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Spring Forward

THIS SUNDAY March 10th

Just a little reminder - Before you go to bed on Saturday night, Get all your clocks together and set them an hour ahead!

Sunday, March 10th

<u>Deadline for Picture Submissions</u> for First Christian Church Directory.

Send to Pastor Greg at gsmorris@hotmail.com

Directories should be available for purchase (\$5) on Sunday, March 17th.



We have hundreds of plastic eggs from last year to fill. We just need the candy to fill the eggs AND help filling them. Come by the church and get a bag full of eggs, fill them with candy and bring them back. Repeat!!



I love going to places. I guess you would say I love to travel. It's the journey that is exciting. I have had to go to LBCR (Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat) a couple of times in the last month. First, I had to go to the LBCR board retreat, then I went to "Camp Camp". I enjoy the drive from Abilene to LBCR. I like to go through the countryside. You see all sorts of things along the way---Trees, Beautiful mountains and pastures, and dead skunks. Dead Skunks??? Yes – sometimes you don't even see them --- you SMELL them. I counted 28 dead skunks on the way to LBCR the other day (not to mention 3 dead javelinas and a couple of deer, and something that may have been a cat???). Did these obstructions cause me to stop my journey – no. I did make note of each one and considered their fate (and added them to my tally sheet) but I still made the journey, completed the journey, and enjoyed the journey.

You see, sometimes the churches journey and the Christians journey are a lot like my trip to LBCR. On our Faith Journey we will encounter Dead Things. We will encounter Skunks. There will always be someone or something that tries to "stink up the place" and possibly de-rail our journey but we must keep "pressing on." In Philippians 3:14-16 it says:

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

So, remember church, as God is blessing us on the journey, we will encounter others that are dead and do not like the "life" that God has placed in us — move around them and stay on the road. We will encounter those who are always "laying a stink" about this or about that — Serve God in the way he has called you---stay on the journey. Stay on this Journey with God, it is the key to life. Enjoy the Blessings that God sends and move past any obstructions placed in our way. For this is the purpose of the Church --- To Hold Christ High, and to share His Love, Grace, and Mercy.

PS – Sometimes we may be the skunk on the journey, but that does not mean we have to stink. Skunks are cute and need to be loved also –

Love you FCC – YOU ARE AWESOME!

Pastor Greg

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Prayer Concerns

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
Gloria Green, health concerns
Bruce Boyd, health concerns
Bernice Clay, health concerns
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,

Sheri Mehaffey, health concerns, friend of Brittney Bryan-Barringer **Home-Centered Members & Friends**

friend of Allen Daugherty

Men's Breakfast

FCC Disciples Men's Breakfast at

Denny's

3314 South Clack St.

Thursday, MARCH 7th 6:15 a.m.

IT'S PAY YOUR OWN WAY!

DART BASEBALL Games start at 7:00pm

March 7
FCC —FBC Blue

Playoff on March 14 if necessary World Series March 21-22 End of Year Dinner April 4

TRUSTEES MEETING Monday, March 11th at 11:30am

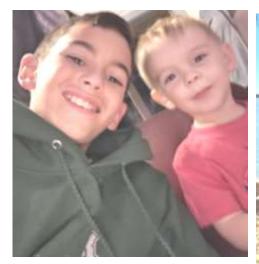
Our Military Families & Friends

CABINET MEETING Monday, March 11th at 5:30pm **Mark Your Calendar**

BOARD MEETING Monday, March 25th at 5:30am



CAMP CAMP - February 23-25, 2024 Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat















On <u>Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm</u>, the ladies of FCC and guests will meet at Southside Chilis - 4302 South Clack St. for a, pay as you go, dinner. This is a

casual dinner just to enjoy each others company. Join us, even if you've never been to Circle with Faith, and would like to meet these precious women of faith!

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!!

2024 HOLY WEEK



WHEN

March 28 - March 31

WHERE First Christian Church

5125 Antilley Rd. Abilene TX

FEATURING • Worship Services • Prayer •
Palm Branches • Candles • Easter Eggs • Singing

· Candy · Community Outreach

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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 3/24/24 11:00 am in FCC Worship Center

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday 3/28/24 6:30 pm FCC Worship Center

GOOD FRIDAY -SERVICE

Friday, 3/29/24 6:30 pm FCC Worship Center

COMMUNITY "INVITED" EASTER EGG HUNT

11:00 am
Saturday 3/30/24
On Fields outside of FCC
Church Building

EASTER SERVICE

Sunday 3/31/24 11:00 am FCC Worship Center



Easter Lilies

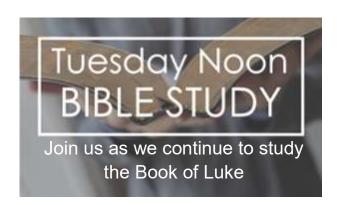
Number of flowers ordered:_____



(Cost per Easter Flowers \$20.00)

Please <u>print</u> name or names exactly as you wish to have them listed in our list of memorials and honorariums for the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make your check payable to FCC and write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line of your check.

In Memory of _	
In Memory of _	
In Honor of	
	Deadline for ordering Monday, March 25, 2024





Youth 6th - 12th Grade
Join us for YOUTH on
Sunday Evenings

2023-24 Mentors Care Snack List

- Goldfish 1.25oz Bags
- Quaker Rice Crisps Assorted Flavors .67oz Bags
- Garden Veggie Straws 1oz Bags
- Nature Valley Bars 1.2oz All Flavors
- Nutri Grain Bars 1.3oz All Flavors
- Planters Peanuts 1.75oz Bags All Flavors
- Kars Sweet N Salty Mix 2oz Bags

- Peanut Butter Crackers 6 crackers to a pack
- Kind Bars 1.4oz All Flavors
- Snyder Pretzels 1.5oz Bags
- Welch's Fruit Snacks .8oz Bags
- Ramen in Cup All Flavors
- Mac and Cheese in Cup
- Chex Mix

If you know of other healthy snacks that are in individual packets feel free to get them.



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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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2024 Women's Retreat! April 5-7, 2024

at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Brownwood, TX

Theme: "God is still writing your story.

Stop trying to steal the pen!"



We are excited to welcome **Sue Roseberry (Mama Sue)** as our Keynote Speaker!

Make plans now to join us for a weekend of renewal, fellowship and laughter.

Ladies — There are information packets on the church bulletin board with all the information you need as well as the registration form along with contact information.

