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**Reverend
Paul
Carpenter**

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

7th 9:00 AM-200
11:00 AM- 60

14th 9:00 AM- 186
11:00 AM- 63

Sunday School- 113

21st 9:00 AM- 203
11:00 AM- 80

Sunday School- 107

28th 9:00 AM- 184
11:00 AM- 47

Sunday School-114

CONTRIBUTIONS

7th General- \$18,102.37
Designated- \$574.00

14th General- \$10,242.80
Designated- \$600.00

21st General- \$11,322.10
Designated- \$125.00

28th General- \$11,434.50
Designated- \$5,400.00

Life's Burdens

Some hymns mean much more in different stages in our lives. "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" has been on my heart for much of the Fall. I know many in our church are in a season of weakness. Songs of comfort in the midst of loss are waiting for us when it's our turn to call out to Jesus, "Take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn."

Can you imagine closing your eyes to pray, and breaking through the pain to speak to heaven. As you pour out your heart, suddenly an unseen hand holds yours. Precious Lord, take my hand.

In Romans 8, St. Paul teaches that difficult times and suffering cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Instead, hard times draw us nearer to Him. Our unity with Jesus and God's love for us holds fast even as the billows crash, even through the valley of the shadow of death. Do not be deceived into thinking that suffering is a sign of lack of faith or the negligence of our Father. As you suffer, remember that you are a child of God and that this season is producing a glory that is

incomparable to the temporary pain.

Jesus teaches us to be prepared to carry our cross as we follow Him. Everyone who carries a cross for Christ will soon exchange it for a crown. If you are in a season of hurt or weakness, do not lose heart. Christ is faithful and will hold your hand through this time. He is reliable toward those who call on His name. Not too far down the road, your mourning becomes joy and dancing.

"Bear your cross as you wait for the crown. Tell the world of the treasure you've found."

In Christ,
Paul



Notice of Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 18th** during both services for the purpose of approving the 2019 budget. Please plan to attend.

Sharing the Light



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Light and Life through Water in Kenya

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:38

In the region of Turkana in northwest Kenya, it hasn't rained in eight years (and we think we've been in a drought!). As presented by Jim Evans in the October 7 worship service, we at FCC are partnering with Christian Relief Fund (CRF) in Amarillo, taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity for matching funds. The Outreach Committee enthusiastically voted to utilize \$5,000 from this year's budget which will be matched by a CRF donor so that we can drill a water well in this area. We will receive the GPS coordinates and updates on our well as it progresses, and best of all, in every place a well is drilled, a church is planted to bring streams of Living Water and the gospel message of Jesus Christ! God has blessed us to be a blessing to others, and we thank Him.



Keenagers

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 whom 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.



Our Windows Revealed– December Event

When you approach our church building, you are invited in by lovely stained-glass windows. Throughout the church you are comforted by their beauty and charmed by their stories. On Friday, December 7th at 10:30 am, the Keenagers will take a longer look at all of our windows and their stories. Additionally, we will take a brief walk down memory lane and find out about the men and women on whose

shoulders we stand and their vision to serve the Lord at First Christian Church. Jill Nelson will present. RSVP by Wednesday, December 5th. Lunch will be \$10.00

Share the Light



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SAVE the DATES

NOVEMBER

14 th	Kid's Night Out 6:00 pm
November 4 th through December 9 th	Christmas Program Rehearsal— 10:15am Davis Hall
18 th	Harvest Sunday

Books for Bean

For the third year since FCC's adoption of Bean Elementary School, we will again be raising funds so that each child will receive a book for Christmas, as pre-selected by his/her teacher. As in the past, we pre-order and pay for the books and then invite you, the congregation, to contribute so that the expenditure is reimbursed to the Outreach budget. We will be giving over 500 books this year, with the average cost at \$5.00 per book, so we encourage you to purchase as many books as possible. Funds will be collected each Sunday in November in the Great Hall. You may write checks to FCC, with "Books" on the memo line or you may place cash in an envelope, clearly designating your gift to "Books." Bring your donations to the Great Hall, the office or place them in the offering plate.

Wrapping Party!

Once the books have arrived, you won't want to miss the opportunity to join in on Sunday, December 2nd from 3 – 5 p.m. in Kuykendall Hall for a wrapping party, with light refreshments to follow. All materials for wrapping these Christmas books will be available and it's just plain fun!

DECEMBER

2 nd	Book Wrapping Party
9 th	Family Service Day 4:00 pm
14 th	FCC & CDC Christmas Program 7:00 pm

Light through The Good News Club at Bean Elementary

The Good News Club had its first meeting on September 27th and is off and running with approximately 25 children in attendance. Meeting weekly from 3:30 – 5 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, we are currently in the midst of a 6-week study of David entitled *"God, The One Who Knows My Heart."* With 14 volunteer members on the Good News Team, each meeting includes a Bible lesson, a memory verse, Wonder Time, a Mission story, games, snacks, and best of all, songs with totally energy burning actions! Children also have the opportunity to put their prayer requests in the "God Can" [answer prayers] and earn stickers for a trip to the Good News Club Treasure Chest.

Our Child Evangelism Fellowship partners helped us get started by taking some of the leading roles in the first two gatherings, and they also gave us a beautiful 4-point check-list for each club meeting: 1) Did the children have fun? 2) Did we share Jesus? 3) Did we share the truth of God's Word? and 4) Did we show love to the kids? Amidst the many non-controllable moments of bringing this ministry to fruition, we are praising God and thanking Him for His provision, knowing that, at the end of each meeting, we can say "YES!" to all of these. To God be the glory!

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The Light informs members of congregational news/activities

Managing Editor-
Mary Norman

Light it Up



Thanksgiving as a lifestyle

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

Seasons are important. And it is wise to be aware of what season surrounds you. When we look towards this November, most people, believer and unbeliever alike, agree that this is a good season for us to be thankful. Thankfulness is the prayer language that presents our requests before an almighty God! Thanksgiving is an active form of daily worship and a prime witness to the world. Thankfulness (to the Christian) is the standard we stand on because we know that everything we need in this life has already been given. Thus, even if every Earthly blessing this side of heaven were taken away, the Christian still has complete thankfulness overflowing from within because we know that Christ is our sufficiency and he will never be revoked from those with faith. Likewise, we can never be found outside the grips of salvation. So let us express this worshipful prayer language gladly during this season. And...may it be less about the sacrificed turkey on our dinner tables and more about the sacrificed lamb offered at the Lord's table. Thanks be to God!



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COLLEGE MINISTRY

NOV - DEC CALENDAR 2018

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
November					1	2	3								
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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29	30			23	24	25	26	27	28	29
								December	30	31					

Mondays Coffee and the Word
J&B's Coffee Shop @ 5pm
Dialogue and study of scripture

22 NO THURSDAY WORSHIP
Happy Thanksgiving!

3 & 10 Coffee and the Word
J&B's Coffee Shop @ 5pm
Dialogue and study of scripture

13 & 20 College Hangout
6:30pm-8:00pm
The Hall's Home (2823 53rd st.)

24 Christmas Eve Services
4:00pm & 6:00pm

Other Weekly Touchpoints:
Sunday Bible Study
Every Sunday; 10:00am
2323 Broadway, College Room
Mission Groups
Tuesdays and Wednesdays;
Contact Scott to get connected

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
Matthew 24:14*

TEXT "FCCLUBBOCK" to 84576 to receive important updates on your phone!

www.fcclubbock.org/college-ministry/

Questions? scott@fcclubbock.org



Christmas Program Practice:

November 4th through

December 9th

10:15am

Davis Hall

K-5th grade





Kid's Night Out

November 14th 6:00 pm

Scott and Kaitlyn Hall's House
2823 53rd Street

*All children 5th grade and under are welcome
*Toddler care will be provided



Noah's Nook

Our Deacons voted at the last meeting to donate \$500 to Noah's Nook! We have lots of beautiful new books, but we also have lots of very old books!! So this donation will be a fabulous benefit to OUR library, for OUR children. Thank you Deacons!

Marsha Stevens donated 10 absolutely terrific children's books to the library. Thank you Marsha



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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, Herb and Barbara Miller, Gary Moore, Bud Reeds, Pat Renfro, Randell Resneder, Shirley Sharp, Karen Slay, Joy Turner, Jackie Williams

Friends: Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Glen Fonner, Joe Gillispie, Milligan, Leroy Montoya, Abu Nasser, Jed Schroeder, Nortina Stewart, Darnell Vandivort, Michelle Vega, Pauline Webb, Carol White, Carter Wiechmann

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

We lift up Carla and the Holt family in the passing of **J.W. Holt**. J.W. who passed from this life on October 18th. Services for J.W. were held on October 22nd in the First Christian Church Sanctuary.

We lift up Jane Stuart in the passing of her cousin, **Robert Lee Goodlow** who passed from this life on October 29th.

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



Plan Ahead to Attend our December Services

December Worship and Sunday School Times:

(December 2nd, 10th, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. All-Church Worship in the Sanctuary



A Weekend Away: In The Word

Save The Date February 8 – 10, 2019

I have heard our pastor say something like, “you become what you behold”. The apostle Paul said in 2nd Corinthians 3:18 (Funderburk version) “We look into the face of Jesus and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are transformed into His image so we in fact look more and more like Him.” Our spring retreat, Feb.8 – 10, in Santa Fe is an opportunity to look into the face of Jesus, to experience the Living Word in the written word. I do believe it has good potential to help us move forward in our journey into Christ likeness!



The retreat will include: times of group worship, bible study, rest, fellowship as well as time on your own to explore Santa Fe. There will be small group reflection times and opportunities for personal reflection and worship as well.

Dr. Bob Utley, an outstanding bible teacher/communicator will be our primary leader. We are praying the retreat will be used by God to nurture and encourage us as individuals and as a church, to love each other and especially our community and world in the active self-sacrificial way our heavenly Father does. Everyone is welcome, but it will be a retreat for adults (college age and up). We are chartering a bus that will facilitate lots of fun fellowship and safety. Of course you are more than welcome to provide your own transportation.

In the Life of the Church...by Deborah Bigness

Kitchens all over Lubbock were unusually busy in November 1965. When members of the congregation expressed “their Christian concern for men in the service who will be unable to be home for Christmas,” Dr. Dudley Strain challenged each family to contribute four pounds of fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, or other hard candy for a shipment to Viet Nam. By the next morning, Church Administrator Johnnie Davis told the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, “There’s no question in my mind we will have more than a ton of candy.”



By the deadline only four days later, 543 cans of candy were being packed in cartons and labeled with Christmas wishes. The 3,000 church and community cooks and helpers signed a scroll that accompanied the shipment as it traveled from Reese Air Force Base to San Francisco and then by military air cargo plane to Viet Nam. Film footage of the candy being unloaded was included in Ken Burns’ recent documentary, *The Viet Nam War*.

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“See To It That You Are Not Alarmed” ... Marilyn Wragg

Things sometimes look bad. Often, they look really bad. Trouble abounds in our world, country, and families. Daily, we hear news of natural disasters and human conflicts. Should Christians be surprised? Should we be alarmed?

No! Many times, Jesus told his followers to expect trials in this life. “Such things must happen.” “In this world you will have trouble.” “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars.” “As they persecuted me, so they will persecute you.”

What, then, did Jesus say to do? “*See to it that you are not alarmed.*”

“See to it” is a command to act. “See to it” puts responsibility squarely on us.

How, then, can we see to it that we are not alarmed? Below are a few suggestions. As you pray, ask God to reveal through His Holy Spirit how you specifically can “*See to it that you are not alarmed.*”

- Daily renew your trust in God. Spend time in God’s Word, and remember God’s promises.
- Daily renew your faith. Reflect on God’s attributes. Remember His past help.
- Thank God for blessings every day, and ask for eyes better to recognize them.
- Daily preach the Gospel to yourself.
- Daily ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and enable you to be a light to others.
- Pray, pray, pray. “Do not be anxious about anything...” ***See to it!!***

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but *see to it that you are not alarmed.* Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.” *Matthew 24:6*

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” *John 16:33*

“Remember what I told you: A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.” *John 15:20*

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts, offer up your prayers and requests to God. *Philippians 4:6 (CEV)*

Know Your Foundation

The board membership for the First Christian Church Foundation is made up of eight (8) elders, the Chairman of the General Board, the Chairman of the Elders and the Senior Pastor of the congregation. The elders are elected by the General Board for a period of three years and can service an additional three years. After those six years, they must move off the board for at least one full year. The two chairmen (General Board and Board of Elders) serve for the time they hold the office. The Senior Pastor is a permanent member.

Currently the Elders serving are Dave Bender, Cal Brints, Morris Knox, Nathan Swindle, Ronnie Taylor, Lynn Thames, Mike and Marilyn Wragg. Linda Greenstreet is the Elder Chair and Mike Cunningham is the General Board Chair.

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For First Christian Church, the month of November is a special time of reflection, remembrance, and thanksgiving. This year we look back and give thanks for the blessings that the Lord has lavished on our church and specifically for the saints He has brought home to their heavenly reward.

All-Saints Service will be held on Sunday, November 4th during Traditional Service at 9:00am and a special remembrance will be given during Simply Worship at 11:00am.

We thank God for these brothers and sisters who have been reunited with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in paradise. Soli Deo Gloria.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15



James David Bales



Albert Raymond Crossland



Joan Dulaney



Howell N. Forman, Jr.



J.W. Holt



Carolyn Gunter



Margaret Barrier
Ingraham



Joyce Manning



David L. Mayfield



Deborah Jane
Norris McDaniel



J. David Nelson



Jerry McKinney



Jean L. Payne



Barbara "Bobbie"
Rains



Herbie Roberts
Vannoy



Randall Vaughn



Leonard J. Yoder

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of FCC

Please Join Christian Women's Fellowship in Kuykendall Hall on Sunday, November 4th from 9:30-11:15 am as we honor the memory of members of our church family who have passed away in the last year. Stop by for light refreshments and please consider making a donation to the CWF Memorial Fund to honor friends and loved ones.

CWF Annual Bake Sale

Having company for Thanksgiving? Need help with the cooking?

The Annual CWF Bake Sale will be Sunday, November 18th from 8:30 am - 11:30 pm in Kuykendall Hall, next to the coffee shop. This is a church wide participation project, so please be thinking about what you might like to contribute. All proceeds from this event go to fund CWF outreach projects.

Items needed for the bake sale include: candy, cakes, cookies, pies, sweet breads, breakfast or dinner casseroles, soups, homemade bread, home grown and/or home canned vegetables as well as other delicious items! Please make sure casseroles are assembled in a disposable aluminum pan that is sealed with foil and then frozen. We also ask that you please attach baking instructions to the pan.

Please bring your baked goods, please bring them to the church before 8:30 a.m. on November 18th. Contact Patsy Moffett at 798-3520 or Patti Lupton at 794-5210 if you have questions or need any additional info.



Shine the Light



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Acolytes

On Sunday, October 21 we installed 4 new acolytes and graduated 7 acolytes.

Installed

Nikolas Becker, III
Walker Belew
Summer Hight
Carson Williams

Graduated

Reagan Hawkins
Connor Williams
Indie Williams
Blair Belew
Olivia Harrel
Kaj Winfield
Dwayne Dickson, Jr



We are delighted that the following 5th graders have chosen to acolyte for another year:

Keenan Kattwinkel
Hannah King
Sawyer Williams
Blake Matzner

Upcoming NOVEMBER Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Church Offices CLOSED - November 22 & 23**
- ◇ **Bible Babes**, Mondays, 7:00 pm, Church Parlor
- ◇ **College & Career Bible Study & Fellowship**, Every Thursday Evening Beginning 6:00pm
- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm
- ◇ **Prayer at Bean Elementary**, Monday, November 5, 9:00 am
- ◇ **All Saints Day**, Sunday, November 4th
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, November, 7, 7:00pm
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Veteran's Day**, Monday, November 12th (observed)
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Tuesday, November 12, 11:45 am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Kid's Night Out**, Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 pm
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, November 14th, 9am-12pm
- ◇ **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, November 18th, during both services
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, November 20, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 22

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The God of All Creation

What was that saying again? What would Jesus do...?

I find myself coming back to this statement of a question because of its sheer power. It's an encouraging, joy-driven, love bearing question that seeks to get it right just as the Savior of the cosmos did and still does. The question I've presented is a question that has driven much of my take on evangelism, missions, and service in my walk with Christ. Too often do we get struck with a paralyzing confusion as to how to interact with creation and what God asks of us through that interaction. These points of confusion can look anything like choosing to pick up a piece of trash outside or walk by it, choosing to pick up the abandoned dog on the street corner or leaving it there, or deciding whether or not to go to your gay friend's wedding. At first, these statements bring about self-reflection and maybe anxiousness (depending on who you are) but I believe that the question first presented in this article shines a light of clarity into these seemingly messy decisions. The Christ that we see in the Gospel, The Jesus that we see in the Scriptures, and the Messiah we see through the Spirit all have compassion. Jesus continually reveals the *Imago Dei*, that is the image of God, which is inherently built in to all creation and by that inherent-ness Jesus continually is in solidarity with people, continually reconcile things back in to God, continually is showing compassion for all of creation. We see all this by being led by our conviction to walk as Christ walked. I hope we see Christ as this masterpiece and the Holy Spirit as the sculptor and ourselves as this clay being molded and shaped to look like the masterpiece every day. May this constant shaping lead us to see creation as Christ see creation and encourage us to walk as Christ walked.

Derek Jerezano

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 3rd Faith in Action

The Youth Ministry meets in the Family Life Center the first Saturday of every month from 10-12pm to serve the community of Lubbock.



Encounter LE, Friday, November 16th –17th

Lubbock Christian University holds a weekend version of their summer camp Encounter.

This is a weekend of interactive classes, times of worship, and sessions geared towards Christ.

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Worship Times**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.*

NOVEMBER Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Cameron Graham Nikki McKelvy	2 Patsy Moffett	3
4 Cooper King	5	6 Mike Holmes Mildred Moore Ron Spears Jerry Duty	7 Allen Young	8 Zama Norris Lizzy Gore	9 Bobby Milligan	10 
11 Dawn Bender	12 	13 Troy McNeil	14	15 Carlene Morton Lois Swindle Landon Walker	16 Charles Cypert	17 Rena Mashburn Janice Knox
18 Shirley Sharp Jake Trevey	19 Charlotte Davis Vickie Ball Joni Davis	20 Seamus Webb	21 Brenda Hendricks Austin Phillips	22 Steve Moffett	23 	24 Sylvia Etter Rose Chase Paula Gibson David Follis
25 Erika Shuman	26	27 Jo Wester Sharon Ann McIntire	28 Shari Herschberger Larry Morgan	29 Linda Blome	30 Nick Koontz	