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37,000 Focus – Getting Engaged Our Ministry Toward College Students

The future chapter of our congregation is beginning. Throughout our history, we discerned seasons of boldness to preach and teach to the glory of God in new ways. Many of these steps led us closer to Texas Tech and a genuine concern for the lives of the 37,000 students who call Lubbock their temporary home. Reorienting this college ministry as the new priority of FCC is not only what we're called to, but will also enhance all of the other ministries of the church – children, youth, families, and seniors. Missions, education, camps and conferences will follow. The chief reason to invest in college students is that this is God's unique calling for our faithful church. Faith in this calling is required. As we take steps together, please remember how your prayers and presence shape this mission.

Personal engagement throughout our congregation is also an essential. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, the Apostle Paul writes:

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

The talents and passions of the members of our church are vast. While many are involved, we can improve on including more people and currently involved people in new ways. God is daily calling forth spiritual gifts in our church that enable us to do things far beyond our imagining.

On Sunday morning, April 15, 2018 Kuykendall Hall will hold our **"Engagement Fair"** to offer immediate ways for you to be involved in this ministry to college students. Some of the places to contribute include:

- ★ Meals, meals, meals.
- ★ Attendance on mission trips (global and regional) and/or financial partnerships.
- ★ Host and/or lead a college small group.
- ★ Personal assistance to include short term housing during the summer.
- ★ Event assistance – show up, set up, clean up.

We have an exceptionally generous church. As we step forward, our leadership will work to offer more opportunities for our members to share generously. Once a person has met Jesus, the rest of our life is spent loving Him and leading others into abundant life with Jesus. Thank you for being part of this church and courageously investing in to the lives of others!

In gratitude, Paul Carpenter

Attendance
March 4, 2018
Sunday School: 187
Services:
9:00– 207
11:00– 61

Contributions:
March 4, 2018
General Budget:
\$23,183.50
Total Designated:
\$4,518.00

Attendance
March 11, 2018
Sunday School: 171
Worship Services:
9:00– 210
11:00– 47

Contributions
March 11, 2018
General Budget:
\$13,656.25
Total Designated:
\$2,080.00

Attendance
March 18, 2018
Sunday School: 160
Worship Services:
9:00– 190
11:00– 62

Contributions
March 18, 2018
General Budget:
\$9,116.00
Total Designated:
\$200.00

Attendance
March 25, 2018
Sunday School: 194
Worship Services:
9:00– 257
11:00– 57

Contributions
March 25, 2018
General Budget:
\$10,417.00
Total Designated:
\$1,655.00
(lilies & beans)

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for the month of
April 2018



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If this issue is not delivered to you by Saturday, call Crystal at the church, 763-1995 or e-mail her at crystal@fcclubbock.org

Next Issue:
April 26, 2018
(May Issue)

Next Deadline:
Thursday,
April 19, 2018

FAMILY FUN NIGHT April 22nd 4-6PM in the Family Life Center

Connect with young families and experience fellowship!

RSVP to Holly Jessen at Holly@fcclubbock.org



Haiti Evangelism Mission Trip

July 13-21, 2018

Led by Lal Williams

Every year, Mission of Hope hosts thousands of mission trip participants from around the world. Teams participate by serving in one of the 12 villages where we partner with the local Haitian churches. In seeking to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the villages, two primary strategies have been developed to reach every man, woman, and child – Strategic Village Time and Church Advancement Projects. ALL ages welcome but children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian.

FMI regarding Haiti please contact Lal Williams, 806.283.0339

NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS

It's time to begin praying for the calling of the 2018–2019 leaders of First Christian Church of Lubbock. Please prayerfully consider who you will nominate for Deacon, Junior Deacon, and representatives to the General Board. Nomination forms will be available on Sundays, April 8th and April 15th. Write in the names of your nominees. These nominees "must be members of the congregation, be active in the congregation's life, and give evidence of seeking to grow in their understanding of the practice of Christian Life. Junior Deacons must be 16-18 years old."

(Bylaws of FCC, Lubbock, IV.B.1)

The congregational vote to accept the final slate as presented will be held on Sunday, May 6th and the Board ratification will be June 13, 2018.

Upcoming April Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **CMF Weekly Men's Breakfast**, Every Tuesday Morning, 7:00am, Cast Iron Grill, 620 19th St
- ◇ College & Career Bible Study & Dinner, Every Tuesday Evening, 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ Noon Bible Study, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Chapel (beginning April 11th)
- ◇ Elders Meeting, Wednesday, April 4th, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ Deacons Meeting, Wednesday, April 4th, 7:00pm, Room 107
- ◇ Oasis Book Club, Thursday, April 5th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ Keenagers Outing, Friday, April 6th, 8:00am, Outing to Midland, TX
- ◇ Finance Committee, Monday, April 9th, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Minister's Cabinet (Executive Committee)**, Tuesday, April 10th, 11:30am, Room 107
- ◇ CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner, **Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00pm, Orlando's on S. Loop 289 & Indiana**
- ◇ General Board, Wednesday, April 11th, 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ College Worship Night & Fellowship, Thursday, April 12th, 6:30pm, Chapel/Courtyard
- ◇ Deborah CWF, Thursday, April 12th, 7:00pm, Home of Carole Berry
- ◇ Foundation, Tuesday, April 17th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued, Wednesday, April 18th, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ◇ Lubbock Music Club, Friday, April 20th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor

Keenagers May 4th Outing



This will be our last gathering until September! Please join us for a trip to Amarillo, TX on May 4th. Our first stop will be the Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian. This will add to our knowledge of Quanah Parker from previous trips we have made. Admission fee is \$5.00. Lunch will be at Tyler's Barbeque for some good 'ole Texas BarBQ.' Cost is \$12.00 + tip. Our next stop will be Jack Sisemore Travel and RV Museum. There we will see many older motor homes, motorcycles, old cars and

other memorabilia. No admission charge. A lot of memories live there for most of us. To RSVP, call the church office at 763-1995 or sign up in hallway by noon on Wednesday, May 2. Hope you can join us! The bus will leave the church at 8:00 a.m.



CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner!

All women of FCC are invited to join together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at **Orlando's** Italian Restaurant on the S. Loop & Indiana. The next gathering will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018. This is sure to be a time of delicious food, fabulous fun, & wonderful fellowship!!

Deborah Bible Study

The Deborah CWF Group will gather on April 12th at 7:00 pm in the home of Carole Berry. Marcy Lawless will be facilitating. The evening will, as always, be a good time of fellowship and learning! For additional information, please call Lyn Williams at 806-787-0484.

Joy & Concerns of our Church Family & Friends...

Military News & Concerns

Lt. Brant Brock- Japan
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks
Currently deployed on a ship

Lt Heath Brown
Millington, TN- grandson of
Flo Brown

Christopher Colgrove
nephew of Laurie Williams

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

Ryan Mansell
grandson of Jim Bales

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

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

*If you desire to add one of
your family members to our
military list, please contact
the church office at 763-1995.*

*We unite with you in your happiness, comfort you in sorrow, and pray for your concerns.
NOTE: If you do not wish for your name to be in our hospital list or prayer concerns,
notify the church office.*

Bill Dean - Covenant

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

Members: Robbie Bedker, Sandra Foster, Randell Resneder, Sammy Ribble, Jan Sanders,
Shirley Sharp, Karen Slay

Friends: Jeff Adkins, Bear Bock, Susan Boling, Rob Broadner, Kyle Gibbs, Barry Hanks,
Katelyn Harlow, Ron King, Shannon Layman, Chris Mackey, Jeremy Mills, Leroy Montoya,
Abu Nasser, Robert Richardson, Darnell Vandivort

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers:

Kenneth Davis, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Pat Renfro,
Herbie Vannoy, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells

It is a joy to report those dismissed from the hospital throughout the past month.
We continue to pray for them as they recover at home:

Robin Grimes, Trois Payne, Bud Reeds

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up Ethel Forman in the passing of her husband, Howell Forman. Howell passed from this life on March 3, 2018. A memorial service was held on March 24th at First Christian Church.

We lift up the family and friends of Carolyn Gunter. Carolyn passed from this life on March 14, 2018. A memorial service was held on March 22nd at First Christian Church.

We lift up Deenie & Rolf Stone in the passing of **Deenie's father**, Al Crossland. Al passed from this life on March 12, 2018. A memorial service was held on March 19th at First Christian Church.



Congratulations to our very own, Amy Hight!

*Amy was named Teacher of the Year at Bean Elementary!! Thank you for
touching the lives of the students that you work with everyday!*

You are making a difference!

Thank you!

“My Dear Church, My heart overflows with love and appreciation for your prayers, support, and flowers during this very difficult time. May God bless each one of you. Love in Christ, Sally Barfield”

“Dear Church Family, Thank you for the 30+ years of love and caring given to our family; especially at the end of our dad’s earthly journey. All of the fellowship, visits, communion, flowers, gifts, and prayers helped him stay connected. Thanks for the lovely flowered cross, phone calls, cards, and prayers. His celebration of life was awesome! Deenie & Rolf Stone and Family

Welcome New Members!!

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

Dan & Marita Cunyus joined during the Simply Worship Service on March 25th.
Brad and Jill Phinny joined April 1st during the Simply Worship service by confession of Faith.
 WELCOME!!

Baptism

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

Dwayne Dixon Jr. was baptized on Sunday, March 11, 2018 during the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.
 Congratulations Dwayne!!



News From Noah's Nook Children's Library

A beautiful children's book has been given to the Children's Library in memory of Jim Bales. How Big is Love? is about a little Hedgehog and his parent. The parent has some wonderful answers to the question, plus explains an important part is that our love grows every time we give it away. The book ends with 1 Corinthians 13:13, Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Because of our adoption of Bean Elementary we want to share with you the wonderful news that our Church has been named the Lubbock ISD Partner of the Year for 2018!!!! There were 43 Partner of the Year nominations and we were the clear cut winner! We are so grateful to Principal Thomas and everyone at Bean who took part in the nominating process. We are especially grateful to each of you for your various ways of participating in the adoption, love, and care for all the teachers, students, and staff at Bean Elementary. God pointed us in this direction a year and a half ago and with His guidance and our obedience Bean Elementary has been changed and is growing in so many positive directions. Many thanks, and congratulations to each and all, giving God the glory for His wonderful hand in every aspect of this adoption.

The last prayer article shared areas of blessing suggested by Pastor Paul to pray over individuals. The points are printed on a card that I carry with me.

On the other side of that same card is a list of points to pray as a blessing over church ministries, entities, or events. The routine is basically the same as suggested when praying over people. Use the points as a guide for praying over a specific ministry or event for ten minutes every day for two weeks. Then, at the end of that period, determine whether to continue praying.

As you read “The Light” and hear announcements of things going on at First Christian Church, be aware of the Spirit’s tug on your heart to pray over specific things going on. It might be our youth or children’s program or a specific event. It could be our outreach efforts to Bean Elementary or food vouchers. It could be the Elders, Deacons, General Board, or our church staff. With God working in so many ways at FCC, the

A timely focus for our prayers right now is our “37,000 Focus,” the mission to college students currently being launched by FCC Lubbock. The vision for this ministry has been shared with our congregation, along with basic information. The ministry fair on April 15 will provide more details and encourage each of us to consider how we might become personally engaged. How powerful it would be if many of us were also praying for God’s specific blessings and the Holy Spirit’s anointing over this developing ministry.

Let's get busy praying for FCC ministries. Then, expect God to show up in even bigger ways!

Areas for Blessing a Ministry

- 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."

May God bless our church with the Spirit and with a culture of prayer and openness to His will.

2018 Children's Ministry Summer Calendar



First Christian Church Children's Ministry

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	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

May 27th at 4pm Summer Pool Party Kickoff for all kids

June 4th-7th Vacation Bible School
 ⇒ 9:00am-12:00pm
 ⇒ Pre-K to 5th grade
 ⇒ Snacks Provided

June 10th - Registration Sunday:
Sign up for Camps

June 25th-27th Christ in the Arts Camp (Music, Dance, Crafts, and more)
 ⇒ 9:00am-2:00pm
 ⇒ Pre-K to 5th grade
 ⇒ Suggested donation: \$20 per child/Children bring sack lunches

July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

July 8th - Registration Sunday: Last day to Sign up for Foundations Camp

July 19th-21st: Dream Center
Mission Trip (9am-12:00pm)
Location: Lubbock Dream Center
⇒ For children who have completed
3rd-5th grade
⇒ Lunch provided & no cost

August						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 6th-10th: Foundations Camp
Location: White River Youth Camp
in Spur, Texas
Cost: \$200 per child
⇒ Overnight outdoor Camp
⇒ For children who have completed
3rd-5th grade

For questions email Holly Jessen at holly@fcclubbock.org

**For FCC Children's Ministry
updates text FCCLUBBOCK to
84576**

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Jonna Russell, Membership Administrator & Director of College Ministries
jonna@fcclubbock.org, 325/374-4004



Sunday Morning College Group

God is speaking do you know how to listen? How can we hear the voice of God?

We must stop talking and begin listening. Our problems become way larger then God. We all have problems: relational, spiritual, personal, and/or emotional. But these problems are really symptoms. The real problem is the ears have been deafened from God. Join me every Sunday as we begin to quiet those other voices and discern the voice of God.

Every Sunday @ 10:15 am, Room 208

Speak Lord,
 for your servant is listening
 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Food for Thought
 College Dinner and Bible Study
 Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm!



It doesn't make since that almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity. He put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power (Acts 1:8). Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent or intellect rather than supernatural power. Could it be that we've forgotten the One who distinguishes us? The One who tells us our identity?

Join us on this journey as we pursue a Spirit-filled life that God desires of us all.

4.12.18

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

6:30 pm in the Chapel

FREE pizza following Worship in the Courtyard!

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8:00 a.m.
Chapel

Traditional Service:
9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:
10:00 a.m.

Simply Worship:
11:00 a.m.
Chapel

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-Noon
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m.-Noon

Family Life
Community Center
747-5962
Office Hours: 3-6 p.m.

We're on the web!
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WEEKLY MEN'S

BREAKFAST
Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.
Cast Iron Grill
620 19th Street



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.

April 2018 FCC Birthdays!

April 1

Phyllis Underwood

April 2

Olivia Ortiz

April 3

Mildred Cantrell
Tyson Taylor
Miguel Santillan

April 4

Juda McKinney
Jill Nelson

April 5

Nelda Jett
Jackie Williams

April 6

Oscar Power
Becky Yates
Tommye Sue Blair
Eli Mann
Amy Garnett

April 7

Kay Kirkpatrick
Robin Jerden
Lennon Dodge

April 8

Sherri Bowers
Allison Robinson

April 9

Cole Chapman

April 10

Jarrett Conner

April 11

Gary Duty

April 13

Stuart Jones

April 14

Joe Don Ford
Catherine Swindle

April 15

Carol Cunningham
Mike Cunningham
Pam McKelvy
John Fowler
Chris Watson

April 16

Sue Power

April 17

Riley Sanders

April 18

Cheryl Kennedy
Bracky Upchurch
Mary Smith
Lincoln Ortiz

April 19

Irma Davis

April 20

Dee Dee Odorizzi
Quentin Hight

April 21

Alta Reeds
Brad Croom
Steve Odorizzi

April 22

Marcy Lawless
Doug Hutton
Cami Dodge

April 23

Kaj Winfield

April 24

Megan Agnew

April 25

Ginger Brown
Rachael Delarosa

April 26

Wynne Hutcherson
Joe Plowman

April 27

Nancy Stamps
Tom Grimes

April 28

Mike Letalien

April 30

Theo Skar



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