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message of Light



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In 1893 Katharine Lee Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, traveled by train to teach a session at Colorado Springs. Along the way she visited the art and architecture of the World's Fair in Chicago, she beheld the sweeping wheat fields of Kansas, and she stood at Pike's Peak overwhelmed by the view of the Great Plains. In a moment of awe and thankfulness words came to her that would later be put to music by a Christian organist. Twice the lyrics would be altered. The original words began with,

"O beautiful for halcyon skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
Till souls wax fair as earth and air
And music-hearted sea!"

Throughout our nation's history great artists have led us in singing, praying, and remembering that all we have is a gift from the Lord. Every good thing in life is designed for us to trace our eyes up to heaven. We are a prosperous nation and God should receive the ultimate credit for our position. Walking the balance between being godly and being a good patriot is lost on many in our nation today. In my opinion, being a good patriot and submitting to God's Word are as aligned as me being a good family man while submitting to Jesus. Family and country are gifts and they are best cared-for when we revere and listen to God. As long as we keep life in an eternal perspective (that all these things will pass away, but the Word of the Lord is forever), then we receive what will be from the Lord, we stay humble, and we live responsibly as God's ordained stewards and care-takers of His world.

Clearly the USA is the envy of many other nations in terms economics, natural resources, and our constitution - this unique experiment based on individual freedom and responsibility. There are three responses to our situation that I do NOT see as biblical. Some believe our position and prosperity should make us feel guilty. Most

of us are aware of our checkered history and how many mistakes and sins we've committed. I hate to point fingers, but I'd argue this is the story of every nation. In our highs and lows, we've consistently been growing, been envied, and are still a place people move to and not from. When God grants unmerited favor, He does not do it to make us feel guilty.

Some may take our nation's position and twist patriotism into arrogance. As mentioned above, for all the good moves we've made, we've also made errors. Someone other than ourselves deserves rightful credit for the safety, possessions, and freedoms we enjoy. God has allowed these things. When God grants a season of blessing, He does it to humble us with grace. May arrogance be far from our hearts.

Finally, our country runs the risk of becoming weak, lazy, and entitled. We assume too much when it comes our right to a good future. If we aren't careful our blessings will become a curse, bringing out the worst in our sinful nature - numbed toward responsibility, neglectful in turning to God in praise, petition, and wisdom.

Even with the risk of guilt, arrogance, and weakness, our country has been blessed also by heralds of Christ who call us heavenward. Songs, poems, and the visual arts of Christians living in this land still speak - "God has blessed us; let us live in righteousness then!" This day of our Independence, consider our position and listen to those voices. We live not in another nation, and though our ultimate loyalty is to the Kingdom of God and of His Christ, we have our feet planted firmly in this soil. Let us respond to God for His namesake.

God bless you and His church, and may God bless America!

Pastor Paul



JUNE Attendance

2nd	8:30 AM- 64 10:40 AM- 165 Sunday School- 131
9th	8:30 AM- 40 10:40 AM- 195 Sunday School-108
16th	8:30 AM- 52 10:40 AM- 208 Sunday School-118
23rd	8:30 AM- 58 10:40 AM-201 Sunday School-109

Children of Light

Children's Ministry Summer 2019 Calendar

July						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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12 Dion's Pizza Tour (K-4th)

18-20 Dream Center Camp (3rd & 4th)

20 Family Day at Dream Center (3rd & 4th)

11 Promotion Sunday

18 Blessing of the Backpacks in church

24 Church wide Fall kickoff Party (more info to come)

DION'S PIZZA DAY

Kids Kinder-5th grade will meet at Dion's by University at 9:30 for a tour from Miss Alyssa. They will eat lunch and pick up is at noon. Cost \$5 per child.

DREAM CENTER CAMP

3rd-5th graders will meet at FCC at 9am and go to the Lubbock Dream Center and serve till 12 each day. Sack lunch provided. Free!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This is the Sunday when children will move up to the Sunday School class corresponding with the new school grade We will have a small celebration during the 10:40am service.

**Contact Holly at holly@fcclubbock.org for more information

2nd
General- \$18,908.20
Designated- \$4,815

9th
General- \$12,720.36
Designated- \$40,400

16th
General- \$12,302.50
Designated- \$450.00

23rd
General- \$24,467.25
Designated- \$808.90

**JUNE
CONTRIBUTIONS**

sharing the Light

Pray Philippians 1:9–11 . . . Marilyn Wragg

In preparing a recent Sunday school lesson over Philippians 1, I was struck by how the apostle Paul prayed for his Christian brothers and sisters at Philippi. We discussed in class how his prayer compares to the way we typically pray for people. Most of us admitted that, honestly, we pray far more over temporal issues people face than for their spiritual growth.

There is nothing wrong with praying about worldly problems. In Philippians 4:6, Paul tells us to pray in every situation. But, taking my grandchildren as examples, if I could pray away every hard thing in their life, I probably would; I so hate to see them hurt, disappointed, or suffering. And if that were possible—which, thankfully, it is not—they would never mature in character or grow spiritually.

So we committed, as we continue to pray over secular concerns, also regularly to pray Philippians 1:9–11. You are invited to join us.

Think of people for whom you longingly desire God’s best, and pray these verses for them. It is a powerful way to pray within God’s will for their eternal good and God’s glory. It comforts us when dear ones go through trials. And ultimately, the answer to this prayer far supersedes any trial they may face in this earthly life.

Prayer

Lord, this is my prayer for

_____ : That _____’s love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that _____ may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. May _____ be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God!

Scripture

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
Philippians 1:9–11

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

Summer is camping season. For over 60 years, and generations of campers, that meant a trip north to Ceta Glen, the camp jointly purchased by the Lubbock and Amarillo districts of the Disciples. The purchase of the 86-acre camp northeast of Happy, Texas, was such a joyous occasion that Sunday,



February 1, 1948, was declared Ceta Glen Camp Day throughout the region. As a part of the celebration, Dr. R.C. Snodgrass of the First Christian Church in Amarillo and Dr. Hallie Gantz of the First Christian Church in Lubbock exchanged pulpits for the day. This picture, published in the church newsletter in 1956, accompanied a story about the annual spring “clean-up, fix-up” trip to camp by the men of the church.

FCC COLLEGE MINISTRY: JULY 2019

Practical Tips: Building Healthy Habits

Go and read the book of Jonah real quick... I will wait... okay, how was it? Notice anything that really stood out to you? For me, I had heard the story of Jonah numerous times growing up. The focus usually was on Jonah and the "big fish." However, when I recently read Jonah again, I noticed some amazing parallels to the stories of Jesus. For one example, Jonah is on a boat sleeping, a storm comes, he is woke up, then through some strange event the storm is calmed. Now go read Mark 4:35-41. See the parallels here? There are many more throughout the book of Jonah, but it brings me to this simple yet profound conclusion: Jesus is the better Jonah! Jesus came and preached to a people who were enemies towards God (us) and did so in full obedience to the Father with mercy and love brimming from his heart. He didn't neglect the call or try to run from it like Jonah did. He didn't get angry when God actually forgave his enemies. Jesus came to invoke repentance and secure salvation for us. Jesus is the better Jonah and thanks be to God that we can call him friend, savior, and Lord.



Scott Hall
University Minister

First Christian Church of Lubbock
COLLEGE MINISTRY

SUMMER CALENDAR 2019



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8 DEAD DAY PIT STOP
Take a break from studying with Lemonade and Snacks 1-3pm | 3404 54th st.

19 GRADUATION SUNDAY
Banquet - 9:30am in Kuykendall
Blessing - During 10:40am Service

3-6 VBS: COSMIC LOVE
Sign up today to help out our Children's Ministry. Group Leaders and Station Leaders needed! To sign up, contact Holly Jessen: holly@fcclubbock.org

29 HIKE PALO DURO
Bring friends, hiking shoes, water, sack lunch and even your dog! Meet at the church @ 10am

12-15 POVERTY SIMULATION
Join us as we go to Waco, TX to participate in a 3 day Poverty Simulation! To sign up, contact Scott Hall @ (806) 283-0566

30 MOVIE NIGHT!
Join us for a movie night hosted at The Hall's Home (2823 53rd st.) Starts at 6:30pm | Dinner provided

WEEKLY:

- TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**
Select Tuesday Nights; 6:30pm
Dinner Provided | 2823 53rd st.
- SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**
Every Sunday; 9:30am

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

Light events

FCC SPRING RETREAT– SAVE THE DATE

Our spring adult retreat will be April 24 - 26 2020 in Ruidoso NM. We are especially pleased to announce that Dr. Bob Utley has accepted our invitation to return and be our bible teacher for the retreat. As many of you know Dr. Utley has a world wide ministry of bible teaching. He will lead us in a study of Jesus' upper room talks with his disciples, John 13 - 17.

SAVE THE DATE and make plans to attend! We will have all the details concerning the retreat as well as registration information in the spring of 2020.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

At First Christian Church "No One Walks Alone!" We believe and seek to practice these words and would love to have anyone interested in learning more about this ministry join us at the home of Shirley Sharp, 5301 88th Street, July 14, at 3:30pm for a time of information sharing and preparation.

FCC School Supply Drive

Bean Elementary

July 21 – August 4, 2019

A list of the requested items needed will be available soon.



Upcoming JULY Gatherings & Meetings...

OFFICES CLOSED, Thursday, July 4th

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, July 8th, 11:45 am, Conference Room
- ◇ **Foundation Meeting**, Tuesday, July 16th, 4:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, July 17th, 9 am-12pm

Military News And Concerns

**Lt. Brant Brock-
Norfolk**–
Home from
Deployment
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, Elmendorf
Air Force Base,
Anchorage Alaska
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

**Capt. Nathaniel
Swanson**
USMC, Cherry
Point Marine
Corps, Havelock,
North Carolina

We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

Members: Robbie Bedker, Jeanie Chavez, Rebecca Cunningham, Larry Deardorff, Steve DeHay, Sandra Foster, Monica Matzner, Randell Resneder, Laurie Williams

Friends: Alan Barkley, Debbie Barnes, Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Dennis Brown, Angel Cartwright, Tom Chavez, Harlan Cook, Paul DeArman, Paula Sue Dunbar, Ben Florey, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Jan Hardin, Donna Harger, Gary Hughes, Chris Mackey, Katelyn Mills, Doyle Norris, Judy Palacios, Kelsey Reinhart, Stephanie Peel Rankin, Sydney Robinson, Jack Scarborough, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Sandra Foster, Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown, Tom Chavez

With Thanks....

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to express enough thanks for the concern and support the past two years with prayers, cards, visits, communion, etc.

The caring during the past few days of Bud's passing from Pastor Paul, the staff, elders, and many others has been unbelievable.

Thanks so much!

We love you,
Alta Reeds and Paula Gibson Family

Dear First Christian Church Family,

We are so thankful for the overwhelming out pour of love, support and prayers that has come after Dean's passing. Thank you for the visits, cards, emails, text messages, prayers and acts of kindness during this time. We are truly blessed and grateful to be a part of this God centered church.

With much thankfulness and love,
Juanita Johnson and Phyllis Underwood

Welcome New Members

Riley Sanders and Tayden Sanders

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Worship Times

Sundays:

Chapel Worship:

8:30 a.m.
Chapel

Traditional Service:

10:40a.m.
Sanctuary

Sunday School:

9:30 a.m.

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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JULY Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Lynise McDonald	2 Mary Smith Jerry Stanfield Ben Swindle	3 Allison Follis	4	5 Marilyn King Scott Hall	6 Bob Brown Gerri Young Claire Dulaney
7 Susan Sechrist Hannah King Lani Allen	8 Donna Russell	9 Glen Garnett Marsha Stevens	10 Helen Lauderdale	11	12	13
14 Todd Taylor	15 Gordon Blome Brian Wilhelm Alex Hardin	16 Linda Greenstreet Tricia Plowman Sophia Sihaloho Alyssa Simmons	17 Dallas Rebber Pat Barnett Cherie Deardorff D'Ann Yeager Renee Edwards	18 Clayton Yeager Wade Wilson Sam Swindle Wylie Rawe	19 Colby Matzner	20 Carolyn Davis Morris Knox Vincent Yaeger Ben Norman
21 JoAnne Richardson AJ Sampayo	22 Lavender Young	23 Debbie Passmore	24 Mike Chase	25 Amber Carr	26 Burle Pettit Dennis Wall Kenan Gilbert Olivia Harrel	27
28	29 Lynn McClendon Pam Davis Ben Todd	30 Aurora Wilhelm Seth Delarosa	31 Peggy DeHay Ainsley Nelson			