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Attendance
June 3, 2018
Sunday School: 161
Worship Services:
9:00– 208
11:00– 56

Contributions
June 3, 2018
General Budget:
\$20,695.57
Total Designated:
\$970.00

Attendance
June 10, 2018
Sunday School: 174
Worship Services:
9:00–190
11:00–65

Contributions
June 10, 2018
General Budget:
\$37,617.45
Total Designated:
\$2,385.00

Attendance
June 17, 2018
Sunday School: 145
Worship Services:
9:00–219
11:00–62

Contributions
June 17, 2018
General Budget:
\$60,340.07
Total Designated:
\$750.00

Attendance
June 24, 2018
Sunday School: 171
Worship Services:
9:00–216
11:00–48

Contributions
June 24, 2018
General Budget:
\$10,450.17
Total Designated:
\$900.00

This issue covers news
for the month of
July 2018

Dream Center Mission Trip

For: 3rd – 5th graders When: July 19th-21st



The children will be doing service work for the Lubbock Dream Center. Each child will need to be dropped off at FCC by 9:00 a.m. on July 19th and 20th and we will take a bus to the Center. Children will then need to be picked up at FCC by 12 p.m. On Saturday, July 21st, drop off will be at the Lubbock Dream Center at 7:30 a.m. where we will make and serve breakfast for the community. Parents are highly encouraged to join us for the mission work on Saturday. **RSVP** to Holly@fcclubbock.org.



We Welcome Mary Norman to the Staff at FCC

Hello! I am delighted to join the First Christian family! I am a transplant from Nebraska having earned my bachelors and masters degrees in Nebraska and Kansas State, respectively. I met my husband, Cory Norman while working on my Ph.D at Texas Tech University. We lived in Dallas for 6 years and decided to return to Lubbock, also known as “paradise”, to be closer to family.

My husband and I have been married for 11 years. We have two children, Ben 6 and Emeline 4. I am blessed to have been called to join the FCC staff and look forward to working with this wonderful community to share the love of God. I look forward to meeting you. You can always reach me in the church office by phone or by email at: mary@fcclubbock.org.



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, July 10, 2018**. This is sure to be a time of delicious food, fabulous fun, & wonderful fellowship!!



Rev. Paul Carpenter
Senior Minister
paul@fcclubbock.org

A Message From Rev. Carpenter ...

Pray for the USA every day at 8:00 PM

I'm not always proud of all our decisions as a nation, but I remain grateful to be born and raised in this country. We face serious challenges. The greatest challenge is that we do not love each other. A nation falls most often without a shot fired. We corrode from within, for "a divided house cannot stand."

I believe we will remain unable to grow in love for each other and prevented from building together unless we repent and behold the beauty of our Maker. But first, I believe repentance is needed for the Church of Jesus Christ. We are the spiritual leaders, called forth from every nation. We reside in every country as resident aliens ourselves. We are citizens of a coming Kingdom even as we seek the welfare of the temporary nation we call "home". Here are a few of my thoughts regarding our leadership and influence:

First, we are called to know and be known by our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. Your personal growth in the Lord is essential to affect this nation. The way we vote or exercise great secular power is not our greatest strength, although they are unique gifts to US citizens. The Word and Promises of God are our hope, and the joy of the Lord is our strength. If you care for the USA, begin by drawing nearer to God through prayer, confession, and gathering with your local church. We preach Christ above all things – way above Republican or Democrat. Consider this your primary state of being.

Secondly, the scriptures tell us to pray. Consider this your primary work. At times we are fooled by the world that prayer is preparation, and voting, working, striving is the real work. Those other things are of value, but the real mountain mover is praying with faith. God's Kingdom isn't built by human hands, but is received by faith. I'm asking you to recommit to daily prayer for the welfare of the USA. We will be passing out wrist bands again reading – "PRAY for the USA... 8:00 PM". Set your alarm as a reminder and join others in our sacred work of bringing this country to the feet of the Lord. God bless the USA!

Third, evil is real. People do things; some good, some bad, some awful. But our enemy is not of flesh and blood (Eph 6:12). Do not blame complex problems on a small group of people; and do not put solutions in another group of people. The Church of Jesus Christ should not lose our footing as a prophetic people. We who understand the complexities of sin, evil, grace, and the long-shot biblical vision of God's re-creation of this world must be a voice for the love and truth of Jesus Christ. By the way, Jesus confounds all political stripes. He calls us all to Him, but does not reiterate our secular beliefs. So we should know the Lord and His Kingdom through prayer and scripture. We are saints – called forth to be set apart for a holy use. Let us be used by God alone. Even in our political activities, may we speak and live with integrity willing to step out as a lone voice at times.

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"The Light" informs members of congregational news/activities.

IS YOUR "LIGHT" LATE?

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

Next Issue:
July 26, 2018 (August Issue)

Next Deadline:
Thursday, July 19th

A Message From Rev. Carpenter Cont...

Fourth, God is with us and will not forsake the work of His hands. Our greatest hope is in God's ultimate control, guidance, and end-goals of sending a Kingdom from heaven onto the earth. Many will enter His Heaven through faith in Jesus Christ and every concern will be redeemed. This should cause us to be more involved with the affairs of this earth, but not from an earthly perspective. We don't flee from problems, nor do we hope in simply secular solutions. If God does not forsake His creation, neither should we. God does not send us into this nation to take, but to give. God did not give to us when we were deserving, but undeserving. Let us be generous with prayer, love, and heart-to-heart engagement. Let us keep our words salted with the Gospel. Let us do the "good" that the Spirit leads us to do. Remember, God decided to have a church that would know and submit to His mission. Let's make this season of challenges count by doing things the Father's way with Christ's love and the Holy Spirit's power.

In the honor and joy of walking with you,
Paul



As many of you know by now, July 13th will be my last day on staff at First Christian Church. For the past two years I have been working towards obtaining my bachelors degree in Early Childhood. I will finally graduate at the end of this summer. YAY! This fall, I have accepted a teaching assistant position within Frenship ISD as I work towards becoming a certified classroom teacher. First Christian has been my home for the last 13 years and I have worn many different hats throughout the years. All of you have become my family. I have watched your children grow, and you have been with me in my moments of joy and in my moments of grief and sadness. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of the love and support that you have given me and my family through your many expressions of love and giving over the years. Your hugs and words of encouragement have helped make this journey a little easier. I am so excited for each of you to get know Mary Norman. Mary is taking over my responsibilities in the office and I know that I leave the office and monthly newsletter in great hands. My family and I love each of you dearly and are so thankful for each of you. We covet your prayers as we begin this new chapter in our lives, and will continue to keep you in our prayers as well.

Love, Hugs, and Blessings,
Crystal Vinson and Family

Upcoming July Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **CMF Weekly Men's Breakfast**, Every Tuesday Morning, 6:30am, Cast Iron Grill, 620 19th St
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, **Chapel Parlor**
- ◇ **Oasis Book Club**, Thursday, July 5th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ **Finance Committee**, Monday, July 9th, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ **CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner**, Tuesday, July 10th, 6:00pm, Orlando's on S. Loop 289 & Indiana
- ◇ **Deborah CWF Summer Dinner**, Thursday, July 12th, 6:30pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ **Foundation**, Tuesday, July 17th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, July 18th, 9am-12pm, Church Office



The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

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

Military News & Concerns

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

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

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.

Oliver Thomas- UMC NICU

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

Members: Robbie Bedker, Sandra Foster, Randell Resneder, Karen Slay, Mary Jane Smith, Joy Turner

Friends: Bear Bock, Susan Boling, Kyle Gibbs, Joe Gillispie, Katelyn Harlow, Gary Hinshaw, Lisa Holdeman, Ernie Inmon, Ron King, Chris Mackey, Connie McMahon, Leroy Montoya, Mary Stevenson, Nortina Stewart, Darnell Vandivort, Carter Wiechmann

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers:

Kenneth Davis, Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, 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:

Myrna Baldwin, Jo Wester, Shirley Sharp

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up Donna Mayfield in the passing of her husband, **David Mayfield**. David passed from this life on June 9, 2018. A Memorial Service was held on June 13, 2018 at the Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers.



Baptism

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

Holly Jessen was baptized during the Traditional Service on June 17, 2018.

Colton Edwards was baptized during the Traditional Service on June 17, 2018.

Brody Russell was baptized during the Traditional Service on June 24, 2018.

Congratulations!

We celebrate and pray with and for you!

PRAY for the USA . . . Marilyn Wragg

Because the state of our nation is heavy on my heart, I have recommitted to pray every day for the USA. As reminders, I reset my daily smartphone alarm and resumed wearing the wristband provided two summers ago by our church to “PRAY for the USA, Everyday 8 PM.”

While I do pray over specific circumstances, I foremost acknowledge that I am not smart enough to direct God to detailed outcomes for the messes at the forefront of daily news. Indeed, the older I grow, the more I adhere to Proverbs 3:5: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”*

I believe the most powerful prayers we can pray are those based on God’s word and God’s promises. Fortunately, the Bible contains many examples of God’s people praying for the earthly kingdoms they inhabit. One example is the excerpt shown from Deuteronomy 4. You can search for others; several are listed on my “Prayer Matters” Facebook Page.

I encourage you to let such scriptures guide you in praying for our nation.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...”
(Psalm 33:12a).

I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so you may follow them. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as these I am setting before you today? Only be careful, so that you do not let them fade from your heart as long as you live. *Deuteronomy 4:5–9*

Sovereign Lord, we confess that Your decrees have faded from the heart of this nation that You have so graciously blessed. We confess that relying on our own opinions has led to division and chaos, and we humbly turn to You. Forgive us, God, we pray. Pour out Your mercy upon our nation. Pour out Your Spirit upon Your Church, and make us Your instrument for restoring civility and love. Turn the hearts of our leaders to You; grant wisdom and understanding. May the USA again be known as a wise and understanding people whose God is the Lord, and may our nation reflect Your mercy, to Your glory. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.



Houston Mission Trip, July 8-13

Join friends and members of FCC as we serve in the flood recovery effort in Houston. Pastor Paul, Scott, and Derek will be in attendance. FCC’s team will be dry walling, painting, and helping clean up in the mornings and early afternoon. The evenings will be dedicated to serving the homeless with food and prayer. We will end the trip with an overnight stay in Waco to connect with last summer’s mission work and to enjoy fellowship with each other at Lake Waco. We will depart after worship on the 8th and return midday on the 13th. Suggested donation is **\$75/person**. Children are invited but must come with their parent/guardian. Folks who have **finished 6th grade** all the way up to **adults** are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact the Church Office to reserve your spot!

Welcome New Members!!

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

Sharon Mirll joined by Profession of Faith at the Traditional Worship service on June 11, 2018.

Shelly Nelson joined by Profession of Faith at the Noon Bible Study on June 20, 2018.

WELCOME!!

Sharing the Gospel at Bean Elementary Good News!



We at FCC have a wonderful opportunity to spread the good news of the Gospel with students at Bean Elementary this coming fall through a weekly after-school program (3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on a day yet to be determined) called the “Good News Club” (GNC), a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF).

The basics of the program include Bible lessons prepared by CEF, along with colorful materials, posters, and videos; songs with hand motions; Scripture memory; a mission story; and fun review games and awards based on the lesson’s theme



Based on the number of children who sign up (parental approval is required), we will need a minimum of 6-8 volunteers, though we are seeking many more than that so as to have people in the queue whenever someone in leadership needs to miss a week. CEF provides training for team members—a requirement--as well as teaching materials, programs, mentoring and staff support. There are **brochures**

and a sign up sheet on the Bean table in the hallway near the coffee shop. Please know that you aren’t signing up as a commitment but rather, as one who would like to gather information so that you may pray and know if this is what the Lord is calling you to do. We will have a meeting later in July; for additional questions, please contact Marcy Lawless at (806) 799-1329, marcy-lawless@utulsa.edu.

REQUESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS AT BEAN ELEMENTARY

School Supply Drive: July 22 – August 8, 2018

- ⇒ Composition Books—most requested item by teachers
- ⇒ Boxes of Kleenex/Tissues
- ⇒ Containers of Disinfectant Wipes
- ⇒ Ziploc Bags
- ⇒ Glue Sticks (NOT liquid glue)
- ⇒ Dry Erase Markers
- ⇒ Colored Markers
- ⇒ #2 Pencils



Please note that there are many items that may be on lists in stores that are not requested here. While all school supplies are gratefully accepted by Bean, the above are those which are specifically needed.

Items NOT needed include Pink Erasers, Scissors, Spiral Notebooks, 3-Ring Binders and Filler Notebook Paper.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

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



My Dearest Church Family,

When I think about words to say to each of you my first response is that words can't explain what my heart feels.

All I know is that God is so good. Through Him we have shared testimony, tears, laughter, frustrations, ups and downs, sorrows, and celebrations. We have shared life together. This, I believe, is why Jesus created church thousands of years ago.

We are church. We grow together, we help each other turn our focus back to God in a world where it is easy to turn away from Him. We challenge each other to let go of what we don't understand and let God take control. We encourage and motivate one another. We follow and walk by faith because it is what Jesus asks of us.

But the greatest thing I will take away is the love you have shown me and Brody. God first loved us and that love is very present here at First Christian Church. Because of this love, Brody and I will be able to leave FCC and shower the people we meet with God's love.

So thank you! Thank you for feeding us after my car accident, for bringing me soup when we were ill, for helping me when I needed it the most, for cheering us on in everything that we do, for supporting us financially in this new chapter, for continually praying, and for loving us unconditionally based on a shared love we have for God.

I don't know what the future holds for any of us but I pray that we walk by faith and begin walking a little taller because of this love. "Perfect love casts out all fear." May we not keep this love to ourselves but share it with everyone we encounter. God's love is extravagant and doesn't make sense but we do get glimpses of this perfect love through one another.

Thank you from the deepest part of our hearts. We love you all!

Blessings and Love,
 Jonna and Brody

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Please keep in contact with us! I have listed my email address and our new mailing address below.

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Sundays:

Prayer Service:
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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806-763-1995

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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.

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.*

JULY 2018 FCC Birthdays!

July 1

Lynise McDonald

July 8

Donna Russell

July 17

Dallas Rebber

July 23

Debbie Passmore

July 2

Mary Jane Smith
Jerry Stanfield
Ben Swindle

July 9

Glen Garnett
Marsha Stevens

July 18

Cherie Deardorff
D'Ann Yeager
Renee Edwards

July 24

Mike Chase

July 3

Allison Follis

July 10

Helen Lauderdale

July 18

Clayton Yeager
Wade Wilson
Wylie Rawe
Sam Swindle

July 25

Amber Carr

July 5

Marilyn King
Scott Hall

July 12

David Nelson

July 19

Colby Matzner

July 26

Burle Pettit
Dennis Wall
Kenan Gilbert
Olivia Harrel

July 6

Bob Brown
Gerri Young
Claire Dulaney

July 15

Gordon Blome
Brian Wilhelm
Alex Hardin

July 20

Carolyn T. Davis
Morris Knox
Vincent Yeager

July 29

Lynn McClendon
Pam Davis
Ben Todd

July 7

Hannah King
Lani Allen

July 16

Linda Greenstreet
Tricia Plowman
Sophia Sihaloho
Alyssa Simmons

July 21

JoAnne Richardson
AJ Sampayo

July 30

Seth Delarosa
Aurora Wilhelm

July 31

Peggy DeHay
Ainsley Nelson

We're on the web!
www.fcclubbock.org

WEEKLY

MEN'S

BREAKFAST

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m.

Cast Iron Grill
620 19th Street



THE CHRISTIAN
BOOK & ART NOOK

2323 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401

STORE HOURS: Every Sunday, 8:30 – 11:15 a.m.

All profits go to our church!

Located inside the Church Office!

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in the Nook. Get your copy TODAY!!*