



First Christian Church

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

Join us as we take time during our 11:00am worship service to honor our High School Graduates.

First Christian Church 2025 Graduates are:

Gracie Rodriquez - Abilene High School

Brighton Stewart - Merkel High School

Due to construction, we will not be able to have a meal after church.

To Honor our Graduates, we will have a brief reception after church in the back of the Sanctuary.

There will be a place for you to put your cards of Congratulations!

ConGRADulations to our College Graduates!

Tommy Allmand - HSU

Boyd Paxton - Texas Tech (graduating in December)

Daniel McCrory - Texas State University



Busy and exciting season ahead

Greetings First Christian family,

As we step into this vibrant season, there's a sense of energy and anticipation in the air! This time of year, it always brings joy, busyness, and opportunities to serve and celebrate together as a community of faith.

Summer Camps Preparations

We are hard at work getting ready for the various summer camps that will soon be in full swing. These camps are such a vital part of our ministry, providing a space for our young ones to grow in their faith, build friendships, and enjoy meaningful adventures. Please keep our leaders and participants in your prayers as we finalize all the details. Our 3rd through 5th graders will be going to **Passport Kids** at Glenlake Camp and Retreat Center on July 20th – 23rd. The youth (6-12) will be attending **Impact Camp** at LBCR June 16th-20th.

Honoring Our Graduates

May 18th, we will take time during our worship service to honor our high school graduates—Gracie Rodriquez and Brighton Stewart. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and encourage them as they prepare to step into a new chapter of life. After the service, we'll have a short reception, and we invite you to bring encouragement cards for the graduates. These notes of love and support mean so much to them during this exciting yet uncertain time in their lives. We also want to recognize our college Graduates, Tommy Allmand – HSU and Boyd Paxton – Texas Tech (Graduating in December). Daniel McCrory has also earned his master's degree in public history at Texas State University. **Congratulations** to all.

Building Progress and Opportunities

The construction of our new building is progressing beautifully, and we are filled with gratitude for all who have contributed to making this dream a reality. It's still not too late to donate toward the building fund and future work on phases 2 and 3! Every gift makes a difference as we continue to invest in the future of our church and community.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place from July 14th through July 17th. This is one of the highlights of our year—Four days filled with fun, learning, and spiritual growth for children of all ages. However, we still need volunteers to help make this event a success. If you're available to serve, please reach out to Cindy Brown our Children's Director, as soon as possible. Whether it's guiding a group of kids, assisting in crafts, or helping with snacks, there's a role for everyone.

As we move forward, let's remain steadfast in prayer and thankfulness. God is doing amazing things in our church, and I am so blessed to be on this journey with you all. Let's continue to trust him for all that is ahead.

You are AWESOME!!

Pastor Greg

Prayer Concerns

Ann Cornell – health concerns

Baby Emma Ruth – in NICU, family of Megan Bolte

John Boysen - health concerns, prayer request from Jackie Parker

Lindal Lackey – health concerns, Family, Father and Grandfather, prayer request from Preston Lackey

Maricella Mares Martinez – health concerns, grandmother of Itzell Mares, a friend of Ethan Whitworth

Richard Stewart and Carol Stewart – both for health and wellbeing concerns, prayer request from Aston Stewart

Jane Milstead - health concerns

Dot Laurence - health concerns

James Dempsey - health concerns, dad of Judy Morris

Sabrina Fletcher - health concerns, friend and coworker of Meghan Lackey

Cruz Milstead – medical problems, great-grandson of Jane Milstead

Robert McCleskey - health, Uncle of Mel Herweck

Mason Family - lost home to the Helene hurricane, friends of the Bakers

Randy & Toni Williams - health concerns, cousin of Judy Morris

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

Janet Higgons-Giesicke - health concerns, friend of Allen Daugherty

Home-Centered Members & Friends
Our Military Families & Friends

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Sunday May 18

@ 5:00pm

MONDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP

after we meet on Monday,
May 19th will be taking a
SUMMER BREAK
till September after
Labor Day.



Ladies, we will be meeting at the church on Tuesday, May 20th at 11:30am for our **"Spring forth Summer"** meeting.

A light lunch will be served. If you will, wear your summer hat and let's have some Fun!



COFFEE TIME

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Every Thursday Morning
at 9:15 am.

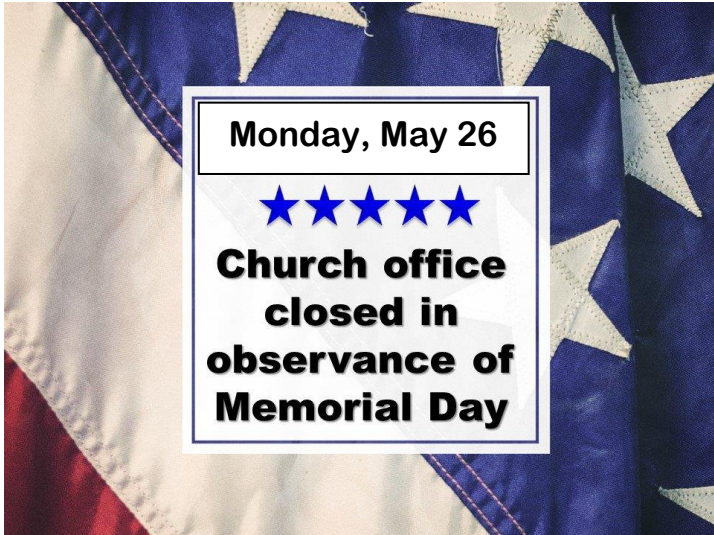
**Except for the First Thursday
of each month.** (When the

men meet at 6:15am to have
breakfast at Denny's. Join us here at the
church on Thursdays for a time of
coffee and fellowship.

All are invited!!

First Christian Church Prayer Team

meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. here at the church. You are invited to come for a time of prayer for our church, church



Don't Forget to Support the FCC Benevolence Fund

We maintain a small fund which is used to help minister to people in our area that contact the church office for assistance.

We live in a community that has many services for those need but sometimes the church needs to give assistance rather than referrals. This fund helps members and non-members who have various needs. **Most assistance is offered on a one-time only basis.** It has been a blessing to help people in need of gas money, school supplies, water or electric bills and various other needs. The Benevolence fund is not supported by the regular budget giving of the church; therefore, it is dependent on direct designated gifts.

So -- we ask that --- as the Lord directs you --
give a contribution to the Benevolence Fund.
Mark your contribution: "For Benevolence Fund"

Thanks, Pastor Greg

First Christian Church - Abilene, TX

APRIL 2025—General Fund

(Budget vs. Actual Comparison)

APRIL. 2025 General Budget Receipts	\$ 25,737.66
APRIL 2025 Budget	\$ 23,110.51
Budget Surplus /Shortfall	\$ 2,627.15
(Actual Receipts less Expenses)	
Total APRIL 2025 Receipts (Includes CCF)	\$ 29,484.10
Total APRIL 2025 Disbursements (Includes CCF)	\$ 27,304.97
Net Gain /Loss	\$ 2,179.13
Year to Date Net Gain/ Loss	\$ -3,079.54



MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE DATES FOR
SUMMER CAMPS and VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Impact Camp

Monday June 16th to Friday June 20, 2025

Who: FCC Abilene Youth & Guests

Grades: Completed 6th – 12th grade

What: Church Youth Camp **Cost:** \$375

Where: Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

To Register contact: Rev. Greg Morris at
First Christian Church, Abilene, TX
gsmorris@hotmail.com

First Christian Church
Vacation Bible School
Mon. July 14 – Thurs. July 17
9:00am - Noon
VBS Theme: Treasure Cove

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KIDZ CLUB SUMMER 2025

When: Sunday Evenings
6:00-7:30pm (Grades 3rd-5th)

Dates: TBD

Where: FCC WeeCare House

What: Bible Stories, Snacks &
FUN!



KIDS CAMP

Location: Glen Lake Camp
Glen Rose Texas

Sunday July 20 to Wed. July 23

Cost: \$438 per participant
(FCC pays ½ and scholarships are
also available)

Grades: Completed 3-5th Grades

For More Information See:

Pastor Greg or Cindy Brown



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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

6:00 pm Handbell practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon

1:00pm - 4:30 pm



First Christian Church

Youth 6th - 12th Grade

Meet on Sunday Evenings

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Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting