

the Light



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**Reverend
Paul
Carpenter**

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

2 nd	9:00 AM-200 11:00 AM- 74 Sunday School-93
9 th	9:00 AM- 195 11:00 AM- 87 Sunday School-115
16 th	9:00 AM- 231 11:00 AM- 69 Sunday School-139
23 rd	9:00 AM- 249 11:00 AM- 68 Sunday School-128

CONTRIBUTIONS

2 nd	General- \$15,856.50 Designated- \$75.00
9 th	General- \$19,111.64 Designated- \$329.00
16 th	General- \$33,165.00 Designated- \$0
23 rd	General- \$12,382.12 Designated- \$225.00

God's Poetry for His People

Included in the middle of your Bible is a collection of 150 Spirit-breathed poems, songs, and expressions of real people facing real joy and relatable problems. Like us, the people who wrote the psalms also had affections for God, trust in His timing, and saw Him as their greatest hope.

Many of our congregants' favorite scriptures are found in the psalms. "The Lord is my Shepherd," Psalm 23; "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me," Psalm 51; "Know that the Lord is God. We are his people we are the sheep of his pasture," Psalm 100; "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God," Psalm 42; "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing," Psalm 46.

The center verse of the entire Bible is Psalm 118:8, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man." Martin Luther calls the Psalms a "little Bible." It is full of truth, repentance, grace, and reminders of God's faithfulness.

When Jesus suffered for us on the cross, he invoked Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When the Jews walked up the mountain to Jerusalem for holy days, they would sing together Psalms 120-134, with 121 saying "I lift my eyes unto the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

I invite you to **join me in a practice** that brings me great joy and has

allowed God to set the mood for my day. Beginning in the morning I enjoy five psalms that awaken my heart for Jesus. I begin with the Psalm of that day of the month and add "30" four times. For example on September 17th, I enjoyed: Psalm 17; Psalm 47; Psalm 77; Psalm 107; Psalm 137.

Two tips: (1) Enjoy the psalms before you read or listen to anything "out there." Delay the news, Facebook, emails. Start with this time with our Lord and have Him set your heart in place before entering the world. (2) Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible; I recommend skipping that one and saving it to be read alone on the 31st of the month.

Let me know how this helps you. I love to hear from our folks and how God is working in your life. I leave you with Psalm 145:8, "The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."

In Christ,
Paul



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2018 Word Aloud

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this year's **WORD Aloud**. During two worshipful time slots, everyone present will simultaneously read different segments of Scripture. On this one day, the entire written Word of God will thus be prayed in our sanctuary.

If you have attended before, please share how powerful this experience is and invite others to come. If this will be your first time, expect to be greatly blessed! Come join in sowing seeds of prayer that will reap a harvest of blessings for Christ's church.

2018 WORD Aloud

First Christian Church Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
12 noon – 1 p.m. &
6 – 7 p.m.

Keenagers

On Friday, October 5, at 10:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Billy Skillman.

Billy heads the West Texas Native American Association. His family on one side is from the Muskogee Nation, with a 5th generation grandfather on the other side who was a captain in General George Washington's army. He fought in World War II and has many degrees and much teaching experience.

Scott Trevey from FCC and the Lubbock Lakesite will introduce him.

Please join us and make reservations on the signup sheet in the hall or call the church office at 763-1995 by Wednesday, October 3. Lunch will be \$10.00.



Keenagers November Trip

Keenagers will leave the church parking lot on November 2nd at 8:30 AM for Umbarger, Texas to visit St. Mary's Catholic Church. The painting and decorating was done by artists from who were held as prisoners in Hereford during WWII. There are wonderful paintings throughout the church.

Lunch will be at Feldman's Wrong Way Diner in Canyon for \$12.00 plus tip. Our next stop will be in Tulia at the Kenneth Wyatt Gallery. He is famous for cowboy art as well as many other things. This will be a good place for all your Christmas shopping.

Please join us! Sign the sheet in the hallway or call the office by noon on Wednesday, October 31. 763-1995





A Weekend Away: In The Word

Save The Date February 8 – 10, 2019

I believe our spring retreat is going to be an incredible gift to our church. The Lord seems to be opening many doors to make it so. Beautiful Santa Fe is where we will meet. We have been assured a fantastic price for a stay at the Plaza Hilton!



We have also confirmed a world-class bible teacher/ communicator, Dr. Bob Utley, to be our primary leader. Bob has over one thousand videos on YouTube and produces bible study materials, including commentaries, available free online. As of last December some 2,700, 000 visitors have used his online resources. I have witnessed personally the Lord's blessing many, including myself, through Bob's ministry. This will be a unique opportunity that I pray you will make plans now to experience.

We will have all the financial info and sign-up deadlines available to you soon but I wanted to be sure you knew now and are hopefully able to SAVE THE DATE! One last thing for those who prefer not to drive we will be chartering a bus! *Arlano Funderburk*

In the Life of the Church.. by Deborah Bigness

On Monday, October 24, 1921, the Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian Church met in the "cozy" home of Mrs. W.J. Duncan on Cedar Street (now Texas Avenue), according to the *Lubbock Avalanche*. "Quite a large crowd were present" and they enjoyed "delicious refreshments" and rooms decorated "appropriate to fall and Halloween." The group voted unanimously to "pack a box of clothing and other useful items for the Juliette Fowler Orphans Home" at their next meeting.



Now known as the Juliette Fowler Communities, it was the dream of Juliette Peak Fowler. While she did not live to see it, her sister, Sarah Peak Harwood, made the dream a reality with Juliette's bequests and chartered the Juliette Fowler Home for Children and the Aged in 1892. Sarah created a formal association with the Disciples of Christ in 1903 and the first home for children opened the next year.



Historic photographs courtesy of the Juliette Fowler Communities.



Pray From the Sidelines... *Marilyn Wragg*

Laurie Williams recently introduced me to “Sideline Supporters.” This Christian ministry reaches out to football players and coaches to encourage them and to reinforce good character and sportsmanship. It grew from one woman’s experience a few years ago, when she was prompted to send encouraging words and scriptures to a sports figure who was having a tough year and being broadly criticized. He later wrote back to say how much it had meant knowing at least one person out there supported and prayed for him.

Sideline Supporters currently covers three football teams: Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas. For Texas Tech, 130 volunteers are paired with 130 players and coaches. Through the season, each volunteer commits daily to pray for the designated player or coach and weekly to send a note of encouragement that includes a Bible verse.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. *Ephesians 4:29*

Unable to resist this unique prayer opportunity, I signed up. Three weeks into the season, I am so glad I did. Praying for my assigned individual, I ask God to equip him to do his best and succeed. And while, “Yes, Lord, a super season would be so appreciated,” I mostly pray for God’s blessings in all areas of his life and for his growing sense of God’s presence. For discipline and perspective both on and off the field, and awareness of what is truly important in life. That he give God glory and trust in Him, rather than basing security on performance or positive press. And conversely, in the face of adversity on and off the field, that he maintain courage and character.

While I trust God to work through this ministry to bless players and coaches, He is also changing the way I watch Tech football. When I find my tension building, I ask God to keep me from abandoning those noble things I have prayed all week and help me pray them through the game. As I see specific players make good—or bad—plays, or watch coaches in action, I remember that earthly victories are fleeting and pray that each player and coach builds endurance and character and ultimately hope of eternal “victory in Jesus.”

How cool would it be if more and more of us Tech (or Aggie or UT or other) fans became Sideline Supporters—praying, encouraging, and building up these coaches and players who represent our favorite universities. While it will not guarantee a winning score, it definitely will change hearts, build character, and bring glory to God. I challenge each of you, as I am challenging myself, to pray from the sidelines this season.



SAVE the DATES

OCTOBER

12-14	Youth Retreat
21 st	Acolyte Installation Family Outing At'l Do Corn Maze
26	Bean Fall Festival 5:30pm
31	Youth alloween Party 6-8pm

NOVEMBER

14	Parent's Night Out
17-19	Encounter LE At LCU

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The Light informs members of congregational news/activities

Managing Editor-
Mary Norman

Acolytes

Acolyte Recognition and Installation Sunday is October 21 during the 9 am service. All incoming and outgoing Acolytes please be present! Please arrive by 8:45 and sit on the designated pews in the front of the Sanctuary.



SAVE THE DATES!

**Family Outing-
At'l Do CornMaze**
October 21st 4pm

Bean Fall Festival
October 26th 5:30pm

Parent's Night Out
November 14th 6pm

FCC Chamber Orchestra Trials

Friday
October 12th and 19th

6:00-7:00 p.m

4th Grade—Up
Kuykendall Hall

RSVP Required

Please contact Brittney Hardin with your name, contact information, and instrument at;
(432) 638-6934
Or
Brittney@fcclubbock.org



FCC Children's Choir

Every other Monday

5:00—5:30 PM

Kindergarten—5th Grade

Brittney Hardin's House

3404 54th Street

Contact Brittney Hardin for more information

(432) 638-6934 , brittney@fcclubbock.org



A Personal Thank You!

Thank you! On Aug. 30th, we hosted a College Kick-Off Event for our College Ministry. It was a successful event mainly due to the volunteers who helped put it on! Robert and Robin Grimes hosted the event at their home and provided an amazing firework show among financial contributions. Thank you so much, Robert and Robin! Mary Jane Ritchey helped coordinate the food preparation and has organized future meals for the college ministry. Thank you so much Mary Jane! We also had an amazing worship band for the night: Brittney Hardin, Caleb Daniel, and Brendan McLeod. Thank you so much! Also, we had Lynda Reid coordinate and run sound and screens for the worship! Thank you, Lynda! But in order for the event to go off without a hitch, we had a TON of volunteers surrounding the event. From the check in team to the drinks team, thank you all for your help to all who helped with the event. And I cannot forget all of you graciously donated food and money for the event! Thank you all! You each made a huge difference and we couldn't have done it without you all! May the Lord bless and keep you!



Scott Hall

University Minister
First Christian Church-Lubbock
(806)283-0566

ATTENTION:

Host Homes, Meal Providers, and Prayer Warriors!

We Need YOU!

- 1. Meals** – Good at cooking or can you afford to purchase some food for hungry college students? Sign up to help provide meals for the college ministry on Thursday nights.
- 2. Hosting** – Do you love hosting groups in your home? Host homes help provide a place for our college mission groups to meet during the year and a meal (Reimbursement plan available). Sign up to host on a weekly basis or an “as needed” basis.
- 3. Prayers** – Are you steadfast with your prayer life and want to see the FCC College Ministry thrive by the Lord’s hand? Then set a reminder on your phone for 9am every morning and join us in praying for this ministry.



If you have lost a spouse,
please come and share how
God blessed you in those
difficult times.

The Lord Is Good

Discussion leader – Arlano Funderbunk

Friday, October 12

7:00 pm

JoAnn Newman's Home

10608 Oxford Avenue

Arlano Funderbunk
arlano@fcclubbock.org
(806) 773-3519

Upcoming Youth Events

Wednesday Night Gatherings

Our youth group meets in the Family Life Center each Wednesday from 6-7:30pm. We start by sharing in a meal and end by having a time of devotion! We meet every Wednesday except for the second Wednesday of month.

Faith in Action October 6th 10 am-12pm

Faith-In Action is a time when our youth ministry intentionally goes out into our community and serves by the holy spirit leading us. This can range anywhere from helping our members at home, to partnering alongside a local organization.

Fall Retreat October 12-14

The Fall Retreat is a weekend where our students and families can get away from the busyness of their schedules and draw closer to the Lord as we go to Ceta Canyon for the weekend. Cost is \$75



Halloween Party October 31st 6:00-8:00pm

Bring your best Halloween costume to join us in the festivities as we celebrate Halloween with our youth and families!



Encounter LE November 17-19

Encounter LE is a camp held by Lubbock Christian University which is focused on drawing our students closer to the Lord through praise, worship, classes, speakers and much more!



Military News And Concerns

**Lt. Brant Brock-
Norfolk**
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

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

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

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

Members: Robbie Bedker, Glenda Cole, Patti Lupton, Gloria Meitzen, Herb and Barbara Miller, Brad Phinney, Bud Reeds, Pat Renfro, Randell Resneder, Shirley Sharp, Karen Slay, Mary Jane Smith, Anne Sweazy, Jackie Williams

Friends: Bear Bock, Sherry Brannan. Marilyn Brinkley, Kelsey Cooper, Cynthia Fisk, Janice Flaters, Kyle Gibbs, Joe Gillispie, Katelyn Harlow, Will Jordan, Kristi Jordan, Ron King, Shannon Layman, Chris Mackey, Brian Milligan, Leroy Montoya Abu Nasser, Jed Schroeder, Nortina Stewart, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carter Wiechmann, Jackie Wilson

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

We lift up Brian and Claire Dulaney in the passing of **Joann Dulaney**. Joann passed from this life on September 21st. Services for Joann were held on September 25th in Haskell, Texas.

We lift up Moncia Etter's daughter in law, Sarah Purkeypile, in the passing of her mother, Sherry Brannan on September 25th.

Please pray for the Bean Elementary Good News Club. Pray for FCC volunteers, the children, and their families.



With Loving Thanks-

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your prayers for my family and me after my dad, Leonard Yoder, passed away. Your expressions of caring and love have meant so much. The many thoughtful cards we've received show what a thoughtful church family you are. We thank God for all of you!

Leonard Yoder Family

FCC Silver Stars
Performed for Brookdale Monterey on
September 20th, 2018





This past month Paul and I had the privilege of attending the Getty Music Sing! 2018 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's conference was solely focused on how the church of Jesus Christ is called to dwell richly in the preaching of and singing of the Psalms. One of the scriptures that has been ringing in my heart since then is Psalm 103:2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his *benefits*." In the life of the church we hear the word *blessing* often. The word by no means is a bad word, but when I hear *blessing*, it immediately makes me to think of myself. What I will receive, what would be good for me and mine, what will make me happier/more comfortable, etc. This scripture was unique to me because David uses the word *benefits* instead of *blessing*. When I hear the word *benefit*, it draws me to focus more clearly on the results of what God has done through His work. A result of His Son being sacrificed on the cross, I benefit by my sins being washed from me and I am now clean in His sight. As a result of God giving me the gift of faith, I now benefit by being adopted into His family as a child of God. The benefits are not the goal of His actions, but they are results and kindnesses for those who love Him. Because of these benefits and kindnesses, we sing. Because the Lord has not abandoned us to sin and death, we sing. Because He has remembered His covenant and draws near to His people, we sing. Because Christ is risen from the dead and will return soon to claim His Bride, **WE SING!** I encourage you all to not forget the benefits of the Lord this month and to allow them to make your heart sing to Him. - *Brittney*



HEY!
Christian Women's
Fellowship is BACK!
Tuesday, October 9th
6:30 pm
Cattle Baron

Know Your Foundation

Did you know First Christian Church has a foundation for funding seminary students working toward their Masters of Divinity degree. Also, the Foundation provides fund for our ministers to attend educational conferences and symposia. More interesting facts about the FCC Foundation will be in future publications of *The Light*.

Nick Koontz was recently approved for ordination. The act of ordination is much like communion, baptism, or even a wedding. It is the Church's opportunity to recognize outwardly what the Spirit has done inwardly in the life of a disciple of Jesus the Christ. While the Spirit is transcendent and hard to pin down, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit is in the hearts of God's people and we invite you to celebrate the Spirit's movement in, on, and through us all as we recognize the continued faithful witness of Reverend Nick Koontz to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Join us for our worship service, November 11th at 9:00am, which will include a time for communion, worship through music, and a sermon on the Spirit's movement in ordination as we recognize Nick's calling.



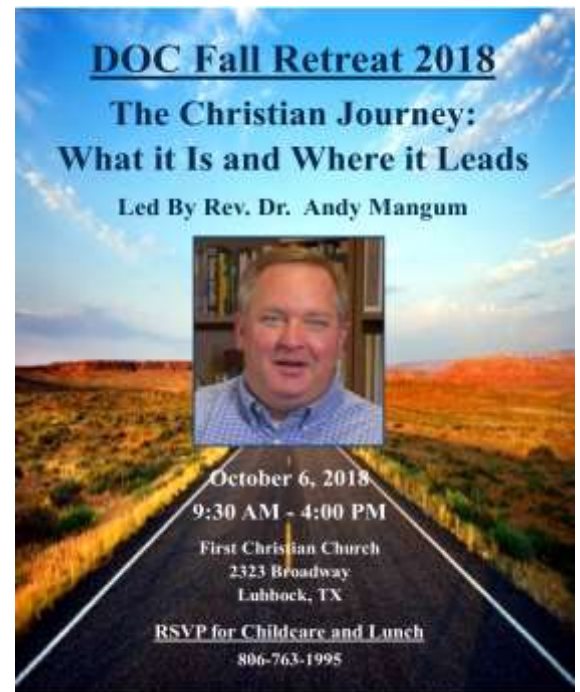


The Christian Journey : What It Is and Where It Leads

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 6th

FALL RETREAT

The retreat will be held at our church and will begin with a fellowship time at 9:30am and conclude around 4:00 pm. Lunch and discussion groups will also be a part of this event. Everyone is welcome and childcare will be provided. Please email Holly Jessen holly@fcclubbock.org if you require childcare. There will be no cost for the retreat but we are praying it will strengthen us as a church family and encourage us to boldly move forward in partnership with our Lord in His plans for us.



Front Desk Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few free hours during the week? Join our wonderful front office volunteer team. We are so thankful for the welcome our volunteers extend to those who visit our church and the support they provide to our office staff! Serve as a substitute or as part of a weekly rotation. There are 3-hour shifts available throughout the week both in the mornings and in the afternoons. Substitutes are needed as well, to fill in on an as-needed basis. Training is provided, and our office is a fun place to hang out! If you are interested, please contact Mary Norman in the church office at 763-1995.

Upcoming OCTOBER Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Andy Mangum**, Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 6, 9:00 am
- ◇ **Bible Babes**, Mondays, 6:00 pm, Church Parlor
- ◇ **College & Career Bible Study & Fellowship**, Every Thursday Evening Beginning 6:00pm
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, October 3, 7:00pm
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting**, Wednesday, October 3, 7:00pm
- ◇ **CWF, Tuesday, October 9, 6:30pm, Cattle Baron– We Are Starting Back!!!**
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Wednesday, October 10, 7:00pm
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, October 16, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, October 17, 9am-12pm

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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

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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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.*

OCTOBER Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Jaroy Moore Tracy Harrel	3 Tim Williams Robert Grimes	4 Jim Sexton Cara Irvin Charlotte Johnson	5 Anne Garnett	6 Jan Sanders
7 Don Lewis Reagan Walker	8 Jack Nelson	9 	10 Tommy Davis Jim Lupton Leslie Hoskins Robyne Garcia Cecily Gibson	11 Norma Brown Cindy Wall Wilson Belew	12 Bear Monroe	13 
14 Marsha Teichelman Derek Jerezano	15 Joy Gorsuch Emeline Norman	16 Becky Taylor Gavin Smith	17 Connor Williams	18 	19	20 Greg Pierce
21 J.C. Chambers Judy Ribble Steve Jerden	22 Gary Greenstreet Emerson Becker	23 Lucy Lanotte Les McGrew	24 Kim Carr	25 Stumpy Greer Bryan Cunningham	26 Mike Cushman Trey McClendon	27 James Jester Jordan Smith
	29	30 Mable Guhl	31 Brentley Williams			