



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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For us at First Christian Church of Abilene TX we choose HOPE. Not only as our theme for 2026 but for our lives in general. The world we live in can cause one to be angry, depressed, and moved to despair. But we must cling to the Hope of a better life "in Christ." What does it mean to be "In Christ" It means we have not only accepted his salvation, but that actively work to improve things around us. Sometimes that means changes, sometimes it means stepping out of our comfort zone. Sometimes it means risk.

As a church, we have risked many ministries. Some that come to mind are the following:

- Expansion of CCF to a three day a week program.
- Building a Building and Phase II at a time when most churches logic says not to because churches are in decline.
- Partnering with other organizations — H4H, Bobs, Mentors Care, Etc.
- Starting new programs to reach into our community-- Chess Club
- Supporting and training the next generation — Children & Youth
- Standing firmly on Christ as our center and expressing his grace, love and mercy when others want or expect us to condemn.
- Showing up as vulnerable, approachable and welcoming to anyone who we come in contact with and who joins us at church.

For 2026 my Hope for FCC is that we risk becoming involved in people's lives. That we show that they matter. I refuse to pass judgement or to stereotype people. I refuse to treat people as expendable. I refuse to give up on all people. I also refuse to give up on myself.

You see, your pastor is not perfect. I know --- many of you knew that already. But your pastor is trying. Your pastor is learning. Your pastor is vulnerable. Your pastor is seeking to be transformed in his faith journey with Christ. For 2026 I Hope you join me in this transformational walk. Let us be the Christians God has called us to be.

Blessings

Pastor Greg

Prayer Concerns

Dee Hamilton & family, on the passing of Dee's son Tyler Hamilton

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

Mel Herweck, health

Bob Nelsen, grandfather of Abigail Marden – health issues

Becky Margolies, recovering from a broken hip

Tiffany Martinez & her son Adrian, friend of Greg Morris

Randall Reaves, health concerns, grandfather of Michael Baker

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

Toni McDonald, health concerns, friend of Jackie Parker

Gale Marden's family friend Bobby, has cancer

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

Jane Milstead, health concerns

Dot Laurence, health concerns

Cruz Milstead, medical problems,

Great-Grandson of Jane Milstead

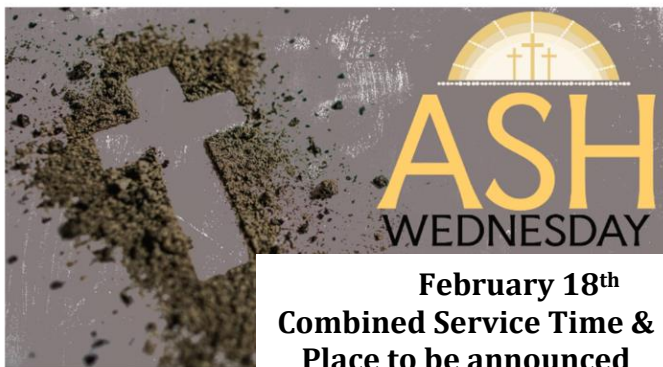
Bob Milstead, Jr., health concerns, son of Jane Milstead

Home-Centered Members & Friends

Our Military Families & Friends



Circle With Faith
meeting Tuesday, February 17th.



FCC Disciples
Men's Breakfast
Thursday,
February 5th
6:15 am

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

Pastoral Relations
Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 15
@ 5:00pm

First Christian Church *Prayer Team*

meets on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm here at the church. You are invited to come for a time of prayer for our church, church families & friends.

Youth Retreat

MARCH 6-8th

Black River Learning Center
Carlsbad, New Mexico
Sign up in the foyer See
Meghan or Greg for details

Church Camp “I Forgot” Box Checklist

Amazon Link: <https://a.co/acAtwbN>

Essential Items for Kids and Youth Who Might Forget Them

- ☐ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ☐ Bar soap
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hairbrushes and combs
- ☐ Shampoo and conditioner (travel size)
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Floss and mouthwash
- ☐ Extra socks
- ☐ Flashlights and batteries
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug spray/repellent
- ☐ Lip balm (with SPF)
- ☐ Small first aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic wipes)
- ☐ Writing pens/pencils and notepads
- ☐ Extra towels
- ☐ Laundry bag or plastic bags for dirty clothes/Trash bags
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Travel-size tissues
- ☐ Rope & Cloths pins for clothesline
- ☐ Ear plugs
- ☐ travel-size lotion
- ☐ Extra pillowcases/Sheets (Twin Size)
- ☐ Aloa Vera Gel – for Sunburn
- ☐ Extra Bibles—ESV translation



Church Camp Box of Games

Amazon List Link: <https://a.co/azw9WKd>

- ❑ **Playing Cards** (4 decks)
- ❑ **Uno** (2 decks)
- ❑ **Jenga**
- ❑ **Connect Four**
- ❑ **Checkers** (2 sets)
- ❑ **Chess** (2 sets)
- ❑ **Chinese Checkers**
- ❑ **Mancala**
- ❑ **Tacta** (card game)
- ❑ **Dominoes**
- ❑ **Spot It!**
- ❑ **Yahtzee**
- ❑ **Phase 10** (Card game)
- ❑ **Puzzle Books** (sudoku, crosswords, seek'n find, etc)
- ❑ **Guess Who?**
- ❑ **Exploding Kittens** (Card game)
- ❑ **Skip-Bo** (Card game)
- ❑ **Battle Ship**
- ❑ **Twister** (2 sets)
- ❑ **Sorry**
- ❑ **Stratego**



Camp box of games

PASTOR'S PALS CHESS CLUB



**2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH
5:00 PM**

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

1st Scheduled Meeting: 2/22/2026

Each session we will have a brief Bible story followed by “Chess”. Everyone is welcome as we will learn from each other this great game. Community is invited. If interested please sign your name or name of your student on the signup sheet. All meeting will be held at FCC Abilene. If you have questions see Pastor Greg 432-770-4320 (cell)

First Christian Church –Abilene TX General Fund

Monthly Budget Receipts

JANUARY 2026 General Budget Receipts

17,498.85

JANUARY 2026 Budget

29,266.50

Monthly Budget Surplus/Shortfall

-11,767.65

YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts

17,498.85

Total Budgeted Receipts

29,266.50

YTD Budget Surplus/Shortfall

-11,767.65

% of Budget Received

58%

SUNDAY MARCH 8th TO MARCH 29th



To Benefit Youth Camp/Activities

ITEMS WILL BE ON

DISPLAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ARTWORK FROM JUDY MORRIS & LESLE PAXTON

Items from Youth & More.

(STILL NEED DONATED ITEMS)

Contact: Greg & Judy Morris or Meghan Lackey

**JOIN US ON
MONDAY FEBRUARY 16
FOR
NOON BIBLE STUDY
Led by Pastor Greg
(No Bible Study on 2/9)**



Our Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th. You may think it's too early to start collecting candy, not really did you see how fast January went by!!



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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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Spring Registration



Monday Wednesday Friday
part-time full-time drop-in
8:30- 2:30



First Christian Church

Youth Group

6th - 12th Grade

meets on Sunday Evenings

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting



