



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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*Christmas Eve Service  
Wednesday, December  
24th – 6:00pm*

*Join us for this special  
Christmas Eve Service.  
Family friendly service  
will be a blessing to  
you as you prepare for  
Christmas Day.*

*...the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it ...  
—Philippians 1:6*



THE WORK OF  
CHRISTMAS



### **2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

*supporting the work of your  
Region and its ministries.  
Christmas Offering received on  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.*

## Christmas Blessings and a Year of Hope Ahead

FCC Family and Friends,

**Merry Christmas!** As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. You are an awesome church family. Christmas time reminds me of God's incredible love, grace and mercy which is expressed in the birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection of Christ. The Christ in the manger. Please make plans to attend the **Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm** if you are in town. It is always a special time.

As we look ahead to 2026, I am excited to share our new church theme: **"2026: A Year of Hope."** This theme is inspired by Psalm 33:18, which says, *"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love."*

In the coming year, we will focus together on deepening our trust in God's promises and encouraging one another to place our hope in Him, no matter the circumstances. Let's journey forward as a church family, experiencing God's faithfulness and sharing His hope with our community.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas and a hope-filled New Year!

Love ya!!

Pastor Greg

**Church Office will be  
Closed**

***on these days for  
Christmas and  
New Year's***

***Wednesday, December 24th***

***Thursday, December 25th***

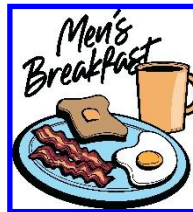
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***Wednesday, December 31st***

***Thursday, January 1st***



**Sunday, December 21st  
fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
LOVE**



**FCC Disciples  
Men's Breakfast  
Thursday,  
January 1, 2026  
6:15 am**

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

## Prayer Concerns

**Bob Nelsen**, grandfather of Abigail Marden – health issues

**Becky Margolies**, broken hip

**Mel Herweck**, health concerns

**Kay Thompson**, had complete knee replacement

**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**



## First Christian Church End of year

### Giving Instructions

In accordance with IRS regulations any contributions given to the church that you desire to receive 2025 contribution credit must be received in one of the following ways.

1. Electronically made prior to or on 12/31/25
2. Physically given/delivered to the church via the offering plate on 12/28/25 or dropped by the church offices 12/29/25 or 12/30/25 (dates office is open)
3. Mailed via U.S. mail and postmarked before or on 12/31/25

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thank You.



## First Christian Church –Abilene TX

### General Fund

#### Monthly Budget Receipts

<u>NOVEMBER 2025</u>	General Budget Receipts	27,642.06
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<u>NOVEMBER 2025</u>	Budget	26,064.68
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Monthly Budget <u>Surplus</u> /Shortfall	1,577.38
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#### YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts	300,298.85
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Total Budgeted Receipts	286,711.50
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YTD Budget <u>Surplus</u> /Shortfall	13,587.35
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% of Budget Received	95%
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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

6:00 p.m. [Handbells Practice to resume on Wednesday, January 14, 2026](#)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## First Christian Church Staff

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*From the First Christian Church Staff*

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*Ricky Barringer, Cindy Brown,*

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### Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



### Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting