



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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God's Super Heroes

VBS 2023



What Are Our Superpowers?

Obedience, Faith, Courage, Trust, Connection to God

July 24-27th 9:00 am to Noon

(Grades: Entering Kinder to – just finished Fifth Grade)

First Christian Church, 5125 Antilley Rd, 325-677-2186

Join us as we meet up with Noah, David as he battles Goliath, Joshua as he fights the Battle of Jericho and as our greatest hero JESUS calms the storm.

What Are Our Superpowers?

Courage!

Connection to God

Dates: July 24 -27th 9:00 am to 12:00

Theme: Romans 15:1 – “Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. (The Message)

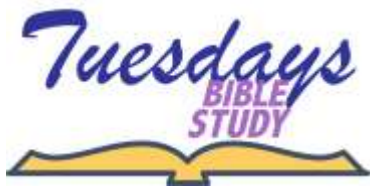
Day 1—Noah's Ark (Obedience) Genesis 7

Day 2—David battles Goliath (Faith & Courage) 1 Samuel 17

Day 3—Joshua and the Battle of Jericho (Trust & Obedience) Joshua 5:13-6:27

Day 4—Jesus-calms the Storm (Connection to God) Matt. 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25
(Water Day/Hot Dog Fellowship)





Tuesday Night Bible Study

will continue during June & July at 6:30 pm

Led by Angel Rodriquez

here at the First Christian Church

(except for the 3rd Tuesday of each month)



Youth 6th - 12th Grade

Join us for YOUTH on Sunday

Evenings 6:00pm - 7:30pm

here at the church

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chris Diebel, in hospice care

Ava Davidson, sister is in hospice

Emerie, grand-daughter of Debbie & Downing Bolls, health concerns

Jessica Giddings, health concerns

Jan McCarty, health concerns, friend of Cathy Clay

Janet Higgons-Giesecke, health concerns, a friend of Allen Daugherty

Sheri Mehaffey, health concerns, friend of Brittney Barringer

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

Dusty Green, husband of Gloria Green

Home Centered Members & Friends

Our Military Families & Friends

Pray for Ukraine



to: **Bernice Clay & Cathy Clay** in the passing of Bernice's sister **Eloise Russell** on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Eloise lived in San Angelo, TX.

148+ Pairs

Of Shoes Collected (so far) for
LBCR (Lake Brownwood
Christian Retreat)
Service Project. Thanks!!!

On Monday Pastor Greg packed up a second load of collected shoes and took them to LBCR. We will continue to collect shoe until Sunday, July 30th. Keep them Coming!

SHOE US THE LOVE

LBCR (Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat)

Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes today!

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

Location to Drop Off Shoes— There is a donation box in the foyer of First Christian Church for your donation of shoes!!



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Registration Form

Name _____ Grade just completed _____

Date of birth _____ Circle T-Shirt size YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL

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(Use back for additional children)

Parent(s) name(s) _____ phone #(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Name of home church, if any _____

Does First Christian Church have permission to post your child's picture on social media or the church website?

Please circle YES or NO Parent signature _____

Disciples West Camping

CYLS

(Christian Youth Leadership Seminar)

July
10-15

This seminar has changed. In the past, it has been for area youth officers on the leadership team. This camp is now open for all youth who have completed the 9th-12th grade and have interest in leadership in our churches and beyond. This camp will be held at LBCR.



Circle With Faith Meeting Tuesday, July 18th

Ladies we will be eating out-at Cotton Patch,
we will all meet at 6:00pm.

Cotton Patch is located at 3302 S. Clack St.

All FCC ladies are WELCOME to join!

It's always good to sup together!



Coffee Time

Thursday Mornings at
9:15am.

Except the first Thursday of each month.

Meet us here at the church for a time of
coffee & fellowship. All are invited!!

NO FCC GAME DAY

In July

(due to VBS)

CCSW MEN'S RETREAT 2023

"Living in a Season of Change"

Speakers:

Rev. Lori Tapia - Disciples National Pastor of Hispanic Ministries, Indianapolis, IN

Rev. Bruce Frogge - Senior Minister, Cypress Creek Christian Church, Spring, TX

DateSeptember 15-17, 2023

Location.....Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat, Brownwood, TX

Cost..... Starting at \$80 (if you register before August 31st)

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 23
5:00pm



First Christian Church - Abilene, TX

JUNE 2023—General Fund

(Budget vs. Actual Comparison)

JUNE 2023 General Budget Receipts	\$ 19,072.69
JUNE 2023 Budget	\$ 21,755.37
Budget Surplus/ <u>Shortfall</u>	\$ -2,682.68
(Actual Receipts less Expenses)	
Total JUNE 2023 Receipts (Includes CCF)	\$ 19,182.69
Total JUNE 2023 Disbursements (Includes CCF)	\$ 23,321.09
JUNE 2023 Net Gain/ <u>Loss</u>	\$ -4,138.40
Year to Date Net <u>Gain</u> /Loss	\$ 6,133.09



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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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Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting