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Stewardship Emphasis (2027)

"In Christ We Experience Breakthrough"

Reminds us that every step forward, every answered prayer, every changed life, and every new opportunity comes from His grace. Breakthrough is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive as we walk faithfully with Him. Stewardship is one the ways we participate in that ongoing work.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Commitment Sunday & Pledge Card Sunday

Pledge Cards are available in the worship center back by the sound booth and in the church office. We ask that all pledge cards be turned in by "Commitment Sunday"/Pledge Card Sunday so that the Finance Committee can complete the work of the budget/financial plan for 2027.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

During Pastor Appreciation Month find your special way to say THANK YOU to Pastor Greg & Judy.

You can always bring your cards, gifts, snacks whatever you have to show Pastor Greg your thanks/appreciation to the church office or give to Judy on Sunday.

This Sunday, October 18th
Guest Speaker will be Rev. Angel Escobedo Rodriquez

Sunday, October 25th
Guest Speaker will be Rev. Katherine Wright, TCU Chaplain

Prayer Concerns

Brit Ancell, fighting cancer, concern from Elaine Herweck
Paul Margolies, health concerns
Maddy Christopher, recovery -had surgery on 9/17
Dee Hamilton, health concerns
Timothy Lackey Sr.
Dustin McKenzie, health, son of David & Kim McKenzie and grandson of the late Mil Boardman
Millie Smith, mom of Jackie Parker
Lesle Paxton, health concerns
Sharon Dees, undergoing chemo & radiation treatment, mother of Gavin Rutledge
Boysen family, from Jackie Parker
Jane Milstead, health concerns
Tiffany Martinez & her sons Adrian & Lucas, friend of Greg Morris
Randall Reaves, health concerns, grandfather of Michael Baker
Robert & Kay McCleskey, health issues, Uncle & Aunt of Mel Herweck
Bob Milstead, Jr., health concerns, son of Jane Milstead
Home-Centered Members & Friends
Our Military Families & Friends



To the family of Bruce Boyd. Bruce passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026. Bruce & Johnnie Lou Boyd were members First Christian Church Abilene before moving to Odessa. ***Memorial Service for Bruce Boyd will be held here at First Christian Church on Friday, November 13 at 11:00am.***

Congratulations!!
Emily McFall & Rodney Rud
Welcomed on Friday, Sept. 25th
Lola Grace 3 lbs 11 ozs
Winston Tate 3 lbs 8 ozs
both 16.5" long
Siblings -Carson, Lincoln & Alexis

As of today, Lola & Winston are both home now from the hospital.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CANDY FOR OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Containers for the candy donations are in the church foyers.
Sign up sheets are in the foyer for those who can help with Trunk or Treat.
Questions see Cindy Brown

All those who are helping in any way with Trunk or Treat, we are asking that you please be here ready to set up at 3:00pm to park and decorate your trunks or table.
We need to be ready to hand out candy by 3:45pm.

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JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank You to everyone who has brought in candy for Trunk or Treat! We appreciate your help in making this a fun time for our Church Kids & Community Families!!!



First Christian Church Family,

Would YOU make good use of a Thanksgiving Meal Basket?

If you are interested in receiving or nominating someone to receive a Thanksgiving meal basket, please submit their name and pickup/delivery information by October 31st. Perhaps you are interested in getting further involved with this project by preparing notes, prayer cards, packing or delivering baskets.

Please contact Ms. Angel 325-386-9398

Circle With Faith

Circle with Faith ladies will be "eating- out" this month. It is a pay-as-you-go lunch. We will be eating at

Panera Bread
3506 South Clack St. 79606

at 11:30 on Tuesday October 20. Come, bring a guest and let's enjoy eating lunch together.

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.

Children Come First
MOTHER'S DAY OUT
@ First Christian Church
325-677-2186
Teaching the ABC's with Christ-Centered TLC

Youth Ministry

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

Children Come First

Mother's Day Out Program
First Christian Church
5125 Antilley Rd

CCF meets on
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
from 8:30am – 2:30pm

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

(Children Come First meet in the house down the driveway from the church building)

First Christian Church –Abilene TX
General Fund

Monthly Budget Receipts

SEPTEMBER 2026 General Budget Receipts	$ 24.802.52
SEPTEMBER 2026 Budget	$ 29,266.50
Monthly Budget Surplus/**Shortfall**	$ 4,463.98

YTD Budget Receipts

Total General Fund Receipts	$269,388.01
Total Budgeted Receipts	$263,398.50
YTD Budget **Surplus**/Shortfall	$ 5,989.51
% of Budget Received	102%



I am so blessed to witness *how important* each of you are to one another. Our salvation, healing, confidence, and personal development in each role we serve genuinely in, supports one another and beyond. Thank you for practicing faithfully in His purpose for YOU.

CABINET MEETING
MONDAY,
October 26th
@ 5:30pm

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

at 5:00pm

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

at 5:30pm

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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

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - Noon
1:00pm - 4:30 pm

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2027 Calendars. . . !

If they are arriving in your mailbox, and you have extras, please bring them to FCC! Our Outreach Chair, Angel Rodriquez, will share them with Abilene Houses for Healing! Blessings!

Our Mission
To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known

Our Values
Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting