

First Christian Church

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Stewardship Emphasis (2026)

ROOTED IN GRATITUDE REACHING OUT IN FAITH

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Commitment Sunday Pledge Card Sunday

Pledge Cards will be available in the bulletins on Sunday and in the back of the worship center by the sound booth.

CANDY DONATIONS

We are still accepting candy donations for the



COMMUNITY WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

4:00 - 6:00 PM (or until candy runs out)

Church Office will be open from 8:30-Noon or 1:00-4:30

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday to accept your

donations of candy!!





ATTENTION: All those who are providing a trunk for TRUNK OR TREAT, we are asking that you please be here before 3:30pm to park and decorate your trunk. We need you ready to hand out candy by 4:00pm. Thanks!!

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During the month of October don't forget to find your special way to say **THANK YOU** to Pastor Greg & Judy.



On WEDNESDAYS
Handbell Practice
6:00 pm
Choir Practice
7:00pm

Prayer Concerns

Sarah Christopher & family
Dee Hamilton & family
Family of John Boysen, John passed away Oct. 16th
CMS/Retired Russ Higgins, friend of Allen
Daugherty, very ill

Suzanna Kennedy-Howard, recovery from surgery Mike McDonald, health issues

Toni McDonald, health concerns, friend of Jackie Parker

Gale Marden's brother, John was in a motorcycle accident

Gale Marden's family friend, Bobby health issues Shannon Prew, motorcycle accident

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



Dee Hamilton. Dee's son **Matthew Hamilton** passed away on Thursday,
October 16, 2025.



Sarah Christopher. Sarah's mom **Kitty Petershagen** passed away on Monday, October 20, 2025.

COFFEE TIME

Every Thursday Morning at 9:15 am.

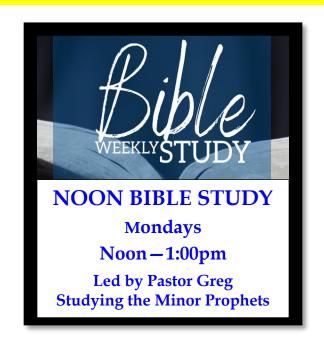
Except for the First Thursday of each month. (That's when the

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!!

COFFEE

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 family & friends.



Sunday, October 19, 2025 Pastor Appreciation & Staff Recognition Sunday





Children Come First Teachers – (left to right)
Aileigh Wooten, Emily McFall, Sindi Whitworth, Hailey
McFadden, Kristen Wooten

(not pictured) Director of CCF -Sarah Christopher, Taylor Wofford & Maddie Christopher (CCF teachers)





Staff Members of FCC – (left to right)

Kathy Arno -Pianist, Cindy Brown -Children's Director,
Meghan Lackey -Youth Director, Ricky Barringer -Music Director,
Angel Rodriquez -Outreach Ministry Assistant,
Judy Morris -Sound Tech & Pastor's Wife, Rev. Greg Morris, Pastor

Dear First Chistian Church,

Thank You for your love, support and prayers each and every day! Thank You for the reception of goodies that were served after the service on Sunday, for each note of appreciation and gifts we received on Sunday. We love First Christian Church and what it stands for, as Our Mission says To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known.

Love, The First Christian Church Staff



CABINET MEETING
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 27
at 5:30 PM

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 2nd @ 5:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting

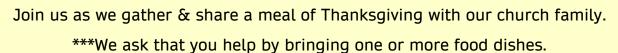
Monday, November 3rd
@ 1:30pm



COVERED DISH THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025





There will be signup sheets in the Church Foyer, Sunday School classrooms for you to let us know what you can help bring for this meal. Thanks!!

First Christian Church –Abilene TX General Fund

Monthly Budget Receipts

SEPTEMBER General Budget Receipts

SEPTEMBER Budget

Monthly Budget **Surplus**/Shortfall

\$ 29,361.25

\$ 26,064.68

\$ 3,296.57

YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts
Total Budgeted Receipts
YTD Budget **Surplus**/Shortfall

\$ 236,560.34

\$ 234,582.13

\$ 1,978.21

% of Budget Received

\$ 1.008%



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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 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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REMINDER! If you receive 2026 calendars that you do not need, please know that FCC is collecting "extras!" As we did last year, we will take them to Houses for Healing, to be used by the residents or in the houses. Just bring your extras to the church office and put them in the box marked "Extra 2026 Calendars" Thank You!



First Christian Church Youth 6th - 12th Grade Meet on Sunday Evenings 6:00pm - 7:30pm



Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30am - 2:30pm

For Ages - 3 months to 5 years old or till they start kindergarten



