



# 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 17<sup>th</sup>.



February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Combined Service Time &  
Place to be announced



**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.

A graphic for a Youth Retreat. The words "Youth Retreat" are written in a large, stylized, green font. The "Y" and "R" are particularly large and have a bubbly, hand-drawn appearance. The background is a textured, purple and blue surface.

**MARCH 6-8<sup>th</sup>**  
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**



# PASTOR'S PALS CHESS CLUB



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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> TO MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**



**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 4<sup>th</sup>. You may think it's to early to start collecting candy, not really did you see how fast January went!!



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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

## First Christian Church Staff

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# Spring Registration



Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

**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**



