



First Christian Church

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*2024 Women's Retreat
at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat*



Circle With Faith

will meet at church on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm.

We will begin with a light dinner and then follow

with a program given by our own

Meghan Lackey (FCC Youth Director)

We invite all of the ladies of First Christian Church.



Greetings,

What a great Lenten and Easter season we have had here at FCC. Our Holy week services (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday) were truly meaningful. The easter egg hunt was a great success with approximately 300 individuals in attendance. Needless to say the eggs did not last long. On Easter Sunday, we had about 129 people in attendance (a new record for our current location). It was great to see that the ministry of this church is growing.

Some lessons that we learned from Easter Sunday. Worship is done by people not technology. Our display screens have since been fixed, but it was good to be reminded that those are only tools, we the people are the worshippers. Our building space is also a tool for ministry. If you consistently attend FCC, you will notice that we are a little "cramped" in our space (but not our fellowship). God is in control. Our building team has been hard at work and may soon be ready to give the church a report on the addition of an educational building to our grounds. Step one to building begins this week as our current facilities are being connected to the city sewage system. No more limitations by our septic system. I know it's hard to get excited about this, but I am. Progress is progress. Small steps of faith lead to great miracles.

Summer ministry season is approaching. We are in need of camp scholarship money to send our kids to passport camps this summer. What are passport camps? This is the camp that the Disciples West group of churches have decided to try this year. It should be great. Don't forget we will also have VBS this summer with the theme of "Kingdom Circus". So be on the lookout for those dates as they are published.

I also want to thank everyone for the prayers, contacts, cards, meals and expressions of love and concern during my recent illness and hospital stay. It was the first time I had been in the hospital since I had my tonsils out (53 years ago). Needless to say I will listen to my wife when she tells me to go to the doctor after passing a kidney stone. hahaha. Some lessons are learned the hard way.

Please continue to pray for your church staff and lay leadership as we continue to work for the glory of God's Kingdom.

Remember – You are loved & You are awesome.

Pastor Greg.

Prayer Concerns

Cathy Clay & family

Don Vaughan, health issues, lives in San Antonio
brother of Linda Gilliland

Jay D. Backes, hospital, friend of Mel Herweck

Judy Voce, hospitalized & her sister

Carol Millican, health concerns, family friends
of Lindsey Baker

Dustin Rowe, health

Paula New, health concerns

Bob Milstead, Jr., health concerns,
son of Bob & Jane Milstead

Jan McCarty, health concerns,
friend of Cathy Clay

Janet Higgons-Giesicke, health concerns,
friend of Allen Daugherty

Sheri Mehaffey, health concerns,
friend of Brittney Bryan-Barringer

Home-Centered Members & Friends

Our Military Families & Friends



Beth Doan. Beth passed away on
Monday, April 8, 2024. She was a
member of FCC before she moved
from Abilene (about 20 years ago)
to the Metroplex. Please remember
her family in your prayers.



YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

5:00PM—here at the church

First Christian Church Prayer Team

meets on Sunday afternoons at
4:00 p.m. here at the church.

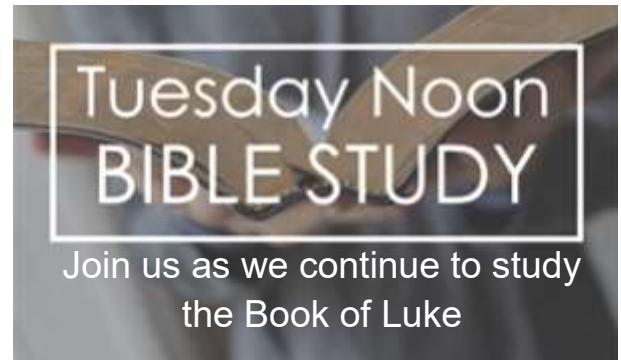
You are invited to come for a
time of prayer for our church,
church family & friends.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

**A BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE for
helping our 4th Annual Community Wide
Easter Egg Hunt HAPPEN!!**

Thanks to those who brought donation of candy
& those of you who helped stuff the eggs either
here at the church or by taking plastic eggs
home to stuff them. Thanks to everyone who
can out on Saturday during the egg hunt
to lend a helping hand.

**First Christian Church is very blessed to
have people that love to help whenever they
are needed!**



Coffee Time

Every Thursday Morning at
9:15 am. **Except for the
First Thursday of each
month.** (when the men

meet at 6:15am to have breakfast
at Denny's.) Join us here at the
church on Thursdays for a time of
coffee and fellowship.

All are invited!!





We Missed Your Photo?

We Apologize -

Well, we missed some people in our directory – if we missed you, please let us know and send us a photo and we will issue “supplemental” pages for everyone.

Thanks,
Pastor Greg

Don't Forget to Support the

FCC Benevolence Fund

We maintain a small fund which is used to help minister to people in our area that contact the church office for assistance.

We live in a community that has many services for those need but sometimes the church needs to give assistance rather than referrals. This fund helps members and non-members who have various needs.

Most assistance is offered on a one-time only basis. It has been a blessing to help people in need of gas money, school supplies, water or electric bills and various other needs. The Benevolence fund is not supported by the regular budget giving of the church; therefore, it is dependent on direct designated gifts.

So -- we ask that --- as the Lord directs you -- give a contribution to the Benevolence Fund.
Mark your contribution: “For Benevolence Fund”

Thanks, Pastor Greg

RALPH HOOKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

First Christian Church is the trustee of the Ralph N. Hooks Scholarship Fund. This has been established to provide scholarships to students of TCU and McMurry Universities who are also members of a Texas Disciples of Christ Church.

APPLICATION FORMS are now being excepted for the 2024/2025 school year.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT
www.fccabilenetx.com

Hooks Scholarship Committee
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or email to fccabilene@outlook.com



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education
Classes

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

4:00 p.m. - FCC Prayer Time

6:00 p.m. - Youth

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon

1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

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Youth 6th - 12th Grade

**Join us for YOUTH on
Sunday Evenings**

**Summer Camp
Scholarships
needed for
ALL Ages**

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting