



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Sunday, June 21st 9:30 a.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall



**Join us for a special morning of fellowship and treats as
we celebrate all dads and father figures with donuts,
coffee, and fellowship**

Prayer Concerns

Safe travels for ALL Camps

CYLS Camp (Christian Youth Leadership Seminar)

-July 6 – 11 @ Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX

Passport Camp July 19 – 22 Grades 3rd – 5th

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

McMillie Smith - mom of Jackie Parker

Lesle Paxton – health concerns

Jane Milstead - health concerns

Dot Laurence - health concerns

Sharon Dees – undergoing chemo & radiation treatment,
mother of Gavin Rutledge

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 Herweck

Tiffany Martinez and her sons Adrian & Lucas -
friend of Greg Morris

Randall Reaves - health concerns

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 Bob & Jane Milstead

Home-Centered Members & Friends

Our Military Families & Friends

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 22

at 1:30PM

First Christian Church Summer Kid's Club 2026



**When: June 28 July 5,26
August 2**

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Where: FCC WeeCare House

What: Bible Stories, Snacks & Fun

For: 3rd -5th Grades

PASTOR'S PALS CHESS CLUB



**Next Chess Club meeting
JUNE Sunday 28th at 5:00 pm**

**GRADES 3RD – 12TH
ADULT SPONSORS AND
LEARNERS WELCOME**

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 29

at 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

**Celebration Fellowship on June 28 following the
11:00am worship service**

The church will provide the meat, mayo, ketchup,
mustard, relish, tea & lemonade

LET'S HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!!

We ask that you help with the sides and desserts.
There are signup sheets in each classroom, and in each foyer area.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is sign up sheet in the
sanctuary foyer, if you would
like to help in any way
please sign up!!

VBS – July 13-16

9:00 am to Noon



**Disciples Men's
Breakfast**

**Thursday, July 2nd at
7:00AM**

IHOP Restaurant
3705 S. Clack St.

It's pay your own way!



KIDS CAMP --July 19-22

Location: Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Cost: \$408 per participant (FCC pays ½ and
scholarships are also available)

Grades: Completed 3-5th Grades

For More Information See:

Pastor Greg or Cindy Brown



VBS
DECORATING DAY
 Tuesday, July 7th
 starting at 9:00am

First Christian Church –Abilene TX
General Fund

Monthly Budget Receipts

MAY 2026 General Budget Receipts

\$ 25,364.99

MAY 2026 Budget

\$ 29,266.50

Monthly Budget Surplus/**Shortfall**

\$ 3,901.51

YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts

\$ 170,030.37

Total Budgeted Receipts

\$ 146,332.50

YTD Budget **Surplus**/Shortfall

\$ 23,697.87

% of Budget Receipt

116%

Vacation Bible School

2026

First Christian Church * 5125 Antilley Road
325-677-2186



July 13th - July 16th 9:00am---Noon

Ages –Entering Kindergarten to – just finishing 5th grade

**Theme: “I will make a way in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert” Isaiah 43:19**

God Is Our Trailblazer

Day 1 – Sweet Water in the Wilderness

Day 2 – Wilderness Food – Manna

Day 3 – Wilderness Preacher – John the Baptist

Day 4 – Christ Conquers the Desert --Temptation

**Register online at fccabilenetx.com or call First Christian
Church at 325-677-2186**

Church Family,

We want to share with you that Ricky has submitted his resignation as Music Director (see Ricky's note below). We are grateful for the time he has served our congregation and for the ways he has contributed to our worship life. We pray God's grace and guidance for him in the days ahead.

We are also pleased to announce that **Judy Morris** will serve as our Interim Music Director. Judy brings a strong background in music and ministry, holding a **Bachelor of Music degree from Wayland Baptist University** and a **Master of Music degree from Texas A&M–Commerce**. She is a **retired Elementary Music Educator** and previously served **over three years as Music Minister at Bethany Christian Church in Odessa, Texas**. We are thankful for Judy's willingness to step into this role and help guide our worship ministry during this transition.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg & Executive Committee
of First Christian Church

Resignation Letter from Music Director:

Dear Church,

It comes with a heavy heart I have to step away as choir director and worship leader. It has been my honor leading you all since 2020. Thank you for encouraging me, watching me grow, and supporting your church and choir. You all are a wonderful group of people, loving, supporting, caring, and everything Christ calls you to be as a church. I will miss leading you and worshiping with you all.

In Christ,
Ricky



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - Noon
1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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



Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting

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2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEYOND:
LOVE SURPASSING
EPHESIANS 3:14-21

General Assembly Registration is Open

Time is moving, and we don't want your congregation to miss this historic gathering. Join the **2026 General Assembly online, July 10-11**, as the gathers around the theme **BEYOND: Love Surpassing**, inspired by Ephesians 3:14-21. With online access creating greater accessibility and removing the challenge of distance and travel, this is an ideal opportunity to encourage members of your congregation to register and participate in worship, learning, and connection across the church. Registration is \$30 per person.

