



Lifting Praise

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Lifting Praise is the weekly newsletter designed to help you stay connected and informed about everything happening with the First Christian Church family.

Song of the Week

Pat Barrett – “I’ve Got a Fire” (Official Music Video)

Pastor's Blog

BY FAITH, LET GO

Upward Look by Jon Forrest

A small boy was playing with a valuable vase. He placed his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father tried his best to get it out, to no avail. They were thinking of breaking the vase when the father said, "Now my son, make one more try. Open your hand and hold your fingers out straight as you see me doing and then pull." To their astonishment the little fellow said, "O no, dad, I couldn't put my fingers out like that because if I did, I would drop my dime."

In Matthew 14, the disciples saw Jesus walking across the top of the Sea of Galilee coming toward their fishing vessel. When he had told them to relax because it was him, Peter told Jesus that if it was truly him, to invite him to walk out to him. Jesus told him to come. Peter had talked himself into a moment of decision. Would he hang onto the security of the boat or would he take a chance on Christ's ability to help him walk on water? Peter had a choice; cling to the familiar or take a risk on the blessing of doing something completely unfamiliar. Because he chose to obey the invitation of Jesus, he walked on water. Wow!

Jesus has encouraged us to step out on faith with him over and over again, but often we have clung to the side of the boat. We have clutched our fist tightly around the familiar; the easy, the old reliable, the material. Like the little boy, we just can't let go of that dime. But if we do, he will take us to levels we never thought possible. He will work miracles in and through our lives. We only need to believe in him enough to let go.

This Sunday, we will talk about the way of faith in a message titled, "**Faith=Trust=Risk.**" Take a step of faith and come hear this message of hope and victory. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Risking it all,
Jon

Roller Skating at Roller World Family Fun Back to School Event

August 22, 2025

7:00 - 9:00pm

Everyone is invited to go roller skating. Those from First Christian Church will be paid for.

Make it known you are attending with First Christian Church. The ticket is paid for.

There are still 44 spots open!





Wednesday Night Special is Returning

The Cooking Teams are almost confirmed, Teachers and leaders are getting ready and the excitement is building again for Wednesday Night Special to launch the 2025 Fall/Winter Session on September 3. The meal will be from 5:30PM til 6:05 and classes for all ages will be from 6:15-7:15. Everyone is welcome to come and see what makes Wednesday Nights so Special at First Christian Church.



MEAL TRAIN REQUEST

Kimberly Wright will undergo surgery August 14th and will not be able to work. A Meal Train is being organized to assist Kim's family of four with a daily supper. If you are able to volunteer with homemade, readymade, or frozen meals that is fantastic! Jeff and Kimberly, along with Alex (4) and Ziya Rose (2), are appreciative of any assistance.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the instructional table.

Dianna Thompson 575.693.2181

Helping Hands & Special Care Ministry

Pam Wallace



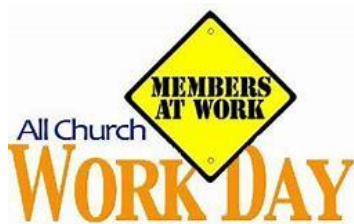
WOMEN'S COUNCIL - WELCOME BACK!

Please join us Monday, Sept. 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Fun, Fellowship & Food!

Fellowship Hall @ First Christian Church

All women (16 + years old) are invited



All Church Workday!

Saturday September 20th

9:00AM - 12:00PM

If possible, please bring cleaning and vacuuming equipment - supplies Thank You!





Teachers Needed

We are facing a wonderful challenge—our Sunday School attendance is growing! With more children coming each week, we are in need of more hands and hearts to help teach and care for them.

We are currently seeking teachers for:

- 1st–3rd Grades
- 4th & 5th Grades
- Preschool & Kindergarten

We are also looking ahead to the fall and hoping to find Wednesday night teachers as well. Curriculum will be provided—we simply need individuals who are willing to serve, love, and invest in the lives of our kids and teens.

Please pray about it and consider joining our team. Your yes could make a lasting difference in a young person's life.

With gratitude,

Josh McVey

Youth Minister

Faith=Trust=Risk

Matthew 14:25-32

Jon Forrest

August 24, 2025

Welcome

Video – World Changers

Call to Worship

Rise Up, O Men of God

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6 – Jaxon Forrest

Opening Prayer – Keith Risdon

Worship Medley

Faith is the Victory

Graves Into Gardens

Intercessory Prayer

Communion Song

In Christ Alone

Communion Time

Special Music –

Morning Message – Jon Forrest

Faith=Trust=Risk

Matthew 14:25-32

Decision Time

Living Hope

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

Victory in Jesus



MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see

Prayer Requests

Gus Acosta – Health concerns.

Jason Anderson – Home & recovering from stomach surgery. (Brenda Knoll's son)

Judy Armijo – Health concerns. (Margaret McCormick)

Bernice Baker – Health concerns.

Gary Baker – On going recovery from extensive back surgery on 6/17. Improved but long way to go. (Bernice Baker)

Christian Bernal – Personal concerns. (Carla Hammar)

Ann Ruth Black – In hospice care. (friends of the Wallace's)

Melanie Black – Taking care of mother. (friend of Wallace's)

James Bruffett – Health concerns. (Kristine Bruffett)

John Butts – Release back to work.

Sherry Butts – Released back to work.

Carmen Cemy – Distressing news from Pet scan. (Bonetta Hutson)

Tony Chavez – Cancer concerns. (Jim Hileman)

Gina Dorazio – Heart problems. (Rick & Melody Lewis)

Bobby Dudley – Recovering from surgery. (Dorothy)

Jerry & Alice Elliott – Ongoing respiratory illness. Improving. (Jon Forrest)

Alyssa Everett – Cancer metastasized to liver, seeking options. (Cousin of Jeff Wright)

T.J. Farmer – Personal Concerns. (Elsa Collins)

David Fredricks – Serious health concerns. Improving. (Cindy KK)

Rick Foutian – Needs Prayer. (Lori Turner)

Joe Friendo – Pancreatic cancer. Husband of Victoria. Ron Eggleton's son-in-law. (Jim Hileman)

Mike Hamilton – Continued health concerns. (Debbie Hudson)

Carla Hammar - Personal concerns.

Donna Hammonds – Cancer has returned. And recent stroke (Doug McGregor)

Casey Henry – Personal & health concerns. (Jon Forrest)

Barbara Hill – Having serious heart problems. (Doug McGregor)

Mark Hill – Recovering from heart transplant surgery. (Grandson of founding preacher Clovis Bolton.) (Douglas McGregor)

Bonetta Hutson – Recovering from eye surgery on 6/10. More surgery coming 9/11.

Kori Koren – MS, multiple falls & injuries. (Judy Baskett)

Vida Linton – Personal concerns. (Dear friend of Jessie Strauch)

GaryLee Lockmiller – Staph infection in arm after surgery. (Bernice Baker)

Jon McCormick – Small vein disease in brain cavity. (Brenda Knoll)

Kathy (last name withheld) – Home & improving. (Mother n law of Kimberly Wright's teacher)

Lori McGregor – Lupus. (Doug McGregor's daughter-in-law)

Tim Meeks – Lung cancer & discovery of more brain tumors. Recovering from surgery. (Bobby Light)

Joy Melton – Health concerns. (Phyllis Davidson)

Annabelle Mendez – Cancer. (Bobby Light)

Weston Miller – Having seizures. (Lori Turner)

Ignacio & Blanca Muñoz – Health concerns. (Brother of Joe Muñoz)

Melissa Muñoz – Struggling with cancer (Joe & Ida Munoz's daughter-in-law)

Debbie Murray – Throat cancer. Lost voice box and larynx & now having gall bladder removed. (Bill & Pam Wallace)

Frank Muse – Home bound. (Lori Turner)

Chris Pacheco – Serious cancer. Getting bad. (Margaret McCormick's Nephew)

Allan Potter – Prostate cancer. (Doug McGregor)

Lee Potter – Hospitalized & not doing well. (Colleen Gutierrez)

David Renteria & wife – He suffered a massive stroke and is paralyzed on one side. Now at home in Ruidoso. (Doug McGregor)

Tim Romero – Prayers for medical and mental condition. He is having a severe problem with memory issues & clinical depression. (Son of Ida & Joe Muñoz)

Wilma Sartain – On going shingles, bone spurs & torn rotator cuff in right shoulder.

Sharon Spiller – Paralyzed on left side, will not walk again. In assisted living & better spirits. (Yvonne Lights sister)

Jody Stanbury – Lupus. (Joy Melton)

Oscar Starbuck – Health Concerns (Crystal Fenstermaker's uncle & Jody Wilhelm's father)

Nancy Steele – Health concerns.

Jessie Strauch – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)

Lori Turner – Diagnosed with kidney disease.

Frank Vance – Throat cancer. Resides in Michigan. (Brenda Knoll)

Janet Winter - Physical issues. (Jon Forrest)

Dee Wood – Health concerns. (Judy Baskett)

Kimberly Wright – New health concerns. Recovering from surgery Aug. 14th. (Sharon Douglas)

Ruthie Yarbrough – Biopsy results show no cancer cells. PTL! (Bonetta Hutson)

Alan Zucchelli – Heart problems. Waiting for the test results. (Wilma Sartain's Son)

Persecuted Christians around the world.

Pray for Israel.

Please pray for our Home Bound

Billie Aucutt – Now home. (Jon Forrest)

Bill Gaedke – At daughter's home in Rio Rancho.

Treva Kline – Living at Wheatfields. (Jessie Strauch & Bernice Baker Sister)

Linda Newell – Resident at the Retirement Ranch. (Pat Newell's widow)

Maria Sandoval – Health Concerns room 210 at St. Anthony's

Fred Strauch – Numerous health issues. Now home. (Jessie Strauch)

Don Sweet – At Retirement Ranch. (uncle to Beverly Duncan)

Everett Steel – Sent home from BSA Medical Center in Amarillo, likely go on Hospice. (brother of Jessie Strauch and Bernice Baker)

Pat Weekley – At home.

Military Personnel & Families, First Responders & Our Nation

**Please let us know if there are any changes, removals
or updates before Friday every week.**

You can select the "connection" tab in your app & go to "prayer requests"
or call the church at 575-763-7113 or email at fcc@plateautel.net

Live and in Person!!

Sunday Morning Services

9:30 - Sunday School: all ages (on-site only)

(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)

10:30 - Teknon (on site only)

10:30AM - Morning Services

(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)



Additional Blessings of Streaming FCC Services

If you miss our morning Worship Services or want to see them again, they are all stored on the FCC YouTube Channel and on our website, www.fccclovix.com under the tab named Media and on your phone with the FCC app.

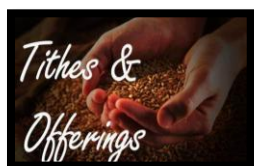
Our Wednesday Night Bible Studies are in person or on Facebook Live and can be viewed later on the FCC Facebook page once you have joined the church's Facebook page by liking it so you can see it live or go back and review it at a later date.

You can also download the app on your Roku tv,

Google Tv, Fire Tv and Apple tv!!

Just search for FCCCLOVIS

**Invite your family, friends, and neighbors,
to worship with us at one of these venues!**



Tithes and offerings to FCC can be given by clicking "Give" link on our website www.fccclovix.com and on the FCC app on your phone. There is also an offering box in the foyer for checks and cash (i.e. offering envelopes). Another way to give is to come by the church building and drop off tithes Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM. We can also pick it up if you can't leave your home. Just give us a call at 575-763-7113.

Thank you for your generous heart! ♥

A Reminder to Church Members
All current board reports are available.
in the hot file in the church lobby.
Newly posted are the 2024 990 IRS reports
& the updated church bylaws.



August

5 - Josh McVey
8 - Allan Yarbrough
9 - Jon Forrest
10 - Michael Lovett
11 - Sharon Douglas
14 - Ruthie Yarbrough
15 - Rickey Fenstermaker
17 - Jon McCormick
18 - Billie Aucutt
21 - Trevor Fetzer
23 - Stephen Acosta
28 - JoAnn Johnson
29 - Dejon Porter
29 - Kaydynce Reeves
29 - Jeff Tackitt
30 - Katelyn Hawkins
31 - Rebecca McVey



August

1 - Gerald & Sarah Sena
1 - David & Janis Corbin
5 - Palani & Cleo Romary
10 - Abraham & Anna Jenkins
14 - Manuel & Ashley White
18 - Bill & Pam Wallace
26 - Josh & Rebecca McVey

Please let us know if there are any birthdays or anniversaries we need to add or have missed. Thank you.
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Adjusted Servant Ministry

This Week:

Scripture Reading: Jaxon Forrest

Opening Prayer: Keith Risdon

Welcome Ministry: Bill Wallace

Communion Prep: Sharon Douglas

Upcoming Events

August

Date: 8/22/25

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Roller World

Description: Back to School Skating

September

Date: 9/3/25

Time: 5:30PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Wednesday Night Special

Date: 9/8/25

Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Women's Council Meeting

Lead Pastor

Jon Forrest

Elders

J.D. Hileman

Keith Risdon

Jeff Tackitt

Trustees

J.D. Hileman

Gary Bake

Joe Muñoz

Church Secretary

Hope Peña

Nursery Attendant

Sharon Douglas

Kimberly Wright

Associate Pastor

Joshua McVey

Deacons

Gua Acosta

Gary Baker

Jerry Elliott

Clark Elswick

Andrew Forrest

Doug McGregor

Treasure

Keith Risdon

Assistant Treasurer

Tiffany Forrest



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Office hours are Monday-Thursday.

Monday-Thursday 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Friday – Closed

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Sunday

9:30AM - Sunday School for all ages

10:30Am - Teknon

Morning Worship: 10:30am

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infants through Age 3)

On Site and online @ Facebook Live,
You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Special

On summer break until September

