer as well), visiting with the families and occasionally providing activities for the children. Evening host positions require a 3.25 hour commitment for one evening.

An overnight host arrives at 8:30 p.m. to relieve the evening host. The overnight host has no duties other than to be available in the event of an emergency. It is recommended the overnight host bring a sleeping bag or bed linens for their bed. The overnight host sleeps in a private bedroom and may sleep from "lights out" to 6:00-6:30 a.m. All families and the overnight host leave the house at 7:00 a.m.

In addition to the above hosts positions, volunteers provide a dinner meal each evening for the families. The amount of food needed varies depending on the number of families living in the home during our volunteer week. Since many of the individuals in the Family Promise program are children, kid-friendly foods are suggested.

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

You may contact FCC's program coordinators who are happy to answer your questions. Prior to each volunteer week, you may visit our Sign-Up Genius page and select the date and volunteer activity you want to participate in. We guarantee you will be richly blessed by sharing your time and talents with the parents and children of Family Promise.

FCC Program Coordinators:

Linda Taylor	806.535.7725
Wayne Kohout	806.773.5541
Lequice Kohout	806.773.1951



children of Light

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NOAH'S NOOK

The 3 and 4 year old Child Development Center classes visit Noah's Nook every Wednesday. In December, after reading about the meaning of the candy cane, they made candy canes for our beautiful Christmas tree!



*And now abide faith, hope,
love, these three, but the
greatest of these is LOVE.*

Corinthians 13:13

FCC YOUTH Ministry

Spring Calendar 2019

February	March	April
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2 Faith-In-Action
Service Project from 10am-12pm

14 Valentines Day

24 Sunday Funday
Meet at the church at 6pm. Bring \$5.

2 Faith-In-Action
Service project 10am-12pm

11-12 In-town-Mission
Day of service and fun from 10am-2:30pm
bring \$20 for both days.

6 Faith-In-Action
Service project 10am-12pm

21 Easter

28 Avengers!
Be sure to RSVP at least 1 week in advance. Bring \$10 for snacks.

Weekly:
Sunday Youth
Every Sunday in the Youth Room
10:00am-10:45am

Home Church
Every Wednesday; 6-7:30pm; Every 2nd
Wed. of the Month is Family Night

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
Matthew 24:14

TEXT
"FCCLUBBOOK" to
84576 to receive
important updates on
your phone!

www.fcclubbook.org/student-ministry/ Questions? Derek@fcclubbook.org or (806)420-9847

Derek and Kristen
Jerezano
May 12, 2018



experience the Light

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Keenagers

Pre-Modern Bibles– February Event

Experience the evolution of the physical Bible.

Keenagers February trip will include a trip to the Texas Tech Museum on Friday, February 1st, 2019. We will depart the church at 9:30am.

This exhibit features a variety of bibles including the multilingual Complutensian Polyglot Bible. You will experience the colorful illuminations and more than 1,000 years of biblical scholarship and its relationship to the development of western civilization in the middle ages RSVP by January 30th. Lunch will be at Rosa's. Pay your own way.



Museum Tours– March Event

Please join us for our first out of town outing for 2019.

We will leave the church at 8:30 AM on March 1 for a trip to Plainview. We will visit the Museum of the Llano Estacado as well as the new Jimmy Dean Museum on the Wayland campus. No admission but donations are accepted.

Lunch will be at Broadway Brew in downtown Plainview.

\$12.00 will cover everything including tip.

Following lunch, we will stop by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum. No admission required but donations are vital for the museum's existence. The museum is run by Senior volunteers.

RSVP by February 27 on the signup sheet or call the church office at 763-1995.



FCC
FAMILY CAMPOUT!

**STEP 1:
CHOOSE
LODGING OPTION**
RENT CABIN : \$140
BRING RV : \$50
BRING TENT : \$10

**STEP 2:
DECIDE
WHO'S COMING**
ADULT : \$10/ADULT*
CHILD : \$5/CHILD*

**STEP 3:
REGISTER
BY MARCH 15TH!**
1. RSVP WITH HOLLY:
holly@fcclubbock.org
2. RECEIVE LINK TO GET
REGISTERED
3. TURN IN PAYMENT TO
CHURCH OFFICE

*FRIDAY DINNER, SATURDAY BREAKFAST,
AND SATURDAY DINNER INCLUDED IN COST.
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, SNACKS, AND
SACK LUNCH FOR SATURDAY AND BREAKFAST
FOR SUNDAY.

APRIL 5th-7th | LAKE COLORADO CITY STATE PARK

FCC Children's Ministry is heading to Colorado City in April!

All prices are for two evenings spent at the campgrounds. Cabins have two bunk beds with full size beds on the bottom and twins on top. With heat/ac, communal bathrooms, and a mini fridge.

Contact Holly with any questions and to RSVP for this affordable weekend away!

Military News And Concerns

Lt. Brant Brock-
Norfolk
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks

Christopher
Colgrove
Kuwait
nephew of
Laurie Williams

Lieutenant Colonel
Ethan Diven
Fort Stewart, GA
husband & father of
Sabrina, Jacob
&
Kendall
and son-in-law of
Jerry & Brenda
Stanfield

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

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

We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

Members: Jane Allison, Frances Ansley, Robbie Bedker, J.C.Chambers, Glenda Cole, Rebecca Cunningham, Terry Hood, Carolyn Lawrence, Lyle Mashburn, Gloria Meitzen, Gary Moore, Randell Resneder, Karen Slay, D'Ann Yeager, Jackie Williams

Friends: Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Angel Cartwright, Tom and Beverly Chavez, Beverly DelaCruze, Paula Sue Dunbar, Joe Gillispie, Gary Hughes, Will Jordan, Shannon Layman, Walter Lupton, Sue Lott, Chris Mackey, Lynise McDonald, Katelyn Mills, Larry Neal, Jackie Shaw, Jolee Sheppard, Nortina Stewart, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells, Shelly and Burt Nelson

Our Deepest Sympathy

We lift up the family of Dr. Kenneth Davis, Elder Emeritus. Dr. Davis passed from this life on January 24.

We lift up Carolyn Davis on the passing of her husband, Tommy Davis. Tommy received his Heavenly calling on January 14th.

Upcoming FEBRUARY Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Bible Babes**, Mondays, 7:00 pm, Church Parlor
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50 pm
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **All Church Retreat**, February 8-10, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- ◇ **Bean Elementary Prayer**, Monday, February 18th, 3:35 pm, Bean Elementary
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting**, Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Room 107
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, February 11th, 11:45 am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Executive Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, February 12th, 11:30 am, 107
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Wednesday, February 13th, 7:00 pm, 107
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, February 19th, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, February 20th, 9am-12pm

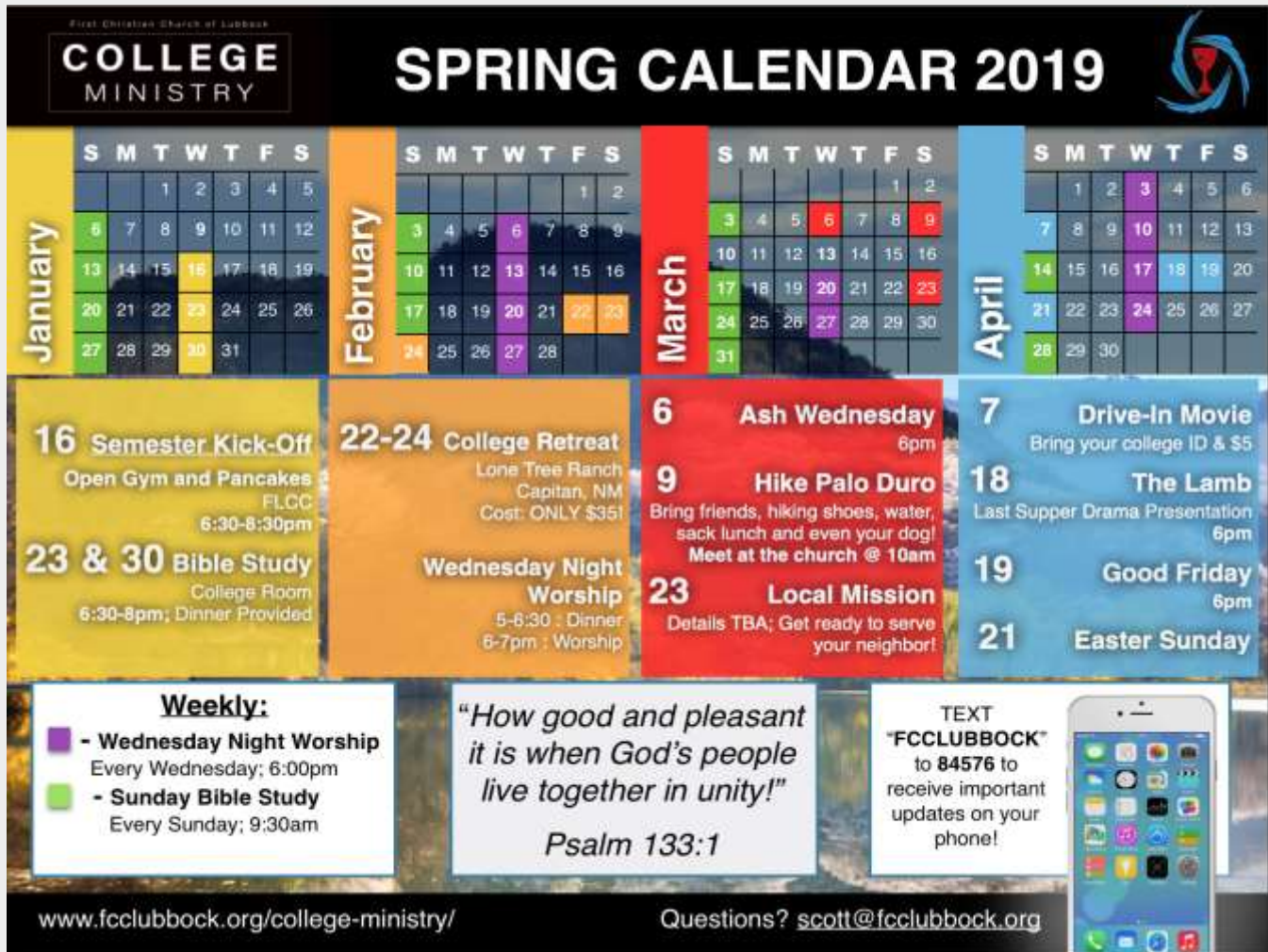
Light it up!

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First Christian Church of Lubbock

COLLEGE MINISTRY

SPRING CALENDAR 2019



The calendar displays the months of January, February, March, and April. Dates are color-coded: purple for Wednesday Night Worship and green for Sunday Bible Study. Events are listed for specific dates, including Semester Kick-Off, College Retreat, Ash Wednesday, Hike Palo Duro, Local Mission, Drive-In Movie, The Lamb, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. A weekly schedule box lists Wednesday Night Worship and Sunday Bible Study. A quote from Psalm 133:1 is featured in the center. A text box provides information on how to receive updates via text. The website and contact email are listed at the bottom.

January

February

March

April

16 Semester Kick-Off
Open Gym and Pancakes
FLCC
6:30-8:30pm

22-24 College Retreat
Lone Tree Ranch
Capitan, NM
Cost: ONLY \$35!

6 Ash Wednesday
6pm

9 Hike Palo Duro
Bring friends, hiking shoes, water,
sack lunch and even your dog!
Meet at the church @ 10am

7 Drive-In Movie
Bring your college ID & \$5

18 The Lamb
Last Supper Drama Presentation
6pm

23 & 30 Bible Study
College Room
6:30-8pm; Dinner Provided

Wednesday Night Worship
5-6:30 : Dinner
6-7pm : Worship

23 Local Mission
Details TBA; Get ready to serve
your neighbor!

19 Good Friday
6pm

21 Easter Sunday

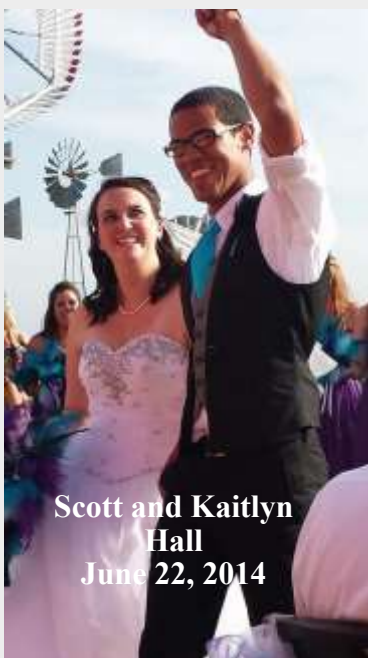
Weekly:

- Wednesday Night Worship
Every Wednesday; 6:00pm
- Sunday Bible Study
Every Sunday; 9:30am

*"How good and pleasant
it is when God's people
live together in unity!"*
Psalm 133:1

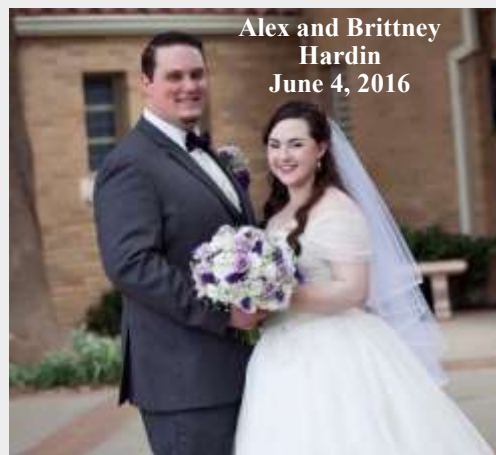
TEXT "FCCLUBBOCK" to 84576 to receive important updates on your phone!

www.fcclubbock.org/college-ministry/
Questions? scott@fcclubbock.org



We love because he first loved us

John 4:19



6th

General- \$16,893.27

Designated\$ 3,300.00

13th

General- \$16,123.00

Designated- \$353.00

20th

General- \$39,939.75

Designated- \$675.00

27th

General- \$10,995.46

Designated- \$325.00

JANUARY
CONTRIBUTIONS

Know Your Foundation– The Beginnings... *by Lynn Williams and Marilyn Wragg*

The First Christian Church Foundation was established in 1959 by an act of the official board of the congregation with the initial gift of \$5,000.00 from Monroe G. and Mollie D. Abernathy and an equal amount from Mr. and Mrs. George Kuykendall. Mrs. A.E. Coffman gave \$25,000 to the Foundation in memory of her husband. The Brock-Farris Scholarship Fund was established within the Foundation by Mrs. J.A. Brock in 1969.

In 1970, \$245,000 from the estate of J.A. Hodges was received forming a loan fund for pre ministerial students or for those engaged in continuing education in the work of the church. By action from the First Christian Church Board, the Foundation was assigned the responsibility of administering these funds of the Hodges Estate.

Over the past six decades the Foundation has grown significantly in dollars and scope. Next month's article will highlight some of the blessings afforded by your FCC Foundation since it's beginning 60 years ago.



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The Light informs members of congregational news/activities

Managing Editor-
Mary Norman

*And over all these virtues put on
love, which binds them together
in perfect unity*

Colossians 3:14

Cory and Mary
Norman
May 27, 2007



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Worship Times*****Sundays:****Chapel Worship:**

8:30 a.m.

Chapel

Traditional Service:

10:40a.m.

Sanctuary

Sunday School:

9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS**Monday-Thursday**

8:30 a.m.-Noon

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-Noon

OFFICE PHONE



806-763-1995

Fax: 806-763-5904**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.***FEBRUARY Birthdays**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Mont McClendon	4 Marsha Weiss	5 Dwayne Tidwell Greg Harris Sherilyn Toelle	6 Jane Stuart Jacob Bartholomew	7 	8	9 Patti Lupton
10 Larry Lowe Julie Swindle	11	12	13 Bob Lawless	14 Chris Kebert Kaye Greer	15 Alicia Trevey	16 Larry Sanders
17 Larry Deardorff Mike Worley Mary Ann Anthony	18 Lois Kirkman	19 Donna Armstrong	20 Clarence Guhl	21	22 Elizabeth Mann Laurie Williams Neely Rawe	23 Max Kittwinkle Monica Matzner
24 Wayne Allison	25 Gypsie Taylor Elizabeth Loriane Mackey	26	27 Brad Payne Holly Jessen	28	<u>Leap Year!</u> Kaitlyn Hall	
					