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Congregational Care Opportunity

As our church grows the need for laity care also grows.

We are developing a Stephen's Ministry. Training will be provided late summer/early fall with implementation following. If you are interested, please contact Mike or Tom Jones.

Our elders also are requesting additional folks to serve with homebound ministry. If you would be interested in going with an elder once a month to serve communion to shut-ins during the 11 am service hour, please let our ministers know.

Food Pantry Is Moving!

The Food Pantry is moving to our campus next week on Saturday, March 12, at 9 am. If you can give some time that morning please let the office know 432-682-2541. We will be meeting at Memorial Christian Church to start the move.

Family Promise

Happy New Year!!

(Never mind that it is already March!)

A bit overdue, but here are our Family Promise dates for 2016:

Apr. 3rd – 10th

June 26th – July 3rd

Oct. 9th – 16th

Dec. 11th – 18th

I hope you will put this on your calendar and keep these dates in mind as you plan your year.

If you know anyone who would like to be a part of our team, please let me know!

~ Martha

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6

- 9am Contemporary Worship
- 10am Sunday School
- 11am Traditional Worship

Monday, March 7

- 9:30am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

- 9:30am Concerns
- 7:30pm Boy Scouts, Rm 105

Wednesday, March 9

- 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:30pm Breaking Bread
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 13

- 9am Contemporary Worship
- 10am Sunday School
- 11am Traditional Worship



Thoughts...

Rev. Mike Hunter
Senior Minister

Thoughts...

Potential is an awesome responsibility

The excitement of what is going on at FCC at times keeps me up at night. Just this past week, persons made appointments to see me to discuss joining the church. On Sunday morning, moments prior to the 11 am worship service, guests passed a note to me saying they would be joining today (welcome Jack and Judy Hunnicutt). As that same service ended another couple, as they exited, said they would be joining soon.

On Sunday evening we held the second of the two-part series Disciple 101. Folks from across the spectrum of the church attended, from life-long members to the newest of the new. The conversation was rich and meaningful with several lingering afterwards asking questions that should warrant a follow-up study or two.

And then the picture of our group at camp from the past weekend. We flashed it onscreen at the beginning of both worship services so that folks would know and understand where many of our regulars were. One parent stopped me Sunday evening to tell me how their child came home very moved and inspired by what had happened.

My heart, your heart, our collective hearts should overflow with joy....

...and yet, we should also be aware that all of this, as wonderful as it is, is not the destination of anything.

Even in this wonderful moment we must continue to listen to the God call that brought us here, focusing to hear the next sentence, the next few words of what we are to do and be next.

It is in this awesome responsibility that I live and pray and listen.

Church Work Day

We will be having a Church Work Day on
March 19th from 9am-12pm.
Meet in the Montgomery Room.

This Week's Sermon

Title:
Are You Part of the Scandal?

Scripture:
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Bible Study

TOPIC :
PROVERBS
LEADER
Rev. Mike Hunter

Visitors

February 28, 2016

- Sharon Bessire
- Suzanne Gonzalez
- Chris & Joan Huff
- Stephen & Rose Huskey
- Kubacak Family
- Maddy Mapp
- Lori Mast
- Talor McGuire
- Cindy Owens
- Kristi & CC Petteway
- Barbara Rila
- June Ross
- Kelby Winn
- Cason Wood



Attendance

February 28, 2016

Worship Service	
Contemporary	51
Traditional	93
Total	144
Camp Attendance	53
Sunday School	
Children	13
Youth	At Camp
Adult	62
Total	75



Topics...

Rev. T.J. York
Associate Minister

Wow! What crazy few weeks. Last weekend we took 53 children, youth, and adults to the Mid-Winter Rally at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat. We had an amazing time (See picture below).

This week, we are taking 20 students and adults to New Mexico for skiing, snow tubing, zip lining, worship, and team-building.

Below you will find a list of students who are attending the ski trip. Please be in prayer for us as we embark on this great adventure. There is no doubt that God is going to use our time together to help us grow in our faith.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the student ministry at First Christian Church. Without you, we could not do the things that we do.

Youth Ski Trip, Ski Apache

Adult Sponsors: T.J. York, Michele Hepfer, Bill McCullough, & Khrysti Bair

Youth: John Espino, Dusty Hopper, Chandler Carter, Kristen Hepfer, Kathe Hepfer, Katie Hepfer, Collin McCullough, Delaney Walsh, Tyler Navratil, Christian Flores, Garrett Stephenson, Meredith Martin, Kevin Vasquez, Shane Slone, Johnna Slone & Pete Palmer.





Ponderings...

Rev. Paula Brooks
Associate Minister

When we think of role models, we think of those who we look up to, admire, and respect. We think of those that set an example for us to follow. We think of those that portray values and virtues that should be imitated. We live in a culture and society where there is a desperate need for good role models.

As we seek to sculpt our lives into what they should be, it is not easy to find the models that we need. The search for an outstanding role model is often long and the candidates scarce. From the Whitehouse to the schoolhouse, the workplace to the home-place, and from the Church to the community, there is a need for good role models.

The role models that are needed are those who will bring out the best in us. The role models that are needed are those by whom we are motivated, and lift us up.

Paul was not an entertainer but an evangelist. He was not a film star but a faithful servant. He was not a rock singer but a redeemed saint. He was saying that the role models one should have are those who know the Lord, love the Lord, serve the Lord, obey the Lord, and honor the Lord in their lives.

Paul was saying that we should pay close and careful attention to those who live a faithful Christian life. There are times when you may wonder if you have ever met one of those Christians. There are some and their lives should be carefully observed. We should observe how they pray, act and react to things that happen in their life, how they worship, share their faith, and other virtues in their life and walk with God.

The purpose of a role model is to have a beacon by which to guide our ship. It is to have a model of what we should be and become. Paul was saying that we should observe the lives of godly people and should develop such a godliness in our own lives.

He was declaring himself to be a good role model. Can you make such a claim? If others did what you did, acted as you act, and lived as you lived, would it make them good Christians? What kind of role models are we as parents, church members, and most of all as Christians?

We have the opportunity every day to be a good role model for children, youth and adults. We know of the greatest gift ever given and we should share that gift and the love that came with that gift every single day.

In loving partnership,

Paula



Adult Sunday School Studies

Mixed Blessings - Room 102

Topic: How Jesus Became God
Leader: Bill Bucy

2 Chronicles 7:14 - Library

Topic: Twelve Unlikely Heroes
Leader: Lisa Kilborn

Genesis - Parlor

Join us as we continue to share our faith.

Fellowship - Room 307

Topic: Journey to Jerusalem Part 1
Scripture: Matthew 19
Leader: Jim Mauldin

Young Disciples-Room 201

Topic: Work of the Holy Spirit
Scripture: John 16
Leader: Paula Brooks

Children's Activities

Sunday School 10am

Topic: We have classes for ages 2-grade 5. Join us as we learn how to be disciples

Children's Church

Topic: Lent 4: Jesus' Teachings

Celebrate Grades K-5

5-7pm There will be no CELEBRATE Sunday March 6 or 13. See you March 20!

Church Bulletin Board

Lectionary Scriptures

March 6, 2016

Joshua 5:-12

Psalm 32

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Elder - On Call

2/28-3/6 Jennifer Cooper
3/6-3/13 Carol Cook



Online Giving

You can now give to FCC through our website! You can make a one-time donation, pay the fees for a children's or youth event, or set up recurring donations. Online giving is convenient, safe, easy to track, and easy to schedule on a regular basis.



FCC Welcomes New Members

On Sunday, February 28, Jack and Judy Hunnicutt joined FCC by transfer of membership. We are blessed in having them become a part of our church family.

Men's Small Group, Interested?

Several men of the church are looking to put a small group together that will involve an hour of peer led Christian fellowship/discussion followed by an optional time of basketball in the gym. Jack Campbell, David McGehee, and Jim Reynolds are leading this group. If you are interested, please contact one of them and let them know your day/date/time preference. You can email them at: Jack@LoneStarAbstract.com, jimreynolds@pblea.org, david.mcgehee@sbcglobal.net.

Eggstravaganza Egg filling

The Genesis Class invites you to join us on March 10, at 6pm, to fill Easter eggs for FCC's annual Eggstravaganza. Bring eggs and /or fillings (no chocolate) and come join us at Michael's Charcoal Grill on A and Wadley. It's always a fun evening.

CLC Registration

April 1, 2016 □ Fall Registration open to the public

Summer School Dates: June 6, 2016 □ August 17, 2016

2016 □ 2017 School Dates: September 6, 2016 □ May 26, 2017



The CLC children are enjoying spring.



SAVE THE DATES!

Here are the important youth ministry dates for Summer 2016!
Please keep these dates in mind as you plan your 2016 vacations.

- June 13-18 **Summer Camp @ Ceta Glen**
- June 20-24 **Vacation Bible School**
- June 26-July 2 **Eighters Camp @ Athens, TX**
- July 4-9 **Disciple Summer Mission Trip - San Marcos, TX**

As always, please contact the church office with any questions.
(432) 682-2541 tjyork@fccmidland.org



- 3/4 Roy & Jeannine Hurst
- 3/9 Monty & Patty McRight
- 3/12 Zach & Shawna Kilborn
- 3/12 Charlie & Lu Ann Morgan
- 3/17 Beau & Barbara Estes
- 3/17 Joe Gassie & Pat Vincent
- 3/17 Wayne & Pam Young
- 3/18 Paul & Terri Haden
- 3/18 Tom & Kay Hill
- 3/21 Jon Aaron & Magen House
- 3/25 Ken & Jo Sneed
- 3/25 Johnny & Charla Espino



- 3/1 Roberta Hurt
- 3/2 Marco Cardozo
- 3/3 Jim Morris
- 3/5 Mary Lightfoot
- 3/6 Josh Carnett
- 3/6 Audrey McGehee
- 3/6 Judy Spruell
- 3/10 Jo Sneed
- 3/10 Chris Reynolds
- 3/11 Terri Haden
- 3/11 Kinder McCullough
- 3/13 Enid Hunter
- 3/13 Louise Jones



Vacation Bible School 2016



June 20-24 5:30-8:30pm

Social Media

Become a friend of ours on Facebook and "Like" us.



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www.facebook.com/fcccm

Also check out FCC's Children's, Youth & Children's Learning Center pages on Facebook and "Like" us.



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Website & You Tube

Don't forget our website (www.fccmidland.org) for news, publications, and You Tube for previous sermons!

E-mail Provider

Please be sure that your e-mail provider accepts e-mails from fccmidland.org. We have had several e-mails sent back to us, and solving the problem would help us get accurate and up-to-date information to you.

Prayer's & Praises

Those in need of prayer:

- Bill Griffin
- Pat Howard
- June Jarrett
- Jerry Johnson
- Johnny Espino
- Doris Stewart
- Mary Mauldin
- John & Mary Lou Midkiff
- Erlene Thomas
- George Head
- Bruce Stanley
- Bill & Char Womack

Praises /Thanksgivings:

- Judy Craig - June Jarrett
- Mary Lou Cassidy - June Jarrett
- Susan Askins - June Jarrett

Military:

- Joe Henderson - son of Holly Moore
- Nicky Miller - son of Vicki Miller

Families/Friends beyond FCC:

- Family of Kirby Collier - Jill Wright
- Bob Black Family - Janice Courtney
- Anderson Family - Janice Courtney
- Vark Family - Janice Courtney
- Shannon Midkiff - Janie Slagle
- Martha Belden - granddaughter of Enid Davis
- Barbara Brown - Dolores Hodges sister
- Jay Zumwalt - brother-in-law of Stephen & Betty Forbes
- Trent Hawthorne - great-nephew of Austella Berry
- Dustin Davis - grandson of Nell Coats
- Donna McAdams - friend of Patty Walsh
- John McCuan - brother of Patty Walsh
- Charlie Younger - friend of Dean Rucker
- Richard Smith - son-in-law of Ray Stewart
- Marcia Chandler - friend of Ray Stewart
- Austin Millican - friend of Vicki Rymal
- Patrick Mauldin - son of Jim Mauldin
- Melissa Thompson - daughter-in-law of Gary & Carol Thompson
- Father of Sean McCarthy - co worker of Bob Rymal
- Pam Ruffin - friend of Mary Beth Corbett
- Fred Westmoreland - The Schwiengs
- Dennis Blevins - friend of Mary Beth Corbett
- Ed Shelton - nephew of Scotty Alcorn
- Janice Smith - sister-in-law of Eveline Smith McCuan
- George Capps - cousin of Sara Cranford
- Randy Quimby - uncle of Lynda Terry
- Nieta Stephenson - mother of Mike Stephenson & Michelle Hepfer
- Joe Langford - father of Carol Cook
- Martha Pollock - friend of Sara Cranford
- Liz Hickerson - friend of Leslie Vines
- Abbye Irons - friend of Steve Vaughan
- Walker Hughes - grandson of Steve & Lucille Vaughan
- Brenda Bradshaw - friend of Lucille Vaughan
- Jo Smith - daughter-in-law of Donna Lathrop
- Tom Hewitt - brother of Anne Schwiening
- Sonya Hopkins - friend of Kelley McCullough

Special Notes:

Our joys, concerns and deepest needs are already on God's heart long before we put them to paper.

...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8

Please inform the church office if you or a loved one are admitted into a hospital, so we may be there for you & your family.

For submission to prayer list contact any staff, submit via web, or e-mail prayerchain@fccmidland.org



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 26th, 10:30am Hill Park

NEEDED:

Lots & Lots of Eggs & Stuffings

Please bring your donations to the church office by March 23

