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The Light
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"All Come from Dust and to Dust Shall Return"

Ecclesiastes 3:20



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FEBRUARY Attendance

3 rd	8:30 AM- 67 10:40 AM- 160 Sunday School- 124
10 th	8:30 AM- 86 10:40 AM- 152 Sunday School- 66
17 th	8:30 AM- 64 10:40 AM- 156 Sunday School- 134
24 th	8:30 AM- 61 10:40 AM- 218 Sunday School- 125

WEDNESDAY Worship Attendance

6 th	58
13 th	64
20 th	50
27 th	51

In 2013, Rev. Chuck B. Colson of the Church of the Ascension in Arlington, VA wrote an article to his colleagues and friends about Lent. Many churches which are committed to the faith, the scriptures, and the practices of Christianity, pause at the church’s calendar. This pause is a spectrum – some folks don’t see any need for the liturgical year; others just don’t understand it. At First Christian Church we celebrate the high holy days (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost) and encourage the seasons of the year to shape our prayers and journey into holiness with Jesus, and our impact in the world. The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th with “Ash Wednesday”. Lent lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), leading up to Easter. Whether you’ve been in the liturgical church for decades or if you’re new to our fellowship, here are five helpful benefits of Lent: (by Rev. Colson)

- Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God's love.** As we move toward reflecting on Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for sinners, we are to be personally moved by our propensity to sin and our history of sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Psalm 139:23-24 declares, “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”
- Lent affords us an opportunity to probe the sincerity of our discipleship.** Jesus bore the cross for us, accomplishing our salvation, yet he also bestows a cross on us (Mt. 10:38-39; Lk. 9:23). Following him, Jesus guarantees unspeakable trials and uncertainties (Jn. 16:32-33). Frequently, these uncertainties test the genuineness of our discipleship.
- Lent provides us an opportunity to reflect on our mortality.** Pursuing eternal youth, our culture seems to live in the denial of death. But ignoring death does not erase its impartiality—everyone who draws a first breath will take a last one. It is a certainty we can't escape (Heb. 9:27). Fortunately, death is not the last word. For all who belong to Christ, there is a promise stronger

than death—“The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die” (John 11:25-26)

- Lent gives us the opportunity to move towards our neighbor in charity.** Lenten fasting is not about scoring points with God, but rather emphasizes simplicity for the sake of others. By temporarily carving away some comforts or conveniences, good gifts from God himself, we hope to de-clutter our hectic lives, allowing us to focus. Simple living allows us to reserve time for others while also serving to curb our expenses. It is fitting to allocate these savings, along with other gifts, for charitable purposes, especially directing those funds to the poor and marginalized. In so doing, may you know the joy of Jesus who gave himself fully to us.
- Lent prepares us to celebrate the wonder and promise of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.** Jesus trampled down sin and death, defeating the Devil (Heb. 2:14-15). After a season of depravation, highlighting the grim reality of our broken creation, Jesus' resurrection floods our grief with life and light. In other words, Lent prepares us to join the disciples in their joy and bewilderment on that strange morning long ago (Mt. 28:8; Mk. 16:8; Lk. 24:12). Our Easter worship is a dress rehearsal for our Lord Jesus' return when he comes to unite heaven and earth, making all things new (Eph. 1:10; Rev. 21:1-8).

God bless you and keep you!
Pastor Paul



“Dear God, help me be kind today.” . . . Marilyn Wragg

Today’s world is lacking in simple kindness. That apparently is not a new problem, because the apostle Paul repeatedly admonished early Christians to exemplify kindness. However, in this era of social media—where unrealistic expectations about personal appearance and success abound, and incivility and downright bullying are all-too common—the problem is magnified. And the obligation of Christians to lead the way in showing kindness is likewise intensified.

What would it look like if Christians daily took to heart scriptures like these shown? What if we asked God to help us, for the next month, to make it our goal—through the power of the Holy Spirit—simply to be more kind? Whose lives do you think we might touch, perhaps never knowing the impact this side of Heaven? Who might we point to Christ? How do you think our own lives, and our perspectives, might be changed?

How about we give it a try! (And I’d love to hear from some of you how that goes.)

Put on as the elect of God... kindness. *Colossians 3:12 (KJV)*
Lord, clothe me so totally today with kindness that it becomes my natural demeanor toward every person I encounter. Let others see Christ through me.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each another, just as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*
Fill me so completely with gratitude for what You, God, have done for me, that I cannot help but pay forward kindness and compassion to others.

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. *Proverbs 12:25*

Father God, we never know the trials that plague people we meet. Please direct my words to encourage someone who especially needs cheering this day.

But the fruit of the Spirit is... kindness... *Galatians 5:22*
Fill me this day with Your Holy Spirit, so I might exhibit the fruit of kindness to everyone who comes into my life.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. *Romans 12:10 (KJV)*

May I be kindly affectioned to every person I touch this day, whether at work or in the checkout line or on Facebook or even an annoying phone call.

In the Life of the Church

In March 1962, church members Maurice Vincent (left) and Joe Stubbs volunteered their Saturday afternoons readying the church’s new bell for installation. The bell, originally used by a church in Missouri, was purchased and given to the church by Claude Hurlbut, a longtime member who had moved to Lubbock in 1917. The *Churchman* newsletter of March 16, 1962, noted that the previous Saturday “wasn’t too desirable of a day to work,” but expressed optimism that the bell would be “sounding before many weeks.” The church’s Worship Department was charged with deciding when the bell would be rung.

(Can you see the rooftops of Lubbock at the bottom of the picture?)



A WEEKEND AWAY IN THE WORD ADULT RETREAT Santa Fe, New Mexico

A Weekend Away In The Word, our Adult Retreat held February 8-10 in Santa Fe, was even better than we hoped! Our primary presenter, Dr. Bob Utley did an outstanding job of teaching the book of Ephesians. He both encouraged and challenged us. For those who didn't get to attend our retreat but would like to experience for yourselves the teaching on Ephesians you may find them at the following link, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9X-V7U4IBsc2lo-RgfoA>

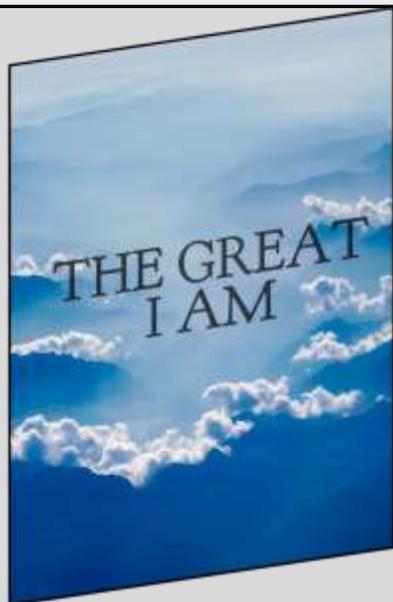


Dr. Utley has written a commentary not only on Ephesians but every book in the Bible! His material is free and can be found at <http://www.freebiblecommentary.org/> I would encourage you to see for yourself how very helpful these materials are.

We are already making plans for another retreat. The response of those attending was so positive that we want to give everyone another opportunity to experience the blessing and growth another retreat will afford. You will be hearing more about this in the days to come.

Grace And Peace - Arlano Funderburk

THE GREAT I AM



Be sure to pick up your copy of the 2019 Lenten Devotional Guide offered in the spirit of love by the Board of Elders.

The intent of our study for Lent 2019 is that we would come to know more about the Character of God by looking at some of His many traits or attributes, we will come closer to knowing the Great I am.

The devotionals, written by pastors and members of FCC, begin with Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continue through Easter Sunday.

Copies of the Devotional Guide will be distributed following worship on March 3rd. Additional copies will be available in the Church office.



March Announcements:

Ash Wednesday Service — March 6th; 6pm | Sanctuary

Come enter into a time of worship and contemplation over the glory of the Lord in comparison to the morality of humanity.

Sunday Bible Study — Every Sunday in March; 9:30am

Join us for Coffee, donuts, and bible study every Sunday in our college room.

Hike Palo Duro — March 9th; 10am | Bring \$5 (Park Fee)

Join us for a hike at Palo Duro Canyon. Bring \$5, a friend, sack lunch, hiking shoes, PLENTY of water and even your dog (if you want). We will go out to Palo Duro Canyon, hike the Lighthouse trail and fellowship along the way. The hike will take around 4-5 hrs. The trail is Moderate difficulty and ends at the iconic Lighthouse rock formation. Do take plenty of water, as most heat-related injuries to people and pets occur on this trail. If you need it, bring sun screen, a hat and whatever else you need to help you enjoy the hike. If you can drive your own vehicle, please let Scott Hall know!

Hope

"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Ever feel zapped? Like you can't seem to find energy in your spiritual life? I know there are times where I do. Fortunately, there is good news for people like us. The Lord has already established a solution and revealed it to us in scripture. And it all starts with a simple question that we must ask ourselves, "What do we put our hope in?" When we put our hope in anything lesser than God, we find ourselves discouraged, angry, frustrated, and unsatisfied. We were never meant to put our hope in anything but the Lord. Not the almighty grade, money, job security, a spouse, or whatever else you can think of. The Lord is the Giver of Life, nothing else holds that role. Thus, when we seek to draw energy and hope from created things, we are left hopelessly unsatisfied and drained.

However, God promises this to us in Isaiah 40:31 *"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* WHAT GOOD NEWS! This means that when we pause and put our hope in God and His Kingdom, we will find ourselves consistently spiritually energized and strengthened. So the question is, how can we start displacing our hope in created things and start putting it in the Lord. May we ponder on this question and may our hope be made complete as He shows us how to solely hope in Him.



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experience the Light

Keenagers

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.



Buddy Holly and Science Spectrum Anniversary Tour– April Event



We will leave the church at 9:30 AM for the Buddy Holly Center. This year is the 60th. Anniversary of Buddy's death. There is extra memorabilia at the present time. Admission is \$2.00.

Lunch will be served at the Cast Iron Grill for \$13.00 plus tip.

Our last stop will be at the Science Spectrum. This year is the 30th. Anniversary with new exhibits continuously. We will see a live butterfly display. Admission is \$5.00.

Sign the sheet in the hallway or call the church office by April 3.

FCC FAMILY CAMPOUT!

STEP 1: CHOOSE LODGING OPTION	STEP 2: DECIDE WHO'S COMING	STEP 3: REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH!
RENT CABIN : \$140 BRING RV : \$50 BRING TENT : \$10	ADULT : \$10/ADULT* CHILD : \$5/CHILD*	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, Sally Barfield, Robbie Bedker, Charles Chaney, Glenda Cole, Rebecca Cunningham, Carolyn Davis, Steve DeHay, Kaye Greer, Terry Hood, Doris Kochanek, Carolyn Lawrence, Lyle Mashburn, Gloria Meitzen, Dianne Moseley, Alta Reeds, Pat Renfro, Randell Resneder, D'Ann Yeager

Friends: Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Angel Cartwright, Tom and Jeanie Chavez, Paula Sue Dunbar, Joe Gillispie, Jessie Gutierrez, Gary Hughes, Shannon Layman, Walter Lupton, Chris Mackey, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Larry Neal, Judy Palacios, Jolee Sheppard, 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, Tom Chavez

Our Deepest Sympathy

We lift up the family of Karen Slay. Karen passed from this life on February 14th. Please keep Steve and her entire family in your prayers.

Thank You

Dear Members of FCC,

Thanks for the visits, prayers, and flowers during my recent hospital stay. They were very much appreciated.

Love you all.
Alta Reeds

Upcoming MARCH 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
- ◇ **Ash Wednesday Services**, Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 pm (ashes will be distributed at 8:00am and 12:45pm, if preferred)
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, March 19th, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, March 20, 9 am-12pm
- ◇ **Kids Night Out**, Friday, March 22nd, 6:00-8:00 pm

Light of youth

Youth Ministry

In the Youth Ministry we have recently been going over some of the radically huge points in Christianity. These points include major doctrines, greatest commands, and essential practices all in the Christian faith. As we've gone through these different series I've seen students connecting with points, falling in love with the scriptures and words of God like I've never seen before. This has been incredibly refreshing to watch young souls be captivated by the beauty of our Creator simply through scripture. This has caused a stirring in my own soul that has encouraged me to fervently pursue after scripture and the meaning of it all. I hope that as we continue to mature in our relationships with God the desire to pursue him with our entirety grows. May we not be passive or half-hearted in this desire to seek after God and all of His ways.

God bless you, Derek Jerezano

FCC YOUTH Ministry

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March						1	2
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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
April		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				

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 tickets

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





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Managing Editor-
Mary Norman



March 22nd 3713 25th St. 6-8pm

Are you due for another date night? Say no more! Dinner and fun at Holly's house on March 22nd for 5th grade and under. Nursery care is provided. Please RSVP to holly@fclubbock.org.

Lent is approaching and it's time for our yearly fundraiser! The FCC Children's Ministry rents out Easter yard crosses to display in your yard for the season of Lent. You place the cross in your yard with the white side facing your street until Easter morning then you flip it. The other side says, "He is Risen! And It is finished....". This is a wonderful way to display your faith and to support the Children's Ministry; so I hope you participate by renting a cross this Sunday! They are \$15 and will be available for rent on 2/24, 3/3, and 3/10. Then you return them to the church May 5th. God Bless— Holly Jessen

HE IS RISEN FUNDRAISER

EASTER YARD CROSS RENTAL

February 24

March 3

March 10

***\$15 RENTAL**

**ALL PROFITS BENEFIT
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

FCC

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Yardsign pickup during purchase

Music of the Light

Meet Our New Scholarship Musicians!



Rosie Morgan

Where are you from? Austin, Texas

What school do you attend? Texas Tech University

What's your major? Vocal Performance

Hobbies? Dance, art, journaling, and reading!

Fun Fact? I can play the oboe!

What are you praying for currently? My best friend Navy, my grandparents, my family's financial situation.



Kayla Swan

Where are you from? Conroe, Texas

What school do you attend? Texas Tech University

What's your major? Vocal Performance

Hobbies? Shopping, sleeping, and singing

Fun Fact? I am an only child!

What are you praying for currently? My dad and our family's health and relationship.



Brittney Stainbrook

Where are you from? San Antonio, Texas

What school do you attend? Texas Tech University

What's your major? Music Education

Hobbies? Playing the ukulele, drumming, and writing.

Fun Fact? My favorite color is yellow and I can say the alphabet backwards.

What are you praying for currently? I'm praying for a lot! My brother, my health, and wisdom and eagerness to pursue God.



ALL THINGS NEW

Ladies of FCC— there will be a ladies retreat at FCC on March 29th and 30th. We will meet in the Chapel Parlor on Friday evening from 6:30-9:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Snacks will be provided Friday night. A continental breakfast will be served on Saturday morning and lunch will also be provided. We will be watching some videos in coordination with our theme, "All Things New". Our mission will be Sherie Kirven Transformations; Sherie's passion for God and youth has lead her to a mission of exposing art to underprivileged youth who wouldn't otherwise have that opportunity by providing art lessons to them. Sherie's list of needed art supplies is as follows; please bring any of these that you would like to contribute, blank canvases, colored pencils, drawing pencils, water colors, acrylic paints (large bottles), paint brushes, graphite pencils, erasers, drawing paper, disposable gloves, spray bottles, rulers, and drop cloths. Registration will be \$25; a few scholarships will be available. Please join us for this fun-filled event and invite your friends as well.

To sign up, call or text Paula Gibson at (806)632-5850 or Susan Evans at (806)790-8482.

3rd

General- \$21,831.00

Designated- \$1,208.00

10th

General- 10,835.17

Designated- \$387.00

17th

General- \$21,063.00

Designated- \$1,675.00

24th

General- \$30,974.52

Designated- \$5,855.75

FEBRUARY
CONTRIBUTIONS

FCC Ministry Fair

Do you ever wonder what all your church does? Want to learn more? Mark your calendars now and make preparations to attend the 2019 FCC Ministry Fair on April 28th.

Kuykendall Hall will be full of booths that promote and explain all the ministries of First Christian Church. Each booth will be staffed by people who can answer your questions and enhance your interest in any area you wish to serve. Get plugged in to the excitement that's going on now at our church!

If you want to sign up for a booth, registration forms are available at the church office.

For additional information, call Mike Wragg at (806)790-8297. We encourage EVERYONE to participate, either with a booth or simply supporting the ministries we offer. It's great to be a disciple!

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 Palm Sunday (April 14th). Each ham will weigh approximately 10-12 pounds and will cost \$40. We will smoke them early Palm Sunday morning so they will be fresh and ready to pick up after the services. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings, until April 7th in the Great Hall. Cash, check, credit/debit cards are welcomed. All proceeds will benefit various CMF church improvement projects.

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**FEBRUARY
Worship Times**

Sundays:

Chapel Worship:

8:30 a.m.
Chapel

Traditional Service:

10:40a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:

9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Night
Church**

Dinner— 5:00pm
Worship— 6:00pm

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.*

MARCH Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Elizabeth Tidwell Felix Hernandez	2 Don Garnett
3 Kayton Trevey	4	5 Barry Davis Indie Williams Georgja Kitten	6 Choya Teichelman Marianna Chapman	7 Sammy Ribble Meredith Fowler Chris Vinson Lennon Dodge	8 Matthew Trevey	9 Tom Johnson Lindy Lauderdale
10 Jodie Schneider	11 Wes Ninemire Lal Williams	12 Luke Stevens	13 Pam Patton Lynda Reid	14 Stephen King	15 Wesley Allen	16 Fabian Davilla John Welch
17 Terry Parish Sawyer Williams	18 Kirk Cunningham Rebecca Cunningham	19 Marty Wells Karen Watt SuAnn Simon Crystal Vinson	20 Steve DeHay Shelton Bowers Dana Duty	21 James Pope	22	23 Valerie Carpenter
24 Bill Davis Susan Brints Kevin Hunt Lauren Chapman	25 Linn Parish	26	27 	28 Marissa Konde	29 Virginia Dorman	30 Doris Kochanek Robin Carter Chris Armstrong
31 Allison Graham						