

The Light

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**Reverend
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John Paul is the last child to fall asleep most nights. Many times we have to move him to another room so he doesn't keep his brother and sister awake. This week after brushing teeth, reading books, and saying prayers John Paul asked me for another story.

I told him, "Jesus was teaching a big crowd full of mommies and daddies, boys and girls, and even babies. Then He said, 'Let the little children come to me. All the John Pauls, and Marys, and Christians come to me.'" John Paul, looking at the ceiling, smiled ear to ear. I continued, "The crowds made room and the children came to Jesus. He gave them each a big hug and whispered, '*I love you.*'" John Paul smiled and rested. After some time he said, "Tell me again."

To hear this old, old story and then to want to hear it again is the life-song of the children of God. Each Christian smiles and then comes back to the beginning, "tell me again."

Tim Keller writes: "To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us."

I pray often for our membership, our faithfulness, and our godliness. Today I pray that all of the FCC Family would be washed in the love of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ. He calls to the children, "Let them come to me."

In Christian love,
Pastor Paul



Upcoming OCTOBER 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, October 2nd, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Deacons Meeting**, Wednesday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **General Board Meeting**, Sunday, October 6th, 12:00 pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **Christian Women's Fellowship**, Tuesday, October 8th, 6:30 pm, Cattle Baron
- ◇ **Finance Meeting**, Monday, October 14th, 12:00 pm, Conference Room
- ◇ **South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued**, Wednesday, October 16th, 9 am-12pm

Bean Elementary Fall Festival October 25th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Decorate your car trunk for Bean's Fall Festival. Candy donations are appreciated
Staff Contact: Holly@fcclubbock.org

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Do Not Worry About Tomorrow . . . Marilyn Wragg

Jesus explicitly tells us not to worry. He says in Matthew 6, “And why do you worry? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

The answer is, no. Not only does worry not add a single hour to our lives, but it also has potential to rob us of the joy God intends in living however many hours we do have.

My personal inspiration for not worrying is my son. His school principal said at David’s funeral, “Mr. Wragg showed us how to have fun in life. He taught us not to spend time worrying about things that are out of our control.” Outside work, David exhibited that same daily joy with family and friends through the ups and downs of a 3-year battle with cancer.

It reminds me of this old poem. David must have battled worry over the “stream of trouble across his path.” And yet, through his God-given nature, his faith, and many prayers, he was enabled to hope and trust, to smile and even sing.

When you and I start giving in to a pattern of worry, remember Jesus’ words. Pray. Read Scripture. Think on things that are lovely and admirable. Read this poem. Tell God you trust Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to increase your faith and free you from worry so you may live for Christ and rejoice in this day—every day.

Do not worry about tomorrow.

There’s a stream of trouble across my path;
It is black and deep and wide.
Bitter the hour the future hath
When I cross its swelling tide.
But I smile and sing and say:
“I will hope and trust always.
I’ll bear the sorrow that comes tomorrow,
But I’ll borrow none today.”
Tomorrow’s bridge is a dangerous thing;
I dare not cross it now.
I can see its timbers sway and swing,
And its arches reel and bow.
O heart, you must hope always,
You must sing and trust and say,
“I’ll bear the sorrow that comes tomorrow,
But I’ll borrow none today.”
~ *The Wisconsin Agriculturist*, 1915

September CONTRIBUTIONS

	Sept. 1 st	Sept. 8 th	Sept. 15 th	Sept. 22 nd
General	\$ 27,167.41	\$ 13,994.09	\$ 16,049.60	\$1,8786.10
Designated	\$ 4,490.71	\$ 251.56	\$ 200.00	\$ 0



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2019-2020 Sanctuary Scholarship Singers!



Brittney Hardin
Director of Music



Bethany Brokenbek

Where are you from?: **Plano, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech, Music Education**

Hobbies?: **Singing, piano, doodling, calligraphy, photography- anything creative!**

Fun Fact?: **I've been to 23 countries and I'm half Chilean**

Where did you spend your summer?: **I spent June taking Form and Analysis in Lubbock and late July-August in Richardson.**

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **Through the fact that I passed Form (lol) but also by attending my friend's fellowship meeting and learning about the "sacred feminine" *ask me about it***

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **For the stability and confidence to kill it in my new upper level course and to continue to grow in the many facets of my identity.**



Kayla Swan

Where are you from?: **Conroe, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech, Vocal Performance**

Hobbies?: **Reading, sleeping, and shopping**

Fun Fact?: **I am an only child**

Where did you spend your summer?: **Working in an upscale restaurant**

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **He pulled my dad through surgery and healed him quickly.**

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **The strength to get through this busy semester successfully! 4.0 please!**



Brittney Stainbrook

Where are you from?: **San Antonio, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech, Double major in Music Education and Vocal Performance**

Hobbies?: **Drumming and watching TV**

Fun Fact?: **The Office is my favorite show and my favorite color is yellow**

Where did you spend your summer?: **At my dad's in Oklahoma and my mom's in San Antonio**

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **God is helping my aunt and uncle in rehab currently and they were baptized in September. The Lord has turned a meth addiction into a relationship with Him.**

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **I'm praying for trust and for joy in everything I do and for future mission trips .**

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Ashton Lloyd

Where are you from?: **Amarillo, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech, Nursing**

Hobbies?: **Reading, watching TV and movies, playing Dungeons and Dragons**

Fun Fact?: **I was a dancer for 12+ years**

Where did you spend your summer?:
**Between Lubbock and Amarillo.
I took a vacation to Angel Fire, NM.**

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **Through the power of healing.**

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **Strength to finish the school year strong**



Olivia Sanborn

Where are you from?: **Rowlett/Garland, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech,
Double major in Music Education and Vocal Performance**

Hobbies?: **Cooking and crafting**

Fun Fact?: **I speak Spanish fluently**

Where did you spend your summer?: **Working at an Escape Room in Garland, taking classes, and taking a trip to New York!**

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **He helped me through my classes with all A's**

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **Strength for this year and wisdom to be a good leader.**



Rosie Morgan

Where are you from?: **Austin, TX**

What school do you attend and what's your major?: **Texas Tech, Vocal Performance**

Hobbies?: **Singing, reading, cooking, and cuddling my dog.**

Fun Fact?: **I have a chihuahua named Pip.**

Where did you spend your summer?:
Mondavio, Italy, on a study abroad trip.

How did you witness the power of God during your summer break?: **He kept me safe overseas and guided my heart through music and my vocal studies.**

What are you currently taking to God in prayer?: **My parents, my sister overseas, and my best friend's father.**



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BIBLE BABES

Our fall Bible study, The Mysteries of Heaven with David Jeremiah, occurs every Monday at **7:00pm** in the Chapel Parlor. Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven will answer and clarify the most important questions Christians have about their future eternal home. This study has 11 sessions and will run through Monday Nov 18th. Books can be purchased for \$10 each. Make up sessions will be available at 6:00pm every Monday before the next session begins at 7:00pm. Please contact Paula Gibson at 806 632 5850 or email apaulagize@gmail.com to sign up or for questions regarding the study.



Helping Hands Ministry

HELPING
HANDS



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.

SMALL GROUPS



Are you desiring to go deeper in the Word and connect with others?

New Groups are forming this fall. We are seeking facilitators, hosts and members.

Facilitators will be provided with weekly sermon review questions so prep time is minimal.

Contact Donna Childers at donna@fcclubbock.org.

September Attendance

1 st	8:30 AM- 49 10:40 AM- 200 Sunday School-85
8 th	8:30 AM- 58 10:40 AM- 199 Sunday School-114
15 th	8:30 AM-58 10:40 AM-236 Sunday School-121
22 nd	8:30 AM- 68 10:40 AM- 198 Sunday School-111

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COLLEGE MINISTRY

October is here!

I couldn't be more excited! My favorite holiday happens to be Halloween. I know...seems weird, but I think it is coupled with the fact that Halloween brings up a lot of nostalgic feelings for me. Running the neighborhood with friends, being an actor in my neighbor's homemade haunted house (in his garage...it would literally attract 100s of people each year!), all you can eat candy marathons, and more! Plus, all of the Halloween movies that are featured on television during the month. I can't help but to feel nostalgic during this season. And isn't nostalgia such a powerful feeling? It causes people to buy overpriced objects because it reminds them of their childhood. It causes people to shed tears at seemingly random moments. It motivates others to hold onto the past and zealously preserve it into the future. I wonder...what if we could use nostalgia and the passion it creates to propel us further in our passion for evangelism. Try it! Think about the most precious memory you have of Christ...an experience that warms your soul. Then maybe seek to testify about that moment to someone. Just food for thought. Enjoy this season and may the Lord bless and keep you!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Scott Hall

University Minister
First Christian Church-Lubbock
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COLLEGE MINISTRY

FALL CALENDAR 2019



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	29	30					

OCTOBER	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	27	28	29	30	31		

25 ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT
Enjoy the company of our church family! Games, swimming, burgers, and a HUGE firework show!

31 PARKING FUNDRAISER
Meet @ 10am in the church parking lot to help raise money for our 2020 Mission Trip

7 GOSPEL OUTREACH
Meet at the church @ 10am as we share the love of Jesus with our community.

10 PANCAKE & GAME NIGHT
Come and enjoy a night of games, fellowship, and pancakes. Invite your friends.
6:30pm | FCC

12 GOSPEL OUTREACH
Meet at the church @ 10am as we share the love of Jesus with our community

29 GAME NIGHT!
Join us for a game night hosted at The Church building. Boardgames, video games, and fellowship. Invite friends and bring your favorite game
6:30pm | Dinner provided

WEEKLY:

- TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**
Select Tuesday Nights; 6:30pm
Dinner Provided | 2323 Broadway
- SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**
Every Sunday; 9:30am

FIND US ON:

- : @fcc_college_ministry
- : @FCCCollegeMinistry

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



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.



In the Life of the Church...

In the fall of 1970, the First Christian Church family was among many who welcomed Jim Carlen and his wife, Meredith, to Lubbock as he assumed his duties as Texas Tech's new head football coach. In September, Coach and Mrs. Carlen were the featured speakers at consecutive meetings of the Christian Women's Fellowship. On October 28th, Coach Carlen was the principal speaker at the annual congregational dinner held in Fellowship Hall. The congregational dinner that year was catered by church member Myron Vann, and available for \$1.50 per person. Coach Carlen was a lifelong supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1973, and amassed a winning 37-20-2 record during his five years at Tech.



*Coach Jim Carlen on the field, 1971.
Photograph courtesy of Southwest Collection, Special
Collections Library,
Texas Tech University*

Noah's Nook

Two books have been given to the Children's Library in memory of Tom Chavez, Robin Grimes' father. [God Knows My Name](#) brings to life over 50 scripture verses to help children understand that not only does God know your name, but He loves you very much! [Daddy's Lullaby](#) has the most beautiful illustrations depicting a dad rocking and singing to his baby in the middle of the night, as they both fall asleep in the rocking chair. Come by Noah's Nook and check these beautiful books out!

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, Steve DeHay, Laura Flieller, Amanda Gore, Monica Matzner, Randell Resneder, Gypsie Taylor, Virginia Vincent

Friends: Bear Brock, Marilyn Brinkley, Dennis Brown, J.C. Chambers, Paula Sue Dunbar, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Donna Harger, Vickie Herrera, Jon Hendricks, Gary Hughes, Autumn Kelly, Sunde Land, Chris Mackey, Willie McKie, Katelyn Mills, Leroy Montoya, Judy Palacios, Becky Peckham, Sydney Robinson, Frank Teague, 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, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown

Entered Into Heaven

Jeanene Wilson passed away September 8th. Funeral services were held September 16th at Lakeridge Chapel. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Special Thank You...

Dearest Church Family and Friends,

While it is somewhat difficult to properly express the depth of our gratitude and love the body of Christ which is First Christian, I will try.

From the Elders and staff who visited my father– bringing him both home communion and loving fellowship, to the office staff who so beautifully rendered the program for his memorial service, a grateful family thanks you.

For Darryl, who blessed us with gorgeous organ music, to Brittney whose beautiful voice reminded us that Dad is singing with the Heavenly angel choir– we thank you! Paul, your kindness and personal time with our family allowed us to express our deepest thoughts and your message on that day brought joy and comfort.

To all my brothers and sisters in Christ at FCC Lubbock, you never allowed us to walk this alone!

*With Love in Christ,
The Grimes Family*

Birth Announcement

Kelly Henso Sihaloho was born September 5th 2019.
He is the son of Hendra and Sophia Sihaloho.



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Good News Club Update

On Saturday, September 7th, in preparation for a new year of the Good News Club at Bean Elementary, the FCC Good News Club Team attended a 5-hour training workshop sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, parent organization of Good News Clubs around the world.

Returning volunteers of the Good News Club are Dawn Bender, Brenda Brown, Brittney Hardin, Brenda Hendricks, Tom

Johnson, Marcy and Bob Lawless, Bev Shaver, Julie Swindle and Beth Wright. New Team members include Dave Bender, Carla Holt, Pam Patton, Silvia Slaten and Marilyn Wragg. On a separate note, FCC member, Cherie Deardorff is volunteering at the Good News Club at Wolfforth Elementary!

In addition to the training, the GNC Team met at the Bean Café on Thursday, September 19th to do a run-through of the first day of greeting the children which will occur on September 26th. We went over assignments, learned new songs and motions, and prayed over the room and the children who will come. Thus far, there are forty-three 2nd – 5th graders who have registered for the program. Please join us in praying for the children to come to know and love Jesus!



Bean Elementary Prayer with Teachers

FCC members are encouraged to come to the school on **Thursday, October 3rd at 3:30 p.m.** to pray with the Bean teachers at the start of their teachers' meeting. Because this is also the time that the Good News Club begins, not all of us who usually attend and pray will be able to be with the teachers, so any and all who could be there would be welcomed. Principal Thomas requested that we try this time at the beginning of a teachers' meeting as an alternative to the previous times which have been scheduled on the first day of each new six weeks in the mornings before school begins or in the afternoons when school is out.

Light Thoughts *by Derek Jerezano*

Adolescence as we know it now was not around before the 1900s, with this observation in mind we see that the myth of Adolescence has only become a social reality recently. In 1904 Stanley Hall wrote the 2nd volume to a book about adolescence where he coined the term and defined it as a stage to collectively help transition children into adults. Prior to this the first occurrence of the word adolescence was used by a French upper class man, Jean Jaques Ruso, which means to morph into. Adolescence is therefore the period between puberty and adulthood. It was John Santrock that wrote that the adolescent journey begins in biology and ends in culture. With these facts in mind, our goals for those who are clearly still in adolescence by biology and for ourselves who are attempting to be emerging adults should be to fully unravel as God has created us to be. That is my prayer for all who are on this journey of self-identifying, differentiating, and belonging. May you walk with God as you encourage teens and even seemingly appearing adults to morph into the identity God has called them to.



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ANNUAL CORN MAIZE EVENT!

OCTOBER 27th
At'I Do Farms
4-6pm
\$8 per person
(4 & under free!)

OCTOBER 27th

4:00-6:00 pm

At'I Do Farms is located at
6323 FM 1294 Lubbock 79415.

When entering the Corn Maize be sure to say you are with First Christian Church to receive your discounted entry fee of \$8!

Meet your FCC friends at the yellow and white tent. Free snacks and drinks will be provided for the kids.

Email questions to Hollyly@fcclubbock.org

What are the FCC Kids learning?

In September the Children's Ministry walked through a series on the story of Joseph and trusting God. The children learned that we can trust God no matter what when we're alone, when life doesn't make sense, and when we're under pressure. We wrapped up the month learning that God always has a plan.

Pictured is Lizzy Gore (pink dress) and Scarlet Stevens (grey dress) praying for one another after our lesson. They asked God to help them trust Him more. Let's pray for each other today! *Holly Jessen*



"CIN" SUNDAY

CHRISTIANS INVITING NEIGHBORS

OCTOBER 6TH

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WITH YOU TO WORSHIP

FCC
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

WHEN: OCT. 25-27

WHERE: CETA-
CANYON

WHY: JESUS

COST IS \$75. SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE

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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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OCTOBER Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Jaroy Moore Tracy Harrel	3 Tim Williams Robert Grimes	4 Jim Sexton Cara Irvin Charlotte Johnson	5 Beverly Nix Anne Garnett
6 Jan Sanders	7 Don Lewis Reagan Walker	8 Jack Nelson	9	10 James Lupton Leslie Hoskins Robyne Garcia Cicly Gibson	11 Norma Brown Cindy Wall Wilson Belew	12
13	14 Marsha Teichelman Derek Jerezano	15 Joy Gorsuch Emeline Norman	16 Becky Taylor Gavin Smith	17 Connor Williams	18	19
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27 James Jester Jordan Smith	28	29	30 Gary Voyles Lynn Cooper	31 Brentley Williams		