

The Light

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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*"Give thanks in all
circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus"*

Thessalonians 5:18

Paycen Thero
FCC Corn Maize Event
October 27th





Reverend
Paul
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Senior Minister
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November brings several special occasions in our worship life to God. Please note these three upcoming Sundays and make every effort to join us.

All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd – This Sunday is set apart to remember the church that is at rest in heaven. We especially highlight the people who moved from earth to heaven in the last twelve months. During both services we will name and thank God for each life. Our sanctuary service will include the flowering of the cross and special music from our sanctuary choir, "Softly and Tenderly."

Veterans' Sunday, November 10th – As we gather to praise Christ, we will also remember those who served our nation through the military. The whole church is invited to join us in Kuykendall Hall at 10:20 AM for a presentation of gratitude to all our veterans. Our veterans are especially encouraged to attend so that we can properly thank you for your service. Worship begins as usual at 10:40 AM in the sanctuary.

Harvest and Consecration Sunday, November 17th – We will hold ONE SERVICE this morning at 10:40 AM in the sanctuary to celebrate our unity in Christ, our past strength, and our future hope. The Chapel service will resume the following week. This Sunday will include:

The presentation of First Christian Church as an historical organization, including the revealing of a historical marker which will be placed on Broadway. The Lubbock County Historical Commission will be our special guests.

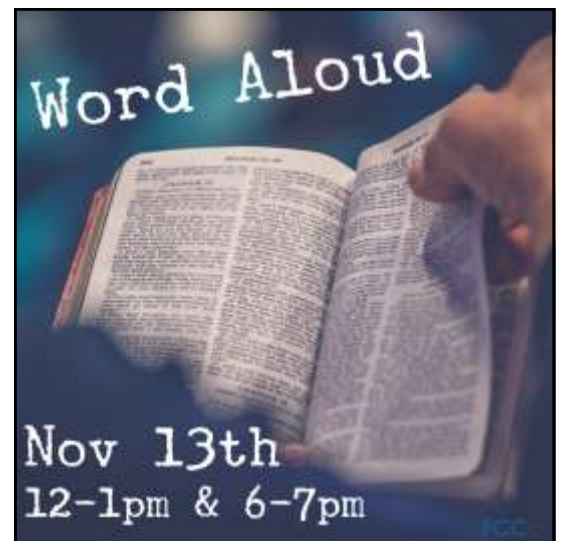
Capturing a photograph of our congregation in the sanctuary to mark this day.

A congregational meeting to approve our 2020 General Budget.

A fellowship lunch in Kuykendall Hall where the Historical Commission will offer their fuller presentation.

As always may we continue to cling to Christ Jesus, encourage one another, and always give the glory to our gracious God. May God bless you and keep you.

In warmest love,
Pastor Paul



a Light word

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Give Thanks for the Good Things ... Marilyn Wragg

"There are so many good things. There's just one bad thing." This quote from a book on grief helped me during a very hard season, and it has stuck with me ever since. Bad things happen in life, and some bad things always stay with us. But focusing on those bad things robs us of joy to experience God's many, abundantly good things.

The single most powerful way to change our focus is to give thanks.

Psalms abound in thanksgiving. New Testament epistles direct us to be thankful. Hymns and praise songs encourage us to focus on blessings. Writers through the ages acclaim benefits of gratitude.

If you want to experience more joy and more blessedness, then commit this month to practice thanksgiving more intentionally. When a bad thing pops

up, deal with it appropriately, but refuse to let it dominate your life. Do what you need to do to remind yourself of the good things in your life. Write down your blessings, look at favorite photos, read Scriptures of encouragement, sing in your head or listen to songs of praise—whatever helps you. Start your mornings and end your days by thanking God for the many, many good things, and ask Him to tune your heart to perceive and sing His grace.

"Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." *Colossians 2:7 (NLT)*

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him." *Psalms 28:7 (ESV)*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

Author: Johnson Oatman, 1897

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS



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	Sept. 29 th	Oct. 6 th	Oct. 13 th	Oct. 20 th	Oct. 27
General	\$ 14,691.50	\$ 17,150.07	\$ 14,006.00	\$15,242.76	\$14,091.50
Designated	\$ 4,490.71	\$ 324.00	\$ 0	\$ 25.00	\$23,125.00

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Welcome Our 2019-2020 Acolytes!

Each Acolyte shared that they are excited to help Pastor Paul in worship and bring in the light of Christ each week!

"For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." -2 Corinthians



Carter Kattwinkel



Riley Sanders



Cooper King



Ethan Kitten



Charles Cypert



Lily Young



Lizzy Gore



Connor Reeves



Christian Carpenter



Parker Polumbus

sharing our Light

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This Christmas we are hosting Buckner's FYI's (Fostering Youth Independence) Christmas party! Buckner's FYI Center is a program that assist youth in and aging out of the foster care system. Buckner equips them with the resources they need to get on solid ground spiritually and physically. Some of the young adults transitioning out of care have children of their own as well. We will have an angel tree in the Great Hall where you can pick out a gift to buy for one of the young adults or their child. We are excited to provide them with their Christmas presents showing them the love of Christ! More info will be sent your way soon. Contact Holly at Holly@fcclubbock.org with any questions.

Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry is a ministry where a committee helps our senior members and others who need assistance with small home repairs and chores. The jobs are evaluated on a case by case request to determine if we have the knowledge and skills to undertake the project. Small expenses will be paid from a special fund where any donations for work are accepted. Volunteers will receive NO compensation for their services. For further information call Bobby G. Milligan 806 789-0923 or Dave Bender at 806 790-4839.



2019 Advent Devotional Book

The Deacons of First Christian Church have joyfully prepared *meditations for this year's season of Advent. This year they have pondered the meaning of some of your favorite Christmas carols to share with you and your family. After worship services on November 17 and 24, please pick up a copy to help guide you through this season of joy beginning Sunday, December 1.*

The Annual CWF Bake Sale will be Sunday, November 24th from 8:30 am - 11:30 pm in Kuykendall Hall. 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!

Contact Patsy Moffett at 787-0864 if you have questions or need any additional info.



Light events

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**KID'S NIGHT OUT
NOVEMBER 20TH
5:45-7:45PM FLCC**

**Where: FLCC 2306 13th St
For: Babies to 5th grade
Cost: FREE
PIZZA PROVIDED
RSVP:
Holly Jessen
Holly@fcclubbock.org**

FCC
YOUTH MINISTRY

Winter Calendar 2019



November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January

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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	

13 Word Aloud

Join the church in reading the Word of God

20 Kid's Night Out

The Youth Ministry is hosting the Children's Ministry from 5:45pm-7:15pm

28 Thanksgiving

18 Christmas Party

Bring a gift under \$10 and come celebrate the holidays with us! Location TBD / 5-9pm

24 Christmas Eve Services

Join the Church to celebrate the birth of the Light of the World

25 Christmas Day

1 New Year's Day

3 Let's Go to the Zoo

Join the Youth Ministry as we go to Amarillo and check out the Zoo! Have Lunch there! Bring \$15

18 Fellowship Gathering

Weekly: Sunday Youth

Every Sunday in the Youth Room
9:30-10:30am

Wed. Night Church

Every Wednesday, 6:30-8pm;

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



www.fcclubbock.org/student-ministry/ Questions? Derek@fcclubbock.org or (806)420-9847

Communion/Offering—A Team Approach!

The FCC Deacons have reinstituted an old plan in a new way for assembling Communion servers for the 10:40 a.m. worship. Immediate Past Chair of the Deacons, Cuyler Lawrence, has transitioned the approach from pre-service hallway shoulder tapping to assigned teams of eight who carry the responsibility and rejoice in the opportunity to serve communion and take up the offering once a month.

Each group has a Team Captain and eight members. Members are sent an e-mail reminder on the Wednesday prior to their upcoming week's service and are requested to find a substitute if they will be absent. Teams rotate through for 5-Sunday months.

Those who have responded to the call for the 2019-2020 church year are:

Team One: Charles Chaney, Captain. Members: Pete Broome, Valerie Carpenter, Jim Childers, Brian Dulaney, Don Garnett, Sharon Mirll, Jaroy Moore, Mike Wragg.

Team Two: Albert Sechrist, Captain. Members: Norma Brown, Quentin Hight, Wayne Kohout, Patti Lupton, Matt Matzner, Kathy Payne, Dennis Reeves, Dennis Wall.

Team Three: Jaroy Moore, Captain. Members: Jerry Brown, Paul Combest, Lequice Kohout, Bob Lawless, Marcy Lawless, Eric Ritchey, Marsha Stevens, Phyllis Underwood.

Team Four: Brian Dulaney, Captain. Members: Charles Chaney, Claire Dulaney, Michael Holmes, Michael King, Cuyler Lawrence, Albert Sechrist, Nathan Swindle, Lou Ann Underwood.

For further information or to express an interest, please contact Cuyler Lawrence, 239-5904 or clawrence@ascoeq.com

In the Life of the Church...

In November 1925, Pastor W.P. Jennings signed an application to the Boy Scouts of America that established Troop 5, known as Troop 405 beginning in 1962. Over its 60 year history, the church's Boy Scout Troop had 14 Scout Masters. Lubbock firefighter W. A. "Mose" Hood, volunteered his talents and time to lead the Troop from 1939 to 1965, making him the Troop's longest-serving leader. Church Boy Scouts raised cotton, sweet potatoes, and even calves to raise funds, collected scrap metal and paper to support the war effort during World War II, and, in later years, focused on first aid.



In all, the Troop produced nearly 100 Eagle Scouts, the highest honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America. The November 5, 1971 *First Christian Churchman*, as the newsletter was known then, marked the achievement of its newest Eagle Scouts, (l-r) Scott Sharp, Larry Nix, and Tommy Mayes.

Lift up the Light

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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
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

Members: Alan Barkley, Robbie Bedker, Elaine Chaney, Lynn Cooper, Steve DeHay, Laura Flieller, Amanda Gore, Monica Matzner, Shelley Nelson, Pam Patton, Randell Resneder, Jerry Stanfield, Dick Tarr, Cindy Wiseman

Friends: Betty Bennet, Sandra Bermingham, Barbara Bernard, Debbie Boen, Marilyn Brinkley, Beth Brown, Dennis Brown, Shirley Cleveland, Paula Sue Dunbar, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Donna Harger, Deborah Haywood, Jon Hendricks, Gary Hughes, Kate Irvin, Milton Jones, Chris Mackey, M'Lee McDonald, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Kerry Coats Nielson, Judy Palacios, Becky Peckham, Sydney Robinson, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White, Connie Turner Wilson, Mike Yont

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Kaye and Stumpy Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances Evans, Cara Irvin, Ruby Power, Marty Wells, Jan Sanders, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown

Entered Into Heaven

Virginia Vincent entered into eternal life on October 29th.
Gloria Meitzen entered into eternal life on October 24th.
Donna Armstrong entered into eternal life on October 25th.

Welcome New Members



Koy, Kassie and Kames Stair



Amy Lewis



Karol Givens



Matt, Erin and Caroline
Barnes

Attendance

Sept 29 th	October 6 th	October 13 th	October 20 th	October 27 th
8:30 am– 52	8:30 am– 57	8:30 am– 55	8:30 am– 49	8:30 am– 59
10:40 am– 233	10:40 am– 249	10:40 am– 222	10:40 am– 241	10:40 am– 164
Sunday School– 107	Sunday School– 118	Sunday School– 117	Sunday School– 99	Sunday School– 87

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Good News Club Update

The Good News Club is off and running, with 13 wonderful volunteer leaders and over 40 children registered, though the average attendance is in the 20's. The children are learning about the God's Sovereignty through the study of *The Life of Joseph*, as well as Memory Verses from Philippians 1:6, I John 4:4b and Ephesians 1:7. Add to that many songs & motions, a Missions story about "The Girl Who Sang in the Goathouse," plus games, and you have a recipe for 90 minutes of learning, action and fun. Our three-point criteria for determining success each week is: 1) Did the children learn about Jesus?; 2) Did they have a good time?; and 3) Did those who came feel loved? Please remember these young disciples (and their leaders) in your prayers.



Books for Bean

For the fourth year since FCC's adoption of Bean Elementary School, we will again be raising funds throughout the **month of November** 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 \$6.00 per book, so we encourage you to purchase as many books as possible.



Donors may write checks to FCC, with "Books" on the memo line or place cash in an envelope, clearly designating your gift to "Books." During November, donations may be left in the envelope on the Book Table in the Great Hall, taken to the church office, or placed in the offering plate.

Books for Bean Wrapping Party

Once the books have arrived, you won't want to miss the opportunity to join in on Sunday, December 8th, 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!



Have you noticed?

By now you may have noticed our I'm Here cards are now a weekly occurrence! Our desire is that **every** visitor and **every** member fill out a card **every** week. The cards are the new manner that we are registering your attendance and it replaces the pew pads. The information received from these weekly cards has been invaluable to Pastor Paul, the staff and our elders.

Here are few things that you can share via the card: update your address, phone and/or email; request *The Light* newsletter if you are not receiving it; get college, youth or children's text updates; or leave a note for a pastor to contact you. If you are a longtime member, simply sign your name and check "member" on the front. One card per family is fine unless a family member wishes to request an individual prayer, etc. Be sure to turn your card over and let us know more about what's going on in your life, if you wish. Be assured the information you share on your card is always kept confidential.

Here are some highlights from the cards in the first six weeks:

Visitors and college students are now letting us know they are present in worship.

Our children are writing sincere and precious prayer requests.

Members are letting us know their needs and sharing their hearts.

People are recommitting their lives to Christ.

People are wanting more information on how to be more involved in the life of our church.

People are requesting more information about Sunday School classes.

We are averaging 82% of people filling out the I'm Here Cards weekly!

I could go on, but the simple fact is that people's hearts are being moved by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Christ! We know change is sometimes hard, but thank you for your willingness to embrace these cards!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at donna@fcclubbock.org.



In Christ Jesus,
Donna Childers
Membership/Adm. Assistant

Upcoming NOVEMBER Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Noon Bible Study**, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:00-12:50 pm
 - ◇ **Bible Babes**, Mondays, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
 - ◇ **Pilgrims Progress Study**, Fridays, 12:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Elders Meeting**, Wednesday, November 6th, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Sunday, November 10th, 12:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, November 11th, 12:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesday, November 12th, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Word Aloud**, Wednesday, November 13th, 12:00 and 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, November 20th, 9 am-12pm
 - ◇ **FCC Offices will CLOSE, Wednesday November 27th at 12:00 and will be closed Thursday November 28th - November 30th**

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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

OFFICE PHONE

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NOVEMBER Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 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 McNeill	14 Rayma Jones	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
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