

# The Light

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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*“He who gathers crops in summer is a  
prudent son”*

*Proverbs 10:5*



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# share the Light



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**G**od continues to bless our church family. Winter and Spring at FCC has been fruitful with personal growth in faith, the addition of several new members, and the completion of a major facilities project (demolition of the two-story house on Broadway and repairing/sealing our parking lots). It's important to remember with changes we are to be grateful for our past. The house which came down this March was a blessing to Lubbock and was used by God for decades – for domestic abuse crisis care to family promise's homeless ministries. As we honor the past we press on for the future.

I'm writing to make sure no one is missing out. From time to time life interrupts our church involvement and attendance. **I've heard from a few of you who have recently gotten back involved at FCC after falling off for a time.** Many of us will experience reasons to take a break from church – life will include pain, distractions, and grief; if you find yourself out of the habit of gathering with your church family, receiving communion, and growing in the scriptures, I'm encouraging you to jump back in as soon as possible. People's experiences and sharing with me have revealed a wandering path that if left untouched will become our new normal.

The Wandering Route – If we find ourselves away from the church, our faith becomes less and less active. Neglecting the practices of faith (prayer, openness, being surrounded with truth, reading our Bibles together) keeps us from listening to God and makes us less aware of His presence. We aren't actively "walking with Jesus." Our faith loses its daily power,

which leads to further isolation from our church family. The cycle continues until we are Christians at the surface level, but our lives are dangerously marked by the world, by fear, and with doubt. Jesus calls out in Revelation 3:2, "Wake up! Strengthen what remains of your faith!"

When we turn back to get involved, it's a joyous moment in the life of the church and in heaven! No shame, no judgment, no questions – only, "Praise God!" Some might say that we can grow in our faith while distancing ourselves from Christ's church – I have never found that to be the case. If you're reading this and feel it's time to get back involved at FCC and also to sense God's will and presence for your life, we celebrate and encourage any changes you'll have to make to draw near the holy things of God. If you'd like to reach out and tell me "Paul, we're trying!" Or if you would like to sit down with me, please text/call my cell 806-790-1066.

Your church is stable and strong. As life goes up and down, the Word of God remains steadfast. We are here for you that every Christian and every convert to the faith would only grow in their walk with Jesus. May God be glorified as we draw near to Him!

In Christian love,  
 Pastor Paul

## MAY Attendance

5th	8:30 AM- 58 10:40 AM- 200 Sunday School- 110
12th	8:30 AM-80 10:40 AM- 238 Sunday School-124
19th	8:30 AM-46 10:40 AM- 202 Sunday School-117
26th	8:30 AM- 55 10:40 AM-203 Sunday School-110



# Children of Light

## Children's Ministry Summer 2019 Calendar



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**3-6** VBS 9am-12pm  
**06** VBS Performance  
 7pm Sanctuary  
**7-9** Grand Beginnings  
**15** Pool party 4-6pm  
**23-27** JYF Camp

**12** Dion's Pizza Tour  
**18-20** Dream Center Camp

**11** Promotion Sunday  
**18** Blessing of the Backpacks in church  
**24** Church wide Fall kickoff Party (more info to come)

### VBS

Vacation Bible School is from 9am-noon Monday through Thursday. Nursery care is provided. All ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under are welcome. The children will perform Thursday (June 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in the sanctuary with an ice cream party to follow.

### GRAND BEGINNINGS

This is an overnight camp for 4 year olds to 2nd graders where a parent or adult attends with the child. It's at Lake Brownwood from 8:30pm Friday- Sunday 9:30am. Costs \$110.

### POOL PARTY

June 15<sup>th</sup> join us from 4-6pm at the Grime's home at 3508 152nd street. There will be food and swimming with a lifeguard on duty!

### JYF CAMP

This is an overnight camp for kids from 3rd-5th grade at Lake Brownwood. Holly and Paul will take the kids and they will leave Sunday afternoon and return Thursday at about noon. Cost is \$330 per child. (Scholarships available)

### DION'S PIZZA DAY

Kids Kinder-5th grade will meet at Dion's by University at 9:30 for a tour from Miss Alyssa. They will eat lunch and pick up is at noon. Cost \$5 per child.

### DREAM CENTER CAMP

3rd-5th graders will meet at FCC at 9am and go to the Lubbock Dream Center and serve till 12 each day. Sack lunch provided. Free!

### PROMOTION SUNDAY

This is the Sunday where each child moves up to the Sunday School class corresponding with their new grade they will start at school. A small thing will be done to celebrate this transition in the 10:40am service.

**\*\*Contact Holly at [holly@fclubbock.org](mailto:holly@fclubbock.org) for more information**

# Light of youth

The logo for FCC Youth Ministry features the letters 'FCC' in a large, bold, white sans-serif font on an orange rectangular background. Below 'FCC', the words 'YOUTH MINISTRY' are written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font.

Do you remember when you first began to love the Lord? Do you remember when every new discovery of the Lord excited you? Do you remember when you first experienced the comfort and love the Lord gives? That initial feeling you and I had whenever we first started our relationship with God is the same feeling everyone gets when they start dating someone. You can't get them off your mind, you can't stop telling people about them, you can't stop talking to them, you start to think to yourself "what was I like before this person?" If I could put it into a few words I would say it is a rush. It is a rush to reflect on those seasons, it's nostalgic to rediscover those times, it's exciting to see where we've been and where we are now. I've been reflecting specifically on this season where I initially developed a relationship with God, since doing so

I have wondered why I have settled with this memory being only that, a memory. It's in our capability to truly pursue after the Lord, to seek his face and his glory. Since reflecting, I have been taking the initiative in my life to let everything I do be funneled by the same energy and spontaneity I had when I first encountered the Lord. We should never grow weary or tired of learning something new from our spouses, significant others, friends, family members, or any other relationship we have, so why do we lose this animosity when it comes to God. Let's embrace our Creator with the giddiness and enthusiasm that once consumed us at the start of our relationship with Him but approach it with the maturity and experience we now have. Let's be consumed by the rush of knowing our God and our Savior.

Derek Jerezano

## **Upcoming YOUTH Events**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Sixth grade move up: All sixth graders are invited to join the youth ministry as we welcome and celebrate their promotion in grade. This should remain a ministry to 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** - Encounter: Our LCU bible camp open to all students leaving the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and students entering college. Cost is \$295 register at <https://www.lcucamps.com/encounter>

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** - Camp Champion: Our LCU bible camp open to all students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and leaving 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$295 register at <https://www.lcucamps.com/camp-champion>

**July 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** - Mission Waco Poverty Simulation: An experiential learning trip for those entering high school and older. Suggested donation of \$75

*If you have any questions, contact Derek Jerezano at 806-420-9847 or [Derek@fclubbock.org](mailto:Derek@fclubbock.org)*

# FCC COLLEGE MINISTRY: JUNE 2019

## *Practical Tips: Building Healthy Habits*

One of the most common questions a pastor receives from someone who has just developed a desire to start feasting on the word is, "How do I get started?" Often, I find myself pointing others to scripture, a devotional, or the gospel of John as great starting places. But most people are like me...and most people find it hard to develop and stick with new habits. So this month, I decided to go on more of the practical side of how to develop healthy habits in our lives. Disclaimer: There is no simple way or magical process to fully integrate a healthy habit into your life style. It will require some level of intentional work. So here are the three things that may help you develop a new habit:

1. **Set a Goal:** If you just say, I want to \_\_\_\_\_ because I just want to, it probably wont turn out too well. Instead make sure you know "why" you are trying to develop this habit.
2. **Schedule it!:** In a world were we are increasingly becoming more busy, we have to get better at naming daily priorities. Start with 5 priorities each day and then make sure you put it on the calendar. Read scripture at 8am. Pray the last 5 minutes of each hour. If you don't actually write it down, it stays an idea rather than something concrete.
3. **Reward Yourself:** If you decide to go workout, treat yourself to a piece of candy.

I hope these help! Regardless, never forget the real goal of everything we do: To live for the glory of God! Maybe that should be the first question we ask ourselves...Am I doing \_\_\_\_\_ for the glory of God?



*Scott Hall*  
University Minister

First Christian Church of Lakeland

## COLLEGE MINISTRY SUMMER CALENDAR 2019

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**8 DEAD DAY PIT STOP**  
Take a break from studying with Lemonade and Snacks 1-3pm | 3404 54th st

**19 GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
Banquet - 9:30am in Kuykendall  
Blessing - During 10:40am Service

**3-6 VBS: COSMIC LOVE**  
Sign up today to help out our Children's Ministry. Group Leaders and Station Leaders needed! To sign up, contact Holly Jessen: holly@fcclubbock.org

**29 HIKE PALO DURO**  
Bring friends, hiking shoes, water, sack lunch and even your dog! Meet at the church @ 10am

**12-15 POVERTY SIMULATION**  
Join us as we go to Waco, TX to participate in a 3 day Poverty Simulation! To sign up, contact Scott Hall @ (806) 283-0566

**30 MOVIE NIGHT!**  
Join us for a movie night hosted at The Hall's Home (2823 53rd st.) Starts at 6:30pm | Dinner provided

**WEEKLY:**

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Select Tuesday Nights: 6:30pm  
Dinner Provided | 2823 53rd st.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**  
Every Sunday: 9:30am

**FIND US ON:**

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Facebook: @FCCCollegeMinistry

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

www.fcclubbock.org/college-ministry/

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

# Light opportunity

## GOOD NEWS CLUB at BEAN ELEMENTARY

**FCC Brothers and Sisters in Christ! You are needed, wanted, and invited to share the "GOOD NEWS" of Jesus Christ next Fall at Bean Elementary!**

**What:** The Good News Club (a weekly after-school program presenting the Gospel message to children, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

**When:** Thursdays during the school year. Program is from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and volunteers are asked to arrive around 3 p.m.

**Where:** Bean Café at Bean Elementary School

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in doing one or more of the following;

- ◇ sit at a table and oversee 5-6 children (Shepherds) during club time
- ◇ present a pre-prepared Bible lesson or mission story
- ◇ lead singing and do motions with the children for fun songs that help them learn memory verses, books of the Bible and rejoice in Jesus! (yes—we all look silly, but we surely have a good time, as do the kids!)
- ◇ furnish snacks
- ◇ lead prepared "review games" to help the children remember the lessons
- ◇ be extra "eyes" in the room and walk children to the restroom
- ◇ talk to children, one-on-one about accepting Jesus into their hearts

**Why:** Pointing children to the "GOOD NEWS" of Jesus is the most important mission and opportunity we have and is of eternal significance. Many of these children are unchurched and are desperate for caring adults who model the love of Jesus with encouragement and joy.

An informational meeting will be scheduled later this summer and training will be held on the morning of Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (as well as an additional training on September 21<sup>st</sup> for those who will be teaching the Bible lessons and/or talking to children about accepting Christ as Savior). As Co-Team Leaders, Bob and Marcy Lawless would welcome the chance to visit with anyone wanting more information--phone and leave a message at (806) 799-1329. We also encourage you to pick up a brochure and sign up to "learn more" on the Good News Club sheet at the Bean Elementary Table in the hallway adjacent to the coffee shop.

NOTE: If you cannot commit to being there every week, don't let that stop you from being a part of the Good News Club Team! Each of us has had to be away for various reasons this past year, and with enough volunteers, it's just a matter of letting us know in advance so that we can cover your spot!



### *Special Thank You...*

The Lubbock Gideon Camp thanks First Christian Church for letting us share in your services. We would like to share how we place God's Word -with the help of local churches- all over the world through Gideon Bibles and Testaments. The OVER \$2200 received from the members of FCC will purchase approximately 440 Bibles or 1257 Testaments. Our Gideon membership dues pay for our staff in Memphis TN.

Because "flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever." 1st Peter 24,25

## Military News And Concerns

**Lt. Brant Brock-**  
**Norfolk-**  
Home from  
Deployment  
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

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt Nicholas**  
**Swanson**  
USAF, Elmendorf  
Air Force Base,  
Anchorage Alaska  
grandson of  
Virginia Myers  
Dorman

**Capt. Nathaniel**  
**Swanson**  
USMC, Cherry  
Point Marine  
Corps, Havelock,  
North Carolina

## We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

**Members:** Robbie Bedker, Jeanie Chavez, Rebecca Cunningham, Larry Deardorff, Steve DeHay, Sandra Foster, Dianne Moseley, Oscar Power, Randell Resneder, Larry and Jan Sanders

**Friends:** Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Dennis Brown, Harlan Cook, Bill Cope, Paul DeArman, Paula Sue Dunbar, Joe Gillispie, Gary Hughes, Chris Mackey, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Doyle Norris, Judy Palacios, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Brent Wester, Carol White

## Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Sandra Foster, Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown, Tom Chavez

## *Our Deepest Sympathy...*

We lift up Alta Reeds on the passing of her husband Bud Reeds. Bud passed from this life on May 24th. A celebration of life was held at FCC on Wednesday, May 29th.

We lift up Juanita Johnson and Phyllis Underwood on the passing of Dean Johnson. Dean passed from this life on May 12th. Services were held May 25th at First Christian.

We lift up Fred and Connie Bowers on the passing of Forrest Bowers. Forrest passed from this life on May 9th. Services were held at First Christian Church on May 14th.

We lift up Judy Ribble on the passing of her sister, Sara Murff. Sarah passed from this life on April 17th.

## Welcome New Members

Not Pictured- Julie Warren (May 5) & Jeanie Chavez (May 19)



Lynn Cooper  
(May 5)



Cindy Wiseman  
(May 26)



Andy and Beverly  
Shaver  
(May 5)



Matt and Tammy Willis  
Tate and Robert  
(May 12)

# Light message

## **Thank God for Dwelling in You** . . . Marilyn Wragg

### **Hannah's Prayers** . . . Marilyn Wragg

FCC's daily Bible readings recently covered two prayers of Hannah. In 1 Samuel 1, we met Hannah, who had no children and was cruelly taunted by her husband's other wife. During the family's annual pilgrimage to worship God at Shiloh, Hannah went to the Lord's house; there, in deep anguish, she wept bitterly and prayed to the Lord. She asked God to remember her and give her a son, and she promised to give this son to God for life. After interacting with Eli the priest, Hannah "went on her way and ate something—no longer downcast."

Back home, Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to Samuel. After he was weaned, she took and presented him to Eli. "I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord."

Hannah then prayed an awe-inspiring prayer, in which she rejoiced in God's marvelous attributes. Her song in 1 Samuel 2, referred to as "the Magnificat of the Old Testament," beautifully foreshadows Mary's song in Luke 1.

God's word teaches us much about prayer. I have noted some principles I gleaned from Hannah's prayers. Reflect on 1 Samuel 1–2, and ask God what He would teach you. Then, apply that teaching to your personal prayer life.

- When beset by anguish and grief, do what Hannah did—pour out your soul to the Lord. As the old hymn advises, "Take it to the Lord in prayer."
- After you have given your troubles to God, follow Hannah's example: get up and go on your way, no longer downcast. Once you cast your burdens on the Lord (1 Peter 5:7), entrust those burdens to Him.
- Like Hannah, know and focus on God's character. Read 1 Samuel 2 and note the attributes Hannah proclaimed. Had she not fully believed all this about God, Hannah's other actions would have been groundless. The extent of her relief and hope was directly proportionate to Hannah's view of God.

"There is no One holy like the Lord; there is no One besides You; there is no Rock like our God." *1 Samuel 2:2*

## ***In the Life of the Church...*** by Deborah Bigness

Seventy eight years ago, in June 1941, the congregation publicly announced the construction of a new church at Broadway and Avenue X. The vision detailed in that announcement was postponed while World War II raged, and for a time even after the War was won, due to restrictions on building materials.

Finally, On Sunday morning June 13, 1948, the *Avalanche Journal* reported that, "The congregation of the First Christian Church here has double reason for joyful worship today. They will worship for the first time in a newly-completed sanctuary, and will hear the first sermon by a new pastor, the Rev. Travis A. White ..." The Reverend White would serve the church for the next five years. The church building announced in 1941, with so much hope for and faith in the future, is still our home today.





# Light notes

## **NOAH'S NOOK**

Scarlet Stevens and Clara Kitten learned about the word of the month "perseverance" by tackling a very hard puzzle for 4 years old. They did it together and were very proud!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## MAY CONTRIBUTIONS

5<sup>th</sup>

General- \$19,393.50

Designated- \$1,215

12<sup>th</sup>

General- \$30,610.32

Designated- \$483.00

19<sup>th</sup>

General- \$16,498

Designated- \$200.00

26<sup>th</sup>

General- \$12,452

Designated- \$400.00

## Upcoming JUNE Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
  - ◇ **Vacation Bible School**, June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- ◇ **Elders Meeting, Ice Cream Social**, Wednesday, June 5th, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting, Ice Cream Social**, Wednesday, June 5th, 7:00 pm, 107
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, June 10th, 11:45 am, Conference Room
  - ◇ **Ministry Cabinet Meeting**, Tuesday, June 11th, 11:30 am, 107
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Wednesday, June 12th, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, June 18th, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, June 19th, 9 am-12pm

## BAPTISMS



Cohen Thero



Stephen Sanders

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date and plan to attend the First Christian Church Adult Retreat next April 24-26th, 2020 in Ruidoso, New Mexico!

Dr. Bob Utley will present again for us and help us move forward in our journey into Christ likeness.

Mark your calendars *NOW!!*



# Light thanks

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## *With Sincere Thanks....*

Dear FCC Family,

We are so thankful for all the visits, cards, prayers, and acts of kindness in recent weeks. Our well of faith and comfort has only become deeper as we count our many blessings during these days. We are blessed to be a part of this church family.

With Love,  
The Forest Bowers Family

Mary Jane & First Christian Church,

Thank you for volunteering with the Junior League of Lubbock's Food 2 Kids program. We feed 2,000 kids a week because of volunteers like you.

Katie  
18/19 F2K Volunteer Coordinator

To Our Family at the FCC CDC,

Stefan and I cannot express to you how much of a blessing you've been to our family. You have loved Rosy like she was your own (and August too). Nothing means more to a parent than knowing their children are being taken care of by people who love them and care for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. We will miss you all. Thank you for everything.

Forever thankful,  
The Altheide Family



We would like to thank the FCC Mary/Martha group for supplying the FCC Angel Closet with food and water to help those less fortunate. Individual Blessing Bags were made and are distributed to those individuals who stop by our office during the week requesting immediate assistance. It is a blessing to be able to provide individuals with a little something to hold them over until their next meal.

The FCC Angel Closet is always accepting donations of non-perishable items including; pudding snacks, quart size baggies, granola bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, canned meats, ramen noodles, potato chips, apple sauce and bottled water.

Thank you Mary/Martha for your generous donation!

*"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."* Proverbs 19:17

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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.

# JUNE Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Chelsea Thero Beth Wright
2 Mary Lewis David Lovett Linda Taylor	3 Juanita Johnson Debbie Wilborn Amanda Gore Emma Cushman Kynlea Sanders	4	5 Karen Worley	6 Pat Davis Wade Cypert	7 Carole Berry Deborah Bigness Paige Kohout Faith Sampayo	8 Myrna Balwadin McKinzie Sanders
9 Dean Shuman	10 J.D. Smith	11 Kathy Turner	12 Sharon Kohout Larry Robinson Mary Carpenter	13 Cuyler Lawrence Jen Townsley	14	15 Gwen Metzigi
16	17 Katelin Bowers	18	19 Martha Voyles Megan McKinney	20 Scott Mackenzie	21	22 Bettye Cook Charlie Moss Lily Young
23 Wayne Kohout Amy Hight	24	25 Jim Childers Nick Kitten	26 Jan Collier	27 Sandra Thames	28 Marlene Hutton Barbie Stevens	29 Jack McClendon
30 Gloria Meitzen Brandie Bishop	31					