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Attendance July 1, 2018
Sunday School: 161
Worship Services:
9:00- 160
11:00- 56

Contributions July 1, 2018
General Budget:
\$17,071.57
Total Designated:
\$2,910.00

Attendance July 8, 2018
Sunday School: 174
Worship Services:
9:00-209
11:00-65

Contributions July 8, 2018
General Budget:
\$16,865.07
Total Designated:
\$550.00

Attendance July 15, 2018
Sunday School: 145
Worship Services:
9:00-214
11:00-70

Contributions July 15, 2018
General Budget:
\$16,584.07
Total Designated:

Attendance July 22, 2018
Sunday School: 171
Worship Services:
9:00-216
11:00-38

Contributions July 22, 2018
General Budget:
\$10,146.76
Total Designated:
\$125.00

This issue covers news for the month of August 2018

Houston Mission Trip Recap

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp." Psalm 147:5-7

This scripture echoed with truth during our time in Houston. We brought 14 missionaries that included teens, college students, and adults on a 5 day trip to Houston/Waco. This trip challenged us and matured us. But enough about us, let's talk about what the Lord did!

Truly, there is no limit to the Lord's power and miracles. We painted homes, fellowshipped with other believers, and ministered on the streets to the homeless. We could tell you story after story of how God was able to work through us. God gave one of our students a vision of Jesus. God convicted students to pray over the homeless. God transformed the heart of one of our college students, putting a deep love and desire in her to know His scriptures. God transformed a woman's heart through the love and care



He poured through us as we painted this woman's home. We could God on and on! But the bottom line is this: God is powerful and mighty and there is no limit to what He can do! And when the Lord shows up in mighty ways, the response of the believer is to break out in praise...and that is exactly what occurred! The last day of the trip, we went to Waco, TX to spend some time relaxing and processing the mission trip together. While we had a great time swimming and playing on Lake Waco, the most memorable part of that night happened on the dimly lit porch. We suddenly felt a desire to praise God. So, with no instruments, practice, or agenda, we began to sing together and praise God for how awesome and amazing He is to us. It was awesome! So our encouragement to you is this: Be on the lookout for God and His grace-actions. k And when you see Him move, don't waste time...sing out!



Share the Light

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



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“The Light” informs members of congregational news/activities.

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August 30 2018
(September Issue)

Next Deadline:
Thursday,
August 23, 2018

What is your favorite passage of scripture? That may be hard to answer and could depend on the season you’re in. I bet there is one that stays with you in all seasons. Sometimes it’s prominent and recited; other times it is a foundation, not seen but impactful. This is not a rhetorical question – I genuinely would like to know, on a personal level, “what is your favorite?”

During the next few months I encourage our church to ask each other a few questions and to listen; and to be ready to be asked these questions. This is in order to know a side of someone you may not know, and also to meet someone new. This should spark a conversation about the things we hold most dear. This may give a person a chance to speak who never feels like what they have to say is treated as important. This could uncover much wisdom from our faithful. Let’s not leave anyone out!

So pick up the phone, approach folks on Sunday, or go get lunch and ask each other:

- What’s your favorite scripture? (one suggestion is to write that person’s name next to the scripture in your Bible)
- Tell me about you first knowing God.
- How do you see yourself as a member of Christ’s Body?
- If we could sing one hymn at church this week, what would it be?

God has given us a family of faith. We are brothers and sisters from different perspectives who all love the same Savior, Jesus Christ. He has established a “tie that binds.” Let us enjoy this blessing!

In Christian love,
Paul

Upcoming August 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, August 2, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ **Finance Committee**, Monday, August 13, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ Pray with the Teachers, Tuesday, August 14, 9:00am, Bean Elementary Library
- ◇ **Executive Committee**, Tuesday, August 14, 11:30 am, Room 107
- ◇ **General Board**, Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 pm
- ◇ **Foundation**, Tuesday, August 21st, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, August 15, 9am-12pm

Let Your Light Shine

Family Promise Helping More Families

Family Promise is expanding their service thanks in part to the efforts of Wayne Kohout and a group of FCC volunteers who have worked many hours to remodel the annex building, which can now provide accommodations for two more families. Additionally, the annex building will provide families with an on-site laundry facility. The annex building had previously been used as office space and storage. The volunteers built walls to create two bedrooms, a living/dining area, updated bathroom and added plumbing to provide laundry facilities. FCC volunteers who assisted in the project include: Rolf Stone, Dave Bender, Tom Johnson, Lyle Mashburn, Gary Greenstreet, Nathan & Cole Agnew, Norma Brown, Brenda Hendricks, Richard Wilhelm, Cody Wilhelm and Lequice Kohout. Bobby Yates and Yates Flooring donated tile and installation. FCC Janitorial Staff also help with the removal of furniture.

A blessing of the facility was held on Thursday, July 19th. Several families are expected to move into the Family Promise home soon.



FCC will host at the Promise House on August 6-9th. There are opportunities to serve by preparing an evening meal or by being a Dinner Host, Activities Host or Overnight Host. We are blessed to have 4 beautiful families during this rotation. This will include 2 newborn babies and 5 children. If you would like to be a part of the Family Promise Team please call either Linda Taylor @ 806 535-7725 or Wayne Kohout @ 806 773-5541.



Light of Love

Military News And 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

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

Members: Robbie Bedker, Sandra Foster, Herb and Barbara Miller, Eric Ritchey, Randell Resneder, Karen Slay, Mary Jane Smith, Joy Turner

Friends: Bear Bock, Susan Boling, Marilyn Brinkley, Kelsey Cooper, Lexi Galloway, Kyle Gibbs, Joe Gillispie, Katelyn Harlow, Ron King, Chris Mackey, Leroy Montoya, Jed Schroeder, Nortina Stewart, Darnell Vandivort, Carter Wiechmann

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Kenneth Davis, Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Tommy Davis, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells, Shelly and Burt Nelson

Our Deepest Sympathy

We lift up Ainsley Nelson, Jack Nelson and Jill Nelson in the passing of **David Nelson**. David passed from this life on July 18, 2018. A Memorial Service was held on July 23, 2018 at FCC.

We lift up Brad Payne, Brax Wright and Trois Payne in the passing of Jean Payne. Jean passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2018 in Fredricksburg, Texas. A Memorial Service was held on July 23 at FCC.

We lift up the family of Herbie Vannoy who passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 27th at FCC.

Baptisms

Blair Belew was baptized on July 7, 2018.

Marilee Bybee was baptized on July 8, 2018.

Bible Babes

Bible Studies Begin-
Monday, September 10 through November 26

- **Me, Myself and Lies** by Jennifer Rothschild Encourages women to clean out the junk in their minds and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's word.

- **Brave** by Angela Thomas-Pharr This Bible study looks at the heart of what women are thinking and feeling. She looks boldly at some of the fears and struggles of being a woman, and helps us see how we can be brave in the face of those challenges.



Words of Light

PRAY to be FED by God . . . By Marilyn Wragg

Pray to be FED by God:

Focus, Energy, Discernment

*Father God, may Your Holy Spirit give me **focus and energy** to do what You would have me do this day, and the **discernment** to know just what it is You would have me do.*

I sometimes battle lethargy, as in a “lack of energy and enthusiasm.” Lethargic days have been more prevalent since our son David died—perhaps a vestige of grief; and they occur more often in the summer—probably a combination of draining heat plus a less structured schedule. On lethargic days, I feel adrift and accomplish very little. At the end of such days, I lie down regretting that I wasted precious time.

When lethargy looms, I fare best on days that begin with God. On those days, I start by telling God that I am feeling off-balance and need desperately to be FED by Him. I pray for God’s Holy Spirit to give me the **focus, energy, and discernment** needed to complete the work God would have me do that day. As needed, I repeat my petition through the day. At the end of these days, I lie down thanking God for what He enabled me to get done.

We all need daily to be FED by God. Like the Israelites in the desert, the spiritual manna we receive today will not carry into tomorrow. Whether you currently are blessed with energy and enthusiasm, or if you—like me—often find yourself unfocused and off-balance, we all need God’s strength to live to the fullest.

Make it a point to pray each morning to be FED by God every day. Lay your request before your Heavenly Father, and expect Him to hear and respond.

Adapted from the book, Prayer Matters, pages 178-180

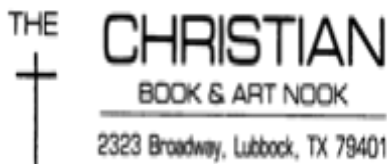
*In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3*

Helping Hands

We are happy to announce the resurrection of a ministry of our church that was, and is, much needed. We will have a team of volunteers who will do minor repairs, some house work (like changing light bulbs, filters for air conditioners, emptying trash etc.) There will be no charge for these services. Simply call the church office, let us know what you need, your contact information and we will schedule a time to visit you. It is likely that most of our work will be done on weekends but we will do our best to help as soon as possible.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with this ministry and EVERYONE is welcome! If you are interested in serving or would like more information please contact Arlano Funderburk at 806 773-3519.



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

All profits go to our church!

Located Inside the Church Office!

Marilyn Wragg’s book *Prayer Matters* is available in the Nook. Get your copy TODAY!!

Children of Light

Upcoming Events

**Bean Elementary
School Supply Drive**
July 22– August 8

Foundations Day Camp
August 6-10

Round Up Sunday
Sunday, August 19th

**Blessing
of the
Backpacks**
Sunday, August 19th

**College Ministry
Kick-Off**
Thursday, August 30

**Children’s Choir
Kick-Off**
September 24th
5:00 pm

Acolyte Training
September 23, 30,
October 8th



Some of our very own 3rd-5th graders from FCC embarked on an in town mission trip with the Lubbock Dream Center in July. They cleaned donated shoes in the clothing closet, washed their food trucks, cooked 20 pounds of pancakes for the community, and prayed for strangers. They served the Lord graciously and humbly with a smile on their face. Scripture tells us to become like children for a reason, they gave unconditional love and served those less fortunate in our community and all the while pointing to Christ.



Children of Light

Good News Club

20 people assembled on July 17th for an informational meeting about the start-up of a Good News Club at Bean, and we are excited that a Ministry Team is coming together to make this opportunity a reality. Be on the lookout for additional information, but here is what we know so far:

- The Good News Club will meet at Bean on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5 p.m. in the Bean Café
- The timing of the first club meeting will be determined—likely late September
- Training Certification for the Ministry Team (required) will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Southcrest Baptist Church, with an additional session for Bible lesson leaders and counselors on Saturday, September 15—same times & location.



REQUESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS AT BEAN ELEMENTARY

School Supply Drive: July 22 – August 5, 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.

Children of Light

Noah's Nook

A big thank you to Arlano Funderburk for the fabulous National Geographic books for children! Arlano generously donated 12 new *I Wonder Why...* books produced by National Geographic! Almost all of them are already checked out!

Noah's Nook is very busy on Wednesdays with our CDC kids! Teachers and kids ages 3-12 are checking out books like crazy! Our 19 CDC school age students are in a Summer Reading Program in which they will receive a literacy gift bag for achieving their goal of reading 10 of our Noah's Nook books.

And as always, we will always accept donations of new or used books! There is a special box in the office marked Noah's Nook ready for your donations!!!



Bean Lunch Buddies

As part of our ongoing partnership, FCC is again inviting members to consider participating in the **Lunch Buddy Program** at Bean Elementary. 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.



- 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 his/her student (same day each week, volunteer's choice). Lunch is served at 5 minute intervals from 10:25 a.m. to 1:50 p.m., so there is plenty of flexibility.
- When one cannot be there (and it happens to everyone), lunch buddies can leave a note of encouragement or even arrange to come on a different day of the week.
- Volunteers and students eat in a room separate from the school cafeteria and usually have time to interact, talk, or play games with the children following lunch.

Watch for further information and signup opportunities at FCC once school starts.

Questions? Contact Dave Bender <dndbender@yahoo.com>

Light It Up

College Ministry Kick-Off

On Thursday, August 30th from 7pm-10pm, the FCC College Ministry will be hosting a Kick-off event at the home of Robert and Robin Grimes (3508 152nd St, Lubbock, TX 79423). This night is open to any college student who is wants to have fun and worship the Lord. There is going to be swimming, delicious brisket, volleyball, worship, games and to finish off the night, there will be a firework show put on by Robert Grimes. If you are a college student, please come and invite 2-3 friends! We want to pack the backyard with people! If you are not a college student, we need your help! We will need volunteers to set up, tear down, food preparation and distribution, interact with students, shuttle students to and from the Grimes' home, and other basic duties to help make sure this event runs smoothly.

If you can help, please contact Scott Hall at (806)283-0566.



Keenagers

Come join Keenagers for our first meeting of the year on September 7, 2018!
You will have the opportunity to participate in a tour of Tiny Houses in Spur, Texas.
Church vans will depart at 8:30 AM from the West parking lot



Following our tour of Tiny Houses, we will visit the Spur/Dickens County Museum.

Lunch will be at the Senior Citizen Center for a \$4.00 donation.

The house tour is \$5.00.

There is no admission fee for the museum.

Sign the sheet in the hall or call the church office at 763-1995 by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 5, for reservations.

We hope you can join us. Please bring cash.

Angel Closet Ministry of FCC

In addition to issuing 35-45 food vouchers to the South Plains Food Bank each month, FCC offers emergency snack packs to those who come into our church in need. Each bag has shelf-stable snack items that do not need to be refrigerated. We are needing to replenish the supplies for this ministry. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating one of the following items that will be placed in the snack packs:

Easy to eat canned meals that have an easy open pop-top, individually wrapped beef sticks, granola/protein/breakfast bars, water bottles, juice packs, peanut butter or cheese crackers, individually wrapped hand sanitizer wipes.

Let Your Light Sing

This year, God has done so many wonderful things in our church! We have witnessed prayers being answered, miraculous healings, families being restored, and hearts being transformed by Jesus Christ daily. In recent months, the Lord has been calling us specifically into acts of generosity and transforming our hearts to open up to His will for us. I feel that this next year God is calling many of you to be generous with the time and musical talents He has given you. New opportunities are coming and if you have been waiting to get involved in the worship life of this church, the wait is over. Now is the time! There are multiple ways that you and your family can get plugged in.



Sanctuary Choir Kick-Off: Rehearsals begin August 15th from 6-7:30 pm in the choir suite

Alleluia Handbell Choir: TBA, beginning after bell refurbishment is complete! ☑

Silver Stars: Rehearsals on September 6th and 10th at 10:00 am in the Chapel Parlor, tour starting September 20th

Acolyte Training: September 23rd, 30th, and October 8th during Sunday School hour in Davis Hall

Children's Choir Kick-Off: September 24th from 5-5:30 pm at my house, 3404 54th Street

Chamber Orchestra Open Call Trails: October 12th and 19th from 6-7:00 pm in Kuykendall Hall

Each of these ensembles are "come where you are and we'll grow together" skill levels. If you would like more information on any of these ensembles or more details, please give me a call or email and I'd love to visit with you about getting involved. We all serve a wonderful and powerful God who is worthy to be praise! The time is now!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150



Brittney Hardin
Director of Music Ministries
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Bless the Light

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your beloved friends for a blessing in the park.

Saturday, August 11
Mackenzie Dog Park
9:00 a.m– 11:00 a.m.

A red backpack filled with school supplies like pencils, notebooks, and a ruler, set against a green chalkboard background.

August 19th
Traditional Service at 9am

Join us for Round Up Sunday as we pray for all our students and the upcoming school year. **Don't forget your backpack** because during Sunday School a tag of prayer and encouragement will be attached to each backpack!

Blessing of the Backpacks

The logo for FCC (First Church of Christ) is located in the bottom right corner of the backpack section. It features the letters "FCC" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by a circular emblem containing a red chalice and a blue cross.

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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

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
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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.*

August 2018 Birthdays

August 1

Paul Combest
Jessica Young

August 2

Donna Mayfield

August 3

Charles Chaney
Kate Toelle

August 5

Fred Bowers
Annika Sihaloho

August 6

Dave Bender

August 7

Ginda Level

August 8

Ben Walker
Kim Pierce
Kendall Toelle
Grace Agnew

August 9

Alexis Wragg

August 11

Gerry Landrum
Jo Ann Newman
Sarah Cypert

August 12

Bill Mullins
Luke Lawrence

August 13

Leslie Ansley

August 14

Ann Landrum
Darla Croom
Courtney Johnson

August 15

David Mindel
Karen Jester
Keenan Kattwinkel

August 16

Ruth Ann Mindel
Marcella Lovett
Robin Grimes

August 17

Karen Slay
Eric Ritchey
Murphy Webb

August 19

Gayle Ninemire
Gary Upchurch

August 20

Paul VanHoorebeke
Pat Thurman
Lequice Kohout

August 21

Larry Ackers
Ashley Lowe

August 22

Bobbi Bernard

August 23

Melissa Lasater

August 24

Kohlson Dodge

August 25

Brenda Stanfield
Shelby Danie

August 27

Ean Pierce

August 28

Terry Hood
Karen Moore
Brittney Hardin
Luke Level

August 29

Bennie Moore
Stephen Kennedy

August 30

Becca Williams