



First Christian Church

— **Disciples of Christ** —

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Palm Sunday

the day in which we celebrate that wonderful time when the streets of Jerusalem were filled with joyful noises as Jesus and his disciples entered into the city.

**Join us this
Sunday, March 29th
as we celebrate Palm Sunday!
10:00AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship Service**



Greetings FCCers

It is a great time to be part of FCC Abilene. We recently had 13 participants go to the Disciples West Spring Youth Retreat at Black River Learning Center in Carlsbad, NM. It was a great weekend with many adventures that I am sure I will use as sermon illustrations in the future.

Every trip brings with it the opportunity for new experiences and challenges. I think that this is part of why our theme of HOPE in 2026 is so meaningful to me. I never want to lose Hope. But sometimes we can.

Last month my wife (Judy) and I went to Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat (LBCR) in Brownwood Texas. I was going to a Board meeting there, but Judy went to paint a mural in the dining hall. It seems like I have made that trip a million times in the last 5 years of ministry, but somehow this trip seemed different. As we were driving, I started to count the dead animals along the side of the road. Yeah, I know, I'm weird like that. I started noticing that most of them were skunks. Some really left a smell; all were dead. This reminded me that on our spiritual journey we will often encounter skunks. You know those things that make life "stink." Sometimes skunks take the form of people, loved ones, employers, customers, and other church members. Sometimes skunks take the form of overdue bills, health issues, political and social issues. But if I learned anything in my life, it is that the skunks on the road of life are rarely permanent — they will die out. Our task, Our Hope, is to keep moving down the road of faith.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 ESV

You Are Awesome

Pastor Greg

2026 LENTEN SEASON

HOLY WEEK - WHEN

March 29 — April 5, 2026



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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AND [YOUTUBE](#).

ASH WEDNESDAY

2/18/26

6:00 pm at

Wylie Christian Church

(All Abilene DoC churches)

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 3/29/26

11:00 am in

FCC Worship Center

TENEBRAE SERVICE

“Through the Shadows”

Compiled by Judy Morris

Thursday 4/2/26

6:00 pm

FCC Worship Center

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30am

Saturday 4/4/26 on Fields

outside of FCC Church

Building

EASTER SERVICE

Sunday 4/5/26

11:00 am in

FCC Worship Center

Prayer Concerns

Timothy Lackey Sr.

Sgt. Corbin Parish, US Army Special Forces, Dorothy Davidson (Grandmother)
Boysen family, from Jackie Parker
L. Caraway, facing heart surgery, cousin of Elaine Herwick

Sharon Dees, health concerns, mom of Gavin Rutledge

Dustin McKenzie, health, son of David & Kim McKenzie and grandson of the late Mil Boardman

Bob Nelsen, health issues, grandfather of Abigail Marden

Tiffany Martinez & her sons

Adrian & Lucas, friend of Greg Morris

Randall Reaves, health concerns, grandfather of Michael Baker

Jane Milstead, health concerns

Dot Laurence, health concerns

CMS/Retired Russ Higgins, very ill, friend of Allen Daugherty

Robert & Kay McCleskey, health issues, Uncle & Aunt of Mel Herweck

Cruz Milstead, medical problems, great-grandson of Jane Milstead

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

Home-Centered Members & Friends
Our Military Families & Friends



PASTOR GREG'S Birthday is Monday, March 30th!! Be sure to wish him HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 30TH
5:30pm



I will provide _____ Easter Legacy Gift(s) at \$25.00 each

Please make your check payable to FCC and write Capital Building Fund on the memo.

Please print name/names exactly as you wish to have them listed in our list of memorials and honorariums for the worship bulletin.

Please Circle either In Memory of or In Honor of

In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

In Memory **or** In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Deadline for ordering Monday, March 30, 2026

Church Wide

EASTER CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th

8-12pm



Bring your Gloves and help us
spruce up the Grounds.

Green Thumb or Not, all help is Welcome.



**ALL HANDS ON DECK NEEDED....at church THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 28
for a work day 8:00AM-NOON in preparation for Easter.**

We need some willing to bring your garden tools to work around the trees and shrubs. If you have a weed eater please bring to edge. Bring your gloves and water. It's going to be a beautiful Saturday-high in the 60's and NO WIND!

For those who wish to help but not yard work, we have plenty of Easter eggs to stuff for the Easter Egg hunt next week. I think with your help we can get this done and still enjoy our Saturday.

**EASTER
CANDY COLLECTION**

We still need **CANDY** for our
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th.
Please put donations in the boxes in
the foyers! **THANK YOU!**

**MONDAYS
BIBLE STUDY**
Noon to 1:00pm
Led by Pastor Greg
Everyone is welcome!

First Christian Church Prayer Group
meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm
here at the church. You are invited to
come for a time of prayer for our
church, church families & friends.

BOBS - Breakfast On Beech Street

BOBS NEEDS VOLUNTERS during the week (Monday – Friday) if you are interested
in volunteering any day, please give Jane Hurley a call 325-660-1265.

Breakfast on Beech Street (BOBS) is a non-profit located in Abilene, TX, providing free breakfast,
sack lunch & a smile to anyone coming through our doors.

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

ENDS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Stop by the tables in the fellowship hall with the items being auctioned off and get your bid in before it's too late!

Remember the proceeds go to benefit Youth Camp/Activities



FCC Landscape Team Sign-up

What: Be on a team that takes care of our landscape, watering, etc.

Who: Anyone who has a green thumb and available time

Contact for More Information:

Kathy Arno or Judi Chaney

First Christian Church –Abilene TX General Fund

Monthly Budget Receipts

FEBRUARY 2026 General Budget Receipts

30,250.81

FEBRUARY 2026 Budget

29,266.50

Monthly Budget Surplus/Shortfall

984.31

YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts

47,749.66

Total Budgeted Receipts

58,533.00

YTD Budget Surplus/Shortfall

% of Budget Received

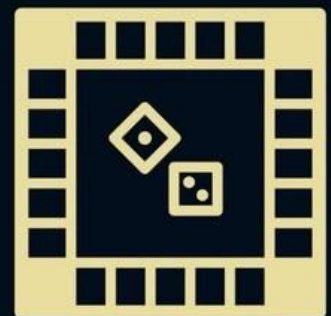
81.5%



SUNDAY
MARCH 29
5-8 PM

ecumenical
**GAME
NIGHT**

BHCC
4606 S 14TH
WITH SNACKS





12TH 2026

First Christian Church (Abilene TX) & Lake Brownwood
Christian Retreat (Disciples of Christ Ministries)

Impact Camp 2026

A Week of Impact & Fun

Who: All are welcome -- Completed Grades 6th through 12th.

Engage in Bible Study & Worship, Games & Crafts, Swimming, Movie Night, and much more...

Cost: \$380 (Tentative)

Registration: April 1st 2026 -- See Pastor Greg or Meghan Lackey

Please email for more information or to pre-register.

Rev. Greg Morris - gsmorris@hotmail.com or 432-770-4320



COFFEE TIME

Every Thursday Morning
at 9:15 am.

Except for the **First Thursday** of each month. (That's 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!!



**FCC Disciples
Men's Breakfast
Thurs. April 2nd
6:15 am**

The men will meet for breakfast & fellowship at **Denny's, 3314 S. Clack St.**
It's pay your own way!

Impact Camp (grades 6th-12th)
June 8th - 12th
at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

**CYLS
Christian Youth Leadership Seminar
July 5th - July 11th**
at Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX

Passport Kids Camp (grades 3-5th)
at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat



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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 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Handbells Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday

8:30am – Noon

1:00 – 4:30pm

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COMMUNITY

Easter

EGG HUNT

**Saturday
APRIL 4th**

10:30 am

Family
Craft Time
in the
Fellowship
Hall



Please
bring
basket
or bag
for your
goodies!!

First Christian Church

5125 Antilley Rd.

on the fields outside the church building

HAPPY EASTER!

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting