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"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"

John 1:29

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Reverend Paul Carpenter
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MARCH Attendance

3 rd	8:30 AM- 39 10:40 AM- 180 Sunday School- 97
10 th	8:30 AM- 52 10:40 AM- 221 Sunday School- 138
17 th	8:30 AM- 69 10:40 AM- 188 Sunday School- 122
24 th	8:30 AM- 64 10:40 AM- 234 Sunday School- 117

WEDNESDAY Worship Attendance

6 th	156
13 th	22
20 th	56
27 th	53

Befriend the poor and honor those who suffer. There are many theories and opinions on what needs to be done in our city, state, and nation regarding social programs. The Bible is clear on one point – Christians are compelled to be friends with the poor, to accompany the down-trodden, and to help carry the burdens of the least of these. We don't treat people as statistics and numbers, or as problems to solve. We receive them as individuals with immeasurable worth, and many of whom will be of our family of faith. In fact, the poor who come to Christ will be great in the Kingdom of God. The last shall be first. Here are six ways your church family regularly invests in our local community and befriends people who are experiencing poverty. Consider how you're called to befriend the poor this year.

Family Promise – FCC shelters families with children and infants for up to 90 days on our property. During the day they receive assistance and coaching geared toward leaving this season of homelessness. We partner with 26 other churches to take a week to (a) provide dinner, (b) meet and pray with our guests, and (c) to chaperone by sleeping in our secure host bedroom.

Saint Benedicts – Six days a week at 5:00 PM this ministry serves a meal to the hungry. FCC currently has 5 teams to assist with this enormous undertaking. Countless churches are also involved. Volunteers help prepare food at home, and then help serve and befriend the hungry.

Bean Elementary – FCC has a three-year-long relationship with this school in a low-income area. We volunteer to (a) read and tutor math with kids, (b) be lunch buddies (c) support teachers, (d) pray with staff and faculty, and (e) host various projects, including giving every kid a recommended book for Christmas.

Good News Club – This after school program at Bean Elementary engages a smaller group of students with the scriptures and the Gospel. It's a well-organized VBS-style ministry. Many

of the attending kids do not have a church home and were not being taught the basics of the faith. Our volunteers teach, sing, listen and pray with the kids, providing them a positive, loving environment each Thursday afternoon.

Food Vouchers – The South Plains Food Bank gives food when citizens present their voucher. This is necessary to keep things organized. FCC is the site to receive food vouchers every third Wednesday. We also give special meals each Christmas. Our volunteers (a) greet and welcome our guests with coffee and snacks, (b) document each request and provide a voucher, and (c) listen to and love our friends.

Game Day Parking – Each home Tech football game brings \$2,000 - \$2,500 as we sell parking in our West Lot. The funds go to support some of our local ministry partners. This ministry (a) discerns which ministries to support, (b) recruits volunteers to work the lot (it fills up pretty quickly, especially for big games), and (c) to be hospitable to our game day guests.

This is not an exhaustive list of all the missions and outreach of FCC. We dig water wells, provide CASA advocates, we volunteer at the Dream Center, Tent City, and Boys Ranch. Many of your personal vocations are in local advocacy. We take up additional offerings for Juliette Fowler Communities, Week of Compassion, and Good Samaritan Ministries. We send missionaries regionally and globally. FCC has always had a large footprint in these ways. I challenge you to consider how you can befriend our brothers and sisters in the poor. I challenge us all to thinking locally. You can email the church or call. We have a Ministry Fair on Sunday, April 28th, 2019 with information and signups. Come and see!



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Pray God's Attributes ... Marilyn Wragg

The intent of our 2019 Lenten booklet, "The Great I AM," is that we come closer to knowing our infinite God by reflecting on His many traits, and that we respond with great praise. The experience also provides a wonderful opportunity to incorporate God's attributes more broadly into our ongoing prayer lives.

To start with, pick one of God's attributes, and ask God to help you more fully grasp its significance. For example, God being Sovereign means that He reigns over everything on earth and in heaven. Thus, God has authority over everything, and nothing is beyond His control, ever.

When you pray, call upon specific traits that correspond to your needs. If you are feeling powerless in the face of difficulties, you might pray, "God, I know You are Sovereign. My world seems out of control, but I know You are still totally in control. Your Kingdom, of which I am a part, is secure. Please help me trust and rest in Your Sovereignty."

Know and claim scriptures that proclaim the various attributes of God. A good one for Sovereign is Jeremiah 32:17: "Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You."

Make it a point this Lenten season to draw closer to God by knowing and praying His attributes. That will lay a good foundation for a lifelong practice.

Include God's attributes in simple prayers with children to help them learn more about God in natural context. Below are two examples. You can create better ones!

Meal Blessing: *Dear God, You created all things. You created us, and You are faithful to help us. Thank you for providing our daily food, which reminds us of Your forever goodness. (Creator, Faithful, Sustainer, Provider, Eternal, Good)*

Bedtime Prayer: *Our Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us today. Thank You for being patient when we were impatient and forgiving us when we did wrong. Please watch over our family as we sleep, and be with all those who need You tonight. (Transcendent, Loving, Patient, Merciful, Protector, Omnipresent)*

In the Life of the Church

Lilies have been an important part of art and mythology in cultures world-wide for centuries. In Christian iconography, the white lily is most associated with the purity of the Virgin Mary and is the symbol The Resurrection. Easter lilies became rare after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 as most lily bulbs were imported from Japan. But, after the war, church members were invited to bring in lilies or have them sent from florists to decorate the church. This tradition was the basis of our special lily offering today. Now, as then, members are invited to share lilies with others after the close of Easter services.

Photo caption:Easter morning, 2016.



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Dear Members of First Christian Church,

Thank you for sharing your gifts and blessings at Fowler last year. Your gifts during your Christmas Eve service made Juliette Fowler Communities a place where love grows. Here is just a snippet of what you accomplished in 2018:

- 113 children found safety through foster care and 274 residents were adopted in 44 licensed foster/adoptive centers
- 21 young women at The Ebby House received 3,240 nights of safe housing
- 176 older adults received 79,059 nutritious meals at Pearl Nordan Care Center
- 376 hours of music and art therapies gave joy and connection to those living with dementia. Fowler will soon be a nationally certified Center for Dementia Care Excellence
- 274 residents lived safely at Fowler Christian apartments, our affordable housing for seniors and adults with disabilities
- 67 residents thrived at Jackson Living Center through our wellness initiatives and concierge services
- 9,151 hours of physical, speech and occupational rehabilitation strengthened seniors
- 260 Bible studies, 156 devotionals and 102 worship opportunities created spiritual enrichment
- 92% of Fowler team members stated, "My work at Fowler is more than just a job." Fowler achieved Great Place to Work designation and was ranked #28 nationally in the Senior Living Industry by Forbes Magazine

Thank you for your support of our mission to provide the dignity of choice, the warmth of community, and the benefit of connections.

With great appreciation,

Ann McKinley

Chief Advancement Officer

NOAH'S NOOK

The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class goes to Noah's Nook each 3rd Sunday. In March they were engaged in activities related to the word of the month, Individuality.



The Winfield family donated over 50 books and puzzles to Noah's Nook when they moved to Argyle. Thank you! But we sure miss Kaj and Case and their parents at FCC!



Learn about various
FCC Ministries

Join us for our Ministry Fair and
learn how you get plugged in to the
exciting ministries of
First Christian Church!

To sign up for a booth, please register in the FCC Office

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It Will Work Out

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Typically, I have always turned to scripture in order to find encouragement for myself and others during difficult seasons. My favorite go-to was 2 Corinthians 4. The whole chapter depicts how no matter what is thrown our way, we are never defeated, because our victory has already been won by our conquering King, Jesus! Such rich energy can be reaped from this passage. However, as of late, I have been drawn towards another famous passage: Romans 8:28. This passage, though short, has proved to help others and myself when walking through moments of weakness. Here is why. To me, it points out a potent truth and reality that God's plans has been skillfully and crafted in order to produce pure and perfect goodness out of every situation we face. This is easily understood during seasons of joy and comfort...season where we feel strong. But during weak moments, this passage can help us keep our eyes on the prize...namely, that the nearness of God is our only good. And that nearness of Him is promised, consistent, and irrevocable. Thus, we have fixed our eye on the Lord in moments of weakness with complete assurance that, yes, even this moment is being allowed to take place in order to produce a greater glory for the Lord and a maturing of us. These weak moments lead us to a deeper intimacy with the Lord and a deeper endurance to run the race we have been called to run. May we never shy away or blame God in seasons of struggle, but draw in closer, leaning on the understanding that truly, it will all work out in our favor.



Scott Hall
University Minister
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Drive-In Movie
Bring your college ID & \$5

18

The Lamb
Last Supper Drama Presentation
6pm

19

Good Friday
6pm

21

Easter Sunday

Weekly:
- Wednesday Night Worship
Every Wednesday; 6:00pm
- Sunday Bible Study
Every Sunday; 9:30am

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Keenagers

Buddy Holly and Science Spectrum Anniversary Tour– April Event

We will leave the church at 9:30 AM for the Buddy Holly Center. This year is the 60th. Anniversary of Buddy's death. There is extra memorabilia at the present time. Admission is \$2.00.

Lunch will be served at the Cast Iron Grill for \$13.00 plus tip.

Our last stop will be at the Science Spectrum. This year is the 30th Anniversary with new exhibits continuously. We will see a live butterfly display. Admission is \$5.00.

Sign the sheet in the hallway or call the church office by April 3.



Keenagers May Event – Amarillo

Our last event of the year will be on Friday, May 3, 2019. We will leave the church at 8:00 AM for a trip to Amarillo.

Our first stop will be at the Texas Air and Space Museum. There we will see many types of aircraft as well as some of the items that have been used in space. Cost is donations only.



Our next stop will be lunch at the English Field House which is by the airport. There we see airplanes arriving and taking off. Pilots eat there regularly so I'm told. Cost will be \$12.00.

For the horse lovers, we will visit the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum. This has many statues and much history about horses. Admission \$6.00. Less for groups over 10.

Hope you can go with us. Sign the sheet in the hall or call the church office (763-1995) by May 1.

CMF SMOKED AND COOKED HAMS ARE BACK!

The CMF is happy to announce that we will be doing our Easter ham fundraiser again this year. Each ham will be fully trimmed, smoked, and available for you to pick up on Palm Sunday (April 14th). Each ham will weigh approximately 10-12 pounds and will cost \$40. We will smoke them early Palm Sunday morning so they will be fresh and ready to pick up after the services. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings, until April 7th in the Great Hall. Cash, check, credit/debit cards are welcomed. All proceeds will benefit various CMF church improvement projects.

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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

Members: Sally Barfield, Robbie Bedker, Rebecca Cunningham, Carolyn Davis, Steve DeHay, Mable Guhl, Terry Hood, Carolyn Lawrence, Gloria Meitzen, Dianne Moseley, Pat Renfro, Randell Resneder, Larry Sanders, Jan Sanders, Mary Jane Shannon

Friends: Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Dennis Brown, Angel Cartwright, Tom and Jeanie Chavez, Paula Sue Dunbar, Joe Gillispie, Jessie Gutierrez, Gary Hughes, Chris Lawless, Sue Lott, Chris Mackey, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Larry Neal, Judy Palacios, Jolee Sheppard, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Mable Guhl, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Tom Chavez

Welcome New Members

Chris and Melissa Coke
Panashe Siachitea
Susan and Albert Sechrist

John and Cheryl Reeves
Kevin and Lisa Polumbus

Upcoming APRIL Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting**, Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm, 107
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, April 8th, Conference Room
- ◇ **Executive Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, April 9th, 107
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Wednesday, April 10th, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Palm Sunday**, Sunday, April 14th
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, April 16th, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, April 17th, 9 am-12pm
- ◇ **Maundy Thursday**, Thursday, April 18th, 6:00 pm, (Story of The Lamb)
- ◇ **24 Hour Prayer Vigil**, Friday, April 19th-Saturday April 20th, 12:00pm-12pm, Sanctuary
- ◇ **Easter**, Sunday April 21st
- ◇ **FCC OFFICE CLOSED, Monday, April 22nd**

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FCC YOUTH Ministry

FCC Youth Ministry Summer Calendar 2019

May	June	July
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

5 Cinco de Mayo
Come celebrate the Battle of Puebla in the paintball fields. Be at the Church at 1:30pm.

26 Summer Kick-Off
Celebrate Summer from 4-6pm. All Youth Families welcome.

9-15 Encounter!
LCU Summer Camp for High School. \$295 before June 11. Register online.

23-28 Camp Champion
LCU Summer Camp for 6th-8th. \$295 before June 18. Register online.

12-15 Poverty Sim.
Poverty Simulation in Waco, TX. \$100. 8th and above.

27 6th Grade Move-Up
Incoming 6th grader party. Details closer to event.

Weekly:
Sunday Youth
Every Sunday in the Youth Room 10:00am-10:45am
Home Church
Every Wednesday; 6-7:30pm; Every 2nd Wed. of the Month is Family Night

"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

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Managing Editor-
Mary Norman

Light notes

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Adopt A Homebound or Shut-In Member

The Homebound Committee has been created to serve members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend church or participate in church activities. We send holiday cards, make visits or phone calls when appropriate, and remember birthdays by visiting and taking them a small gift (a small bouquet or plant, lotion, reading material, etc.). The purpose of the committee is to help those unable to attend services feel that they are still a part of our congregation and that they are loved by our members.

If you wish to be a part of this ministry, you will be assigned a name and information concerning the person selected or assigned. If you have a special person that you would like to adopt, please indicate their name when you sign up.

Blessings and thanks for your interest and participation in this ministry. Call Shirley Sharp at 798-2872



OUTREACH UPDATE

Church Family—

We never stop praying and giving thanks and praise to God for the faithfulness of the church to two of the on-going outreach ministries, those being Bean Elementary and the Good News Club. So many participants come together to show appreciation to the teachers at Bean (and to FCC Child Development Center), to read and tutor math with the children, to meet each week as lunch buddies to specific children, to provide monthly lunches for the staff of the CDC, and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children each week through the Good News Club.

Bean Elementary:

We continue to pray with the teachers on the first day of each six weeks, as we did on January 7th and February 18th. **Our final six-week prayer time will be on Monday, April 8th at 7:25 a.m. in the Bean Café.**



Valentine's Day and Toothbrushes! Instead of adding to the sugary overload experienced by the children on Valentine's Day, FCC provided a bag of tooth hygiene products, including a new toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss picks to every child. Many volunteers happily gathered the week prior to package the gifts, and one class made a poster afterwards to thank us!

Good News Club:

As we completed the series, ***JESUS: God Who Came to Earth***, on January 24th, we held a birthday celebration for Jesus and for all of the children in the club. Balloons, cake, games, songs, and a special appearance of the "Juggler for Jesus," Steve Winger, made this a wonderful occasion for everyone.

We've now finished the next series, ***God Rules: Be Strong*** (a study of Daniel) and will begin the last 6-week series on March 28th, with ***God: The One to Follow***, a study of Peter. The last day of the club for this school year will be May 9th.



We hope to see many faces at the Ministry Fair on April 28th so that we can visit with you about an opportunity to volunteer in one of these ministries. We've each been blessed to be a blessing, and the children and teachers need us to bless and encourage them

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SAVE THE DATES

APRIL

8 th	Prayer at Bean Elementary—7:25 am
14 th	Palm Sunday
18 th	The Lamb: Part 1 6:00 & 6:30 pm
19 th	Good Friday The Lamb: Part 2 6:00 pm
21 st	Easter Sunday Services



3rd
General— \$20,842
Designated- \$865.00

10th
General— \$16,243.07
Designated- \$40,244

17th
General— \$26,832.88
Designated— \$150.00

24th
General— \$25,262.10
Designated- \$790.00

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

This year, it has been one of my privileges to be involved in the Good News Club program at Bean Elementary School every Thursday from 3-5pm with many of our church members. This program is designed to share the Gospel of Christ with children which has resulted in conversions and love for Jesus in their hearts. It's a special time each week where through the teachings and lessons shared with the children, I find myself growing deeper in faith myself and falling more in love with Christ. This past series I had the opportunity to teach the lesson about Daniel and King Belshazzar and how sin is serious to God and the importance of confession. Our memory verse for this lesson was 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness."* What a perfect way to begin the season of Lent! As we walked through the lesson, I taught that the word "confess" means to tell on ourselves to God and ask to be forgiven and shown the right way, God's way, to live life. As I spoke, I was convicted that I don't "tell on myself" enough to the Lord. I often skip that part in my prayer life because its uncomfortable to look your sin in the face and confront what you have done that grieves God. I was reminded that the Lord is our Father and that He disciplines His children because of His great love for them (Hebrews 12:6). I was so blessed to be reminded of this truth that when I confess and repent, He is always faithful and just to forgive me as His daughter. We ended the lesson that day with a silent prayer, confessing our sins and asking God to forgive us in Jesus' name. May we as the children of God continue to be made into the likeness of Jesus through the gift of confession and repentance for His glory and honor.



Children of the Light

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Children's Ministry Summer 2019 Calendar

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02 Info Day 9:30am
3-6 VBS 9am-12pm
06 VBS Performance
 7pm Sanctuary
7-9 Grand Beginnings
23-27 JYF Camp

July						
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07 Info Day 9:30am
12 Dion's Pizza Tour
18-20 Dream Center Camp

August						
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04 Info Day 9:30am
11 Promotion Sunday
18 Blessing of the Backpacks in church
24 Church wide Fall kickoff Party (more info to come)

Join us to kick off Summer with a pool party! There will be dinner so please RSVP to Holly at holly@fcclu bbock.org! There will also be a lifeguard on duty!



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Sundays:

Chapel Worship:
8:30 a.m.
Chapel

Traditional Service:
10:40a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:
9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Night
Church**
Dinner— 5:00pm
Worship— 6:00pm

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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806-763-1995
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**Family Life
Community Center**
747-5962
Office Hours: 3-6 p.m.

APRIL Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Phyllis Under-wood	2 Olivia Ortiz	3 Glenn Lloyd Miguel Santillan	4 Juda McKinney Jill Nelson Cohen Thero	5 Nelda Jett Jackie Williams	6 Oscar Power Becky Yates Tommy Sue Blair
7 Kay Kirkpatrick Robin Jerden	8 Sherri Bowers Allison Robinson	9	10	11 Gary Duty	12 Meg Kattwinkle	13 Violet Young
14 Joe Don Ford Catherine Swindle	15 Carol Cunningham Mike Cunningham Pam McKelvy John Fowler	16 Sue Power	17 Riley Sanders	18 Cheryl Kennedy Bracky Upchurch Mary Smith Lincoln Ortiz	19 Irma Davis	20 Dee Dee Odorizzi Quentin Hight
21 Alta Reeds Brad Croom Steve Odorizzi Steven McGaw	22 Marcy Lawless Doug Hutton Cami Dodge	23 Kaj Winfield	24 Megan Agnew	25 Ginger Brown Rachael Delarosa	26 Wynne Hutcherson Joe Plowman	27 Nancy Stamps
28 Glenys Young Mike Letalien	29	30				