



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

Anne Wilson - Stars (Official Music Video)

Pastor's Blog

SERVICE

Upward Look by Jon Forrest

A new homeowner's riding lawn mower had broken down, and he had been working fruitlessly for two hours trying to get it back together.

Suddenly, one of his neighbors appeared with a handful of tools.

"Can I give some help?" he asked.

In twenty minutes he had the mower functioning beautifully.

"Thanks a million," the now-happy newcomer said.

"And say, what do you make with such fine tools?"

"Mostly friends," the neighbor smiled.

"I'm available any time."



If you want to have a thriving business that draws customers from all over, make sure that, no matter your prices, have phenomenal service. Even though Jesus Christ was the Son of God and equal to God and had the right to expect everyone to serve him, he came into the world in the form of a humble servant. He drew people to him because he wasn't out to get others to do for him, but rather, himself, was out to serve everyone.

The religious leaders of his time thought themselves to be too good and too righteous to serve others. In fact, they thought themselves to be worthy of everyone else's service.

Human nature wants to be served, but godly nature wants to serve others. When we put on the nature of Christ and allow his Holy Spirit to make us more like him, one area where it will be expressed will be in service to others.

Jesus said, **"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."** (Mark 9:35b) The Christ-like disciple will see the world as Jesus inverted it; Service to all before allowing others to serve me.

This Sunday we will share a message titled **"Anyone Can Serve"** based on John 13:1-17. In that passage, Jesus set the standard for servanthood in a way no one could have ever expected. Join us as we explore the day "he took a towel."

Yours and Christ's fellow servant,
Jon



Wednesday Night Bible Study – Tonight

Tonight we will continue our series from the book of Judges titled "When God Raises Up a Leader." A Study of the Judges of Israel with a look at the reason for the very first Judge to be appointed and what he did. This first Judge is Othniel, who is told about in Judges 3:7-11. We may take a glance at the first 6 verses of that chapter as well, which gives us some foundation about the enemies of Israel whom God would use over the years to punish and discipline his people. We will look at ways God

works in our lives to keep us close to him. We will have a great time of fellowship and learning together.

**Everyone is welcome to come and see what makes
Wednesday Nights so Special at First Christian Church!**

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WNS

5:30 - 6:05 - Meal

6:15 - 7:15 – Bible study

Nursery - pre k

Elementary age children (K-5) Bible Bunch

"The Immortals" Middle & High school ages

Adults Bible Study Lead by Pastor, Jon Forrest.

We have 4 outstanding cooking teams that will bring us simple, yet delicious meals that will be available from 5:30 to 6:05PM. We still encourage \$2 per person donations to offset the cost, but there is never a charge.

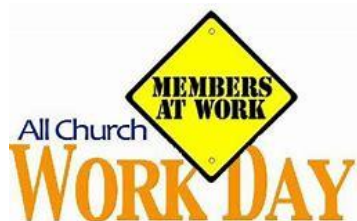
Menu:

9/10 – Hot dogs & chili dogs

9/17 – Nacho Wednesday

Board Meeting

Monday September 15th at 6:00PM



All Church Workday!

Saturday September 20th

9:00AM - 12:00PM

If possible, please bring cleaning and vacuuming equipment/supplies

Thank You!



♥ **A Gift to the FCC Family** ♥

The family of Poovakunnel Ittycheriah also called "Doc Itty", in a demonstration of their gratitude to the First Christian Church family, has planned a special catered dinner for us to be served on **September 21st** following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. The meal of Beef and Chicken fajitas along with sides will be catered by Leal's Mexican Restaurant. Dr. Ittycheriah's funeral services were held in the Worship Center of First Christian Church one year ago and his

85th birthday would be on September 22nd. His widow, Mollie, also happens to be the generous donor of the **Our Daily Bread** devotional books that have been made available to our church family for several years. Mollie and one of her two sons will be with us that Sunday in our worship service and at the meal. They will be honored for you to attend and take part in this very special meal.

**BOTTLED
WATER
ONLY
PLEASE**

Notice:

Please, No coffee, tea, colas or dark drinks in the sanctuary.
Bottled water is ok. Thank you



As fall arrives, so does head colds, flu, pneumonia & Covid.

A kind reminder:

Communion cups & Kleenex tissue are single use.

Help prevent cross infection, please discard cups & tissue in nearby trash receptacles.



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

"Anyone Can Serve"

John 13:1-17

Jon Forrest

September 14, 2025

Welcome

Video – Plus

Call to Worship

Ancient of Days

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:33-37 – Faith Elswick

Opening Prayer – Keith Risdon

Worship Medley

Be Thou My Vision

King of Kings

Intercessory Prayer

Communion Song

It Is Well/Bliss Fields

Communion Time

Special Music

Morning Message - Jon Forrest

"Anyone Can Serve"

John 13:1-17

Decision Time

Jesus Paid It All

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

He is Exalted



MEMORY VERSE:

*John 13:14 – Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also should wash one another's feet.*

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. Fell, bruised ribs, lots of pain. (Dianna Boatman)

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)

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

Tony Chavez – Cancer concerns. (Jim Hileman)

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

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 Fountian – 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)

Mary Heitman – Mass on adrenal gland. (Mother of 2 of my children/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)

Samuel Hussey – Flair up of Severs disease. Currently unable to put weight on either foot. He is one of our 6th graders. (Jon Forrest)

Bonetta Hutson – Recovering from eye surgery. More surgery is likely in the other eye.

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

David Lawson Sr. – Being treated for seizures & other complications. Hospitalized in Lubbock. (Gena Wilkerson)

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)

Bob O'Banion – Waiting for results from 2 biopsies. (Cheryl Forrest's 91 yr. old father)

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

Dejon Porter – Pneumonia. (Hope Peña)

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 – 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)

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 – Health concerns. Recovering from surgery. Bonetta Hutson)

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

Unspoken request

School shooting in Evergreen, Colorado
Family of Charlie Kirk, politically assassinated Sept. 10
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. Serious bout with UTI this week. (Jessie Strauch)

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

Everett Steel –. Home. (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.fccclovis.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.fccclovis.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.



September

4 - Mary Couvillon

7 - John Butts

10 - Sherry Butts

12 - Paul Acosta

12 - Adriana White

15 - Kyree Kennard

17 - Charles Boatman

18 - Cheryl Forrest

28 - David Elswick

September

2 - Chris & Elizabeth Townsley

4 - Joe & Ida Muñoz

8 - Bill & Margaret McCormick

21 - Jeff & Kimberly Wright

30 - Dave & Sandy Williams

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: Faith Elswick

Opening Prayer: Keith Risdon

Welcome Ministry: Bill Wallace

Communion Prep: Dianna Thompson

Upcoming Events

September

Time: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Family Game Night & Pizza

Date: 9/15/25

Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Board Meeting

Date: 9/20/25

Time: 9:00Am – 12:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: All Church Workday

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

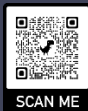
Tiffany Forrest



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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
(Staffed Nursery available for
infants through Age 3)
On Site and online @ Facebook Live,
You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Special
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Elementary age children (K-5) Bible Bunch
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