



# First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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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

Deadline for Picture Submissions  
for First Christian Church Directory.

Send to Pastor Greg at [gsmorris@hotmail.com](mailto: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

## 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,  
friend of Allen Daugherty

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

**Home-Centered Members & Friends**

**Our Military Families & Friends**



## 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

### CABINET MEETING

Monday, March 11th  
at 5:30pm

### Mark Your Calendar

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

**FREE**  
**Community**  
**EASTER**  
**Egg Hunt**

**First Christian Church**  
**5125 Antilley Road**  
**Abilene, TX 79606**

**Saturday, March 31**  
**11:00 am**  
**(till all the Eggs are gone)**

**Bring a basket or bag for your goodies! Egg Hunt**  
**will be on the fields outside the church building**



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



On **Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm**, 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 print 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 \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for ordering Monday, March 25, 2024**

**Tuesday Noon  
BIBLE STUDY**

Join us as we continue to study  
the Book of Luke



**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

## First Christian Church Staff

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Children Come First  
Mother's Day Out  
@ First Christian Church  
325-677-2186  
Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

Full-time Part-time Drop-ins  
Monday & Wednesday 8:30-2:30  
[fccabilene.com](http://fccabilene.com) [sarahccffcc@gmail.com](mailto:sarahccffcc@gmail.com)

## 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 infor-  
mation you need as well as the registration  
form along with contact information.*

Our Mission  
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting