

# The Light

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*Start children off on the way they should go, and  
even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

*Lily Young, Daughter of Taylor and Jessica Young  
FCC FALL KICK-OFF PARTY, August 25th*



**Reverend  
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**A**s our General Board met last Sunday we discussed the factors of a healthy church. Kennon Callahan is a professional consultant who has counseled over 750 churches in 23 years of ministry. He wrote the book, *Twelve Keys to An Effective Church* based on his consulting experience. Below is a list of the twelve keys. While there is always room for improvement I feel confident of the relative strength of FCC concerning these 12 keys.

As members of the church consider how blessed we are in Christ and how we all share a responsibility to keep FCC healthy, grace-filled, and effective. May God bless our 2019-2020 year!

## **The Relational Keys**

**Specific, Concrete, Mission Oriented Objectives.** The mission oriented church has two or three objectives that involve strong groupings of the congregation in mission with persons who have specific human hurts and hopes.

**Pastoral and Lay Visitation.** Though a lost art in many churches, the mission oriented church visits the unchurched, newcomers, and members on a weekly basis. This visitation may take place in person or over the phone.

**Corporate, Dynamic Worship.** There is a warmth and welcome by the congregation towards each other and visitors. Music is inspirational and dynamic (dynamic means "has energy and power to uplift"). Quality and character of the preaching is high with power and unity in the progression of the service. The sanctuary is comfortably filled with people.

**Significant Relational Groups.** Most people come to a local church looking for community. Instead, we put them on a committee. Mission oriented churches are constantly starting new caring groups in which people may discover roots, place, and belonging with God and each other.

**Strong Leadership Resources.** Many churches train leaders to fill functional slots inside the church's

program. Mission oriented churches nurture a majority of leaders to be relational and caring with individuals and groups in the congregation and local community.

**Streamlined Structure and Solid, Participatory Decision Making.** Mission oriented churches plan on the basis of their strengths, hopes, and objectives. They are less preoccupied with their own needs and problems than many churches. They have a streamlined organizational structure.

## **The Functional Keys**

**Several Competent Programs and Activities.** Mission oriented churches know that people attract people more than programs do. Generally, they have two to three really competent programs that serve rather than use people.

**Open Accessibility.** A physical location that is accessible in terms of major traffic patterns and average trip time and leaders who are accessible to the community are both important.

**High Visibility.** Successful mission oriented churches have a high degree of geographical and grapevine visibility with church and unchurched persons in the community.

**Adequate Parking, Land, and Landscaping.** As a national average, one parking space permits 1.75 persons to participate in church.

**Adequate Space and Facilities.** More churches under build than overbuild and they thereby limit their growth. They build fixed rather than flexible structures. Mission oriented churches build for the future, with a clear perspective that this is the eleventh, not the first or most important characteristic.

**Solid Financial Resources.** Mission oriented churches know people give money to people more than to programs, purposes, or paper. Mission oriented churches tend to put their money into people rather than property. They exercise responsible, courageous stewardship.

May God keep us strong and faithful. God bless you and yours!

Pastor Paul

## Pray for FCC Leaders and Ministries... *by Marilyn Wragg*

Fall, especially in a university town, brings the excitement of new beginnings. That holds true for FCC.

New leaders officially began their terms on July 1. After summer planning, our leaders and General Board are now launching a new church year. As FCC remains open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, the coming year holds great promise for continued and expanded blessings upon First Christian Church.

While the exact shape and extent of those blessings have yet to unfold, for sure there will be opportunity for everyone at First Christian Church to be a part. Some will be on the front lines, many behind the scenes. But regardless of how active each individual role may be, every one has opportunity to assume the most important underlying role of all—to pray for our church.

Let us each pray regularly for the leaders and ministries of our church. In addition to ministers and staff, pray for church officers and ministry chairs, keeping the leadership list handy through the year. Ask God to bring to the forefront those ministries and individuals for whom God would specifically have you pray. Start with the blessing areas Pastor Paul has suggested for ministries; then continue over time as you are led in your own spirit to pray.

Oswald Chambers has said, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." As we faithfully commit to engage in the greater work of FCC Lubbock, we anticipate with excitement the ways God will act through the new church year!

### Suggested blessing areas for ministries

(Rev. Carpenter):

- The Holy Spirit's anointing
- Clarity of God's vision for this specific ministry
- The right leadership and resources to be provided by God
- That this be fully connected to our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ

	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
General	\$ 19,049.55	\$ 24,698.07	\$ 12,442.50	\$ 9,722.37
Designated	\$ 1,430.18	\$ 448.00	\$ 534.00	\$ 50.00

### AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS

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 \* We are always grateful for donations made to our Angel Closet. Donations for emergency snack packs can be \*  
 \* left at the FCC Front Office. Easy to eat canned meals, protein/granola bars, water, fruit snacks and gallon size \*  
 \* Ziploc bags will help restock this ministry. \*  
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## **Bean Elementary**

### **Grateful Praise!**

*"I thank my God for you every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. . ." Philipians 1:3-5*

The teachers and children of Bean Elementary again have been blessed by the generosity of the First Church family through the outstanding response to the School Supply Drive. Beyond the items purchased by you and delivered to the church, there were generous checks written and cash donated which allowed us to deliver over 1600 Composition Books; 154 dispensers of disinfectant wipes; 160+ boxes of tissues; hundreds of Ziploc bags, glue sticks, and dry erase markers, plus a variety of additional items not on the request list but gratefully accepted. You have brought joy and thanksgiving to the hallways of Bean, and we thank you for the outpouring spirit of this congregation.

## **Good News Club**

### **Prayer Team for the Good News Club**

The Good News Club begins at Bean Elementary on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and plans are being made for a great year of joy in bringing the gospel message of Jesus Christ to the children. Many of you are not able to participate in leadership on the Good News Club Team, but we covet your prayers for this mission of First Christian Church.

Currently, we ask that you pray for the GNC Team as we make preparations and also for the children who will come.

If you would like to be a part of the GNC Prayer Team by lifting this ministry and the children's weekly prayer requests to the Lord, please e-mail Marcy Lawless [marcy-lawless@utulsa.edu](mailto:marcy-lawless@utulsa.edu) so that you can be added to the e-mail list of prayer warriors.

### **Upcoming AUGUST Gatherings & Meetings...**

- ◇ **LABOR DAY - FCC OFFICES CLOSED**, Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
- ◇ **Bible Babes**, Starting Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-12pm

# Light of youth



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## Wednesday Night Fellowship

Know any students that need a youth ministry? Have them join us each Wednesday at the FLCC to enjoy a meal, fellowship, and Jesus from 6:30-8pm

## Upcoming Events

- Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Labor Day meal at 3103 33<sup>rd</sup> from 12-1:30pm
- Sep. 7<sup>th</sup>: Faith-in-Action service day from 10-12pm
- Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>: Kid's night out for parents to enjoy 5:30-7:45pm

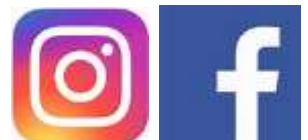


## Devotional thought

In this ever-changing world, one thing still remains. The Lord? Well yes, so make that two things: parents are generally the greatest influencers of children. This is a fact, from the beginning of time a child would typically grow up with many tendencies, habits, traits and behavioral patterns based on the fact that their parent/s had influenced them to think that way or another. One of the greatest and potentially scariest things about this is that parents have the ability to give their children either healthy or tragic view of Christianity. Parents are the greatest/ worst ministers to their own children. Of course, God can draw anyone toward his son Jesus Christ but parenting has been ordained by God to be a surrogate role. The duty of a mother and father is to radiate Christ and his love so well that their own conceived/adopted children will know their legitimate creator—Yahweh! I hope you read this and feel as those your role is important, that it matters what kind of person you are, and that you are encouraged to pursue God in every way, whether parent or not!

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<https://www.barna.com/research/research-shows-parenting-approach-determines-whether-children-become-devoted-christians/>



**Faith-In-Action**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each**  
**month from**  
**10am-12pm**



## YOUTH FALL RETREAT

WHEN: OCT. 25-27  
WHERE: CETA-CANYON  
WHY: JESUS

COST IS \$75! SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

*If you would like to start receiving youth ministry updates, text "FCCLUBBOCK" to 84576*

# Light the way



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## BIBLE BABES

Our fall Bible study, The Mysteries of Heaven with David Jeremiah, will start **Monday Sept 9th at 7:00pm** in the Chapel Parlor. Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven will answer and clarify the most important questions Christians have about their future eternal home. This study has 11 sessions and will run through Monday Nov 18th. Books can be purchased for \$10 each. Make up sessions will be available at 6:00pm every Monday before the next session begins at 7:00pm. Please contact Paula Gibson at 806 632 5850 or email [apaulagize@gmail.com](mailto:apaulagize@gmail.com) to sign up or for questions regarding the study.



## Helping Hands Ministry



The Helping Hands Ministry is a ministry where a committee helps our senior members and others who need assistance with small home repairs and chores. The jobs are evaluated on a case by case request to determine if we have the knowledge and skills to undertake the project. Small expenses will be paid from a special fund where any donations for work are accepted. Volunteers will receive NO compensation for their services. For further information call Bobby G. Milligan 806 789-0923 or Dave Bender at 806 790-4839.

## SMALL GROUPS



Are you desiring to go deeper in the Word and connect with others?

New Groups are forming this fall. We are seeking facilitators, hosts and members.

Facilitators will be provided with weekly sermon

review questions so prep time is minimal.

Contact Donna Childers at [donna@fcclubbock.org](mailto:donna@fcclubbock.org).

## AUGUST Attendance

4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM- 50 10:40 AM- 200 Sunday School- 93
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM- 57 10:40 AM- 220 Sunday School-96
18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM-50 10:40 AM- 279 Sunday School-97
25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM- 60 10:40 AM- 264 Sunday School-96



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# COLLEGE MINISTRY

Be Aware!

It is not uncommon for our minds to quickly forget the power of the Gospel and how it keeps our faith, hope, and love centered on Christ! The Enemy will seek to steal its truth away from our hearts or veil its light from our eyes. Stay vigilant! It is my prayer that we will find complete pleasure in digging into the Word of Christ. It is my prayer that we discover the pleasing joy of holding lengthy conversations with our Father, often and daily. May this month prove to be glorifying to the Lord and a season of maturity for His saints.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Scott Hall*

University Minister

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## COLLEGE MINISTRY

# FALL CALENDAR 2019



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**25 ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT**  
Enjoy the company of our church family! Games, swimming, burgers, and a HUGE firework show!

**31 PARKING FUNDRAISER**  
Meet @ 10am in the church parking lot to help raise money for our 2020 Mission Trip

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**7 GOSPEL OUTREACH**  
Meet at the church @ 10am as we share the love of Jesus with our community.

**10 PANCAKE & GAME NIGHT**  
Come and enjoy a night of games, fellowship, and pancakes. Invite your friends. 6:30pm | FCC

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**12 GOSPEL OUTREACH**  
Meet at the church @ 10am as we share the love of Jesus with our community.

**29 GAME NIGHT!**  
Join us for a game night hosted at The Church building. Boardgames, video games, and fellowship. Invite friends and bring your favorite game. 6:30pm | Dinner provided

**WEEKLY:**

- TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Select Tuesday Nights; 6:30pm  
Dinner Provided | 2323 Broadway
- SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**  
Every Sunday; 9:30am

**FIND US ON:**

-  : @fcc\_college\_ministry
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# Light events



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## FCC SPRING RETREAT— SAVE THE DATE

Our spring adult retreat will be April 24 - 26, 2020 in Ruidoso NM. We are especially pleased to announce that Dr. Bob Utley has accepted our invitation to return and be our bible teacher for the retreat. As many of you know Dr. Utley has a world wide ministry of bible teaching. He will lead us in a study of Jesus' upper room talks with his disciples, John 13 - 17.

**SAVE THE DATE** and make plans to attend! We will have all the details concerning the retreat as well as registration information in the spring of 2020.



## ***In the Life of the Church...***

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 has double reason for joyful worship today. They will worship for the first time in a newly-completed sanctuary." Ten of those original members are still with us today and are continuously active in our loving church.



Jerry Etter  
Bill Davis  
Jodie Kuykendall Schneider

Mollie Newman Parsley  
Barbara Kittrell Onstead  
Pat Thurman  
Sue Hunt Sexton

Gay Terry Foster  
Mary Jane Hartley Shannon  
Martha Hallmark Wells



**Coming in Sept.** — Have you been visiting First Christian for a while or know someone who has? Do you want to know more about Christ and/or go deeper in your walk? Perhaps you just met a visitor in church or Bible Study who you think might be interested in knowing more about our wonderful church? Are you ready to take the Next Step?

This class will be offered right after the late service from 12-1:30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Lunch will be provided, as well as childcare. Contact Donna Childers at

[donna@fcclubbock.org](mailto:donna@fcclubbock.org) or 806.763.1995 to RSVP, or if you have questions.



## 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  
grandson of  
Virginia Myers  
Dorman

## We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

**Members:** Alan Barkley, Robbie Bedker, Jeanie Chavez, Elaine Chaney, Rebecca Cunningham, Steve DeHay, Laura Flieller, Sandra Foster, Amanda Gore, Chris Kebert, Monica Matzner, Zoe Phillips, Ruby Power, Randell Resneder, Gypsie Taylor, Virginia Vincent, Sadi Young

**Friends:** Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Dennis Brown, J.C. Chambers, Paul DeArman, Paula Sue Dunbar, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Donna Harger, Vickie Herrera, Gary Hughes, Mary Ann Hunt, Autumn Kelly, Fran Koch, Sunde Land, Chris Mackey, Freddy Martinez, Katelyn Mills, Doyle Norris, Judy Palacios, Becky Peckham, Sydney Robinson, Judy Scarbrough, James Stair, Frank Teague, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White

## Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Marty Wells, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown

## Entered Into Heaven

*Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this time*

**Larry Deardorff** ( passed into eternal life on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Pat Barnett** (Passed into eternal life on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Peggy Chaney** (Charles Chaney's mother, passed August 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Tom Chavez** (Robin Grimes's father entered into eternal life on August 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Jim Stuart** (Jane Stuart's brother entered into eternal life on August 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Patty Mangold** (Daughter of Oscar and Sue Powers passed into eternal life Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Monya Owens** (Family friend of the Power family entered into eternal life on July 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Ellie Bartholomew** (Thad Bartholomew's mother entered into eternal life on August 10<sup>th</sup>)

## Welcome New Members

Alan Barkley- August 16th, Profession of Faith  
 Glenda Heath- August 18th, Traditional Service



## **LUNCH BUDDY**

The children we serve through our partnership at Bean Elementary often come from homes where they receive minimal support. Many have single parents who work two jobs and leave their children under the care of relatives or older siblings. Some have no established home at all – they move from one relative or friend to another. Often they have little opportunity for meaningful relationships with adults.

The Lunch Buddy program, administered by Communities In Schools, offers these children a stable adult relationship. For a half hour each week they have the undivided attention of an adult who is interested in their life. You could be that adult.

It is easy to become a Lunch Buddy at Bean Elementary:

A volunteer “lunch buddy” agrees to become paired, one-on-one, with a student and come to the school once a week for 30 minutes to eat lunch with their student (same day each week, volunteer’s choice).

Lunch is served at 5 minute intervals from 10:25am to 1:50 pm, so there is plenty of flexibility in scheduling. Some volunteers may even choose to have lunch buddies in more than one lunch period.

Volunteers and students eat in a room separate from the lunch room.

Students get lunch from the cafeteria (or volunteers can bring a lunch for their student from time to time), and then have time to interact, talk, play games, etc.

It is understood that volunteers will not always be able to have lunch on their Lunch Buddy day. When that occurs, volunteers notify the Communities In Schools coordinator and tell their child, if they know ahead of time. Lunch Buddies often send the child a note of encouragement.

The children love having lunch buddies. There is an especially great need for men to become lunch buddies, since many of these children have no male role models in their lives. And, it is a great opportunity for those needing service hours.

Watch for further information and signup opportunities at FCC . If you have questions, contact Dave Bender at 790-4839.





**September 25<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm-7:45pm**

Kid's Night Out is for our FCC and CDC families with children from babies to 5th grade. The FCC Youth group will help host these events in the FLCC. Dinner will be provided for everyone.

Email Holly at [Holly@fcclubbock.org](mailto:Holly@fcclubbock.org) to RSVP



## Blessing of the Backpacks!



August 18<sup>th</sup> was a blessed Sunday! Ten incoming third graders received personalized bibles and all of our children, youth, and teachers were prayed over. I encourage you to continue praying over Lubbock's students and teachers this school year. While eating lunch with one of our third graders this week I spoke with her teacher and she said she would often see Elena (pictured bottom right in the yellow dress) reading out of her new pink bible. I hope this warms your heart as much as it did mine. Let's go read our bibles today without any worry about who is around us just like Elena!

God Bless- Holly Jessen



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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

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# **SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Gay Foster Sally Barfield Carson Williams	2 Bewle Walker	3 Ronnie Taylor Jayden Sampayo	4	5 Clara Kitten	6	7 Allie Cushman
8 Mary Shannon	9 John Paul Carpenter Carl Foster Brody Russell Ellis Ann Williams	10	11 Sandra Foster Becky Meador Brad Payne Shelly Ribble Todd Williams Mary Jane Ritchey	12 Rachel Smith	13 Robbie Bedker Jerry Etter Margaret Ford	14 Rusty Perkins John Reid Nathan Swindle Paul Carpenter
15 Josh Stevens	16 Scott Etter Jared Robinson	17 Justin Anderson	18 John McVey	19 Roger Bowers  Carolyn Garnett	20 Ric Johnson Andy Smith	21 Jerry Brown
22 Kathy Payne Blake Matzner	23 Laney Bridwell Skeet Brown Hollin Level	24 Mollie Parsley Pam Castellano	25 Rita Pettigrew Ginger Hunt Hendra Sihaloho	26 Frieda Corley	27 Jeanene Wilson	28 Margo Woodworth
29 Lyle Mashburn Cal Brints Jonna Russell	30					