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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:00/9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

*Worship will also be livestreamed
at 10:45 a.m.*

Scripture: James 2: 14-26 & Luke 12: 34-35

Sermon: *What's Wrong with US When This
Becomes Work*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong Worship

Monday, September 1st, at 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD OFFERING - AUGUST 10, 17, 24

This coming Sunday, August 10th, begins our congregation's three-week Mountain of Food offering. This is our local offering that has always provided needed assistance to those experiencing hunger in Cleveland County.

The gifts the church provides are used to purchase gift cards for food, clothes, or gas. The cards are distributed by staff at Food and Shelter, Inc. who are able to give to those with the greatest need. Thank you for your generous support; now and in the past.

B.I.B.L.E. CLASS

You are invited—parental discretion advised—since "Palestine" is in the news, B.I.B.L.E. Class will be showing a film on who, when, what, more importantly how this came about. See you 9:30 Sunday morning in the church library.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Children & Youth promote to their new classes.

*Refer to the back page for more information
about our children's Sunday School Classes.*

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES AUGUST 13TH

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsing on Wednesday, August 13th after its 4-week summer break. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 in the chancel of the sanctuary. During rehearsal, led by Director Dr. Steven Curtis, the choir warms up for about 10 minutes, sings through the 3 hymns for the upcoming Sunday, and then rehearses 4 or 5 anthems. The choir also takes a few minutes for announcements and to share any concerns and joys!

The one hour rehearsal moves along crisply—in fact it is amazing how much singing can be done in one hour! You need not be able to read music, as there are always singers in each section who read music well. You need only enjoy the opportunity to sing a variety of beautiful hymns and anthems as part of the church's Sunday worship. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Steven Curtis at 405-408-4784. Thank you, and give the Chancel Choir a try!!!

WORSHIP AND WONDER PAUSES FOR THE SUMMER;

WE RESUME ON AUGUST 17TH

(Children's worship bags are available in the Narthex and next to the balcony door.)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP BEGINS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

The Spiritual Formation Group meets monthly on the second Saturday, from 9 am to 10:30 am, in the FCC Chapel and Conference Room. Starting in September (the 13th) and running through May—for a total of nine months—the group explores various spiritual practices such as contemplative prayer, hospitality, simplicity, and creating a personal rule of life. It also emphasizes ways to incorporate these practices into daily living. Please email Tom (tom@fccnorman.org) for questions and to reserve your spot. Thank you!

NEW ASSISTIVE LISTENING TECHNOLOGY IN SANCTUARY

Auracast is a new technology that allows for some hearing aids, earbuds, and headphones to receive a digital audio signal being broadcast by an Auracast transmitter. Auracast transmitters will become common in public spaces over time and can be used not just for hearing aids and assistive listening, but also in places like restaurants and workout facilities where there may be a variety of audio sources that guests or customers might want to listen to—for example, a gym with many TVs. In the last year, some hearing aid brands have introduced models that support Auracast: ReSound, Jabra, and Beltone all have capable models. Phonak, Philips, and Signia have indicated that some of their models will receive future firmware updates allowing them to receive the Auracast signal. The church has purchased and installed an Auracast transmitter for the sanctuary, and you may have seen Jeff Champeau and Stephanie Gasaway in worship testing it in recent weeks. We also purchased two standalone Auracast receivers that can be used with headphones, and they will be kept in the northwest corner of the Sanctuary. If you'd like to try one, pick it up before worship and return it to the charging base after. The existing telecoil/loop-based system has not been affected and will remain in place.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The FCC Fellowship Committee hosts the church events that are the cornerstone of our hospitality. Six times a year we sit down as an entire congregation to have a meal. These events are made possible by the generous volunteers who contribute their time to host this meal. We need more volunteers! We hope to encourage everyone to make a ministry of hospitality by volunteering to participate in just 2 of these events. The more volunteers, the merrier the results and the lighter the load. Please let Michael or Eryn Tribble (405) 596 - 9828 know you're interested or follow this link.

<https://forms.gle/WkhZE1qJuGoQq4KJ8>

HOSPITAL NOTICES

If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from one of the ministers, please be sure to alert the church that you are hospitalized. The hospital has become very good at protecting confidentiality, so the church may not know you are in the hospital. Please contact the church office, and we will be sure to visit with you if you would like a visit...and if you prefer not to be visited, that is okay too. We will offer prayers for you either way!

CHARM FUN

AUGUST:

Wednesday, August 13 – 11:30am – Complimentary Lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by a movie in the Parlor. Please RSVP so I order enough food.

Friday, August 29 – 8:00am – Take the Church bus to Sonny's for breakfast or drive your own vehicle and meet us there. Please RSVP either way.

SEPTEMBER:

Saturday, September 6 – 6:00pm - OU vs. Michigan Football Game Watch Party at the Gasaway's Home. 4704 Manor Hill Drive in Norman. Please bring a snack to share. Please RSVP.

Thursday, September 11 – 10:45am – ChARM Day in Tecumseh! Please RSVP for your seat on the bus.

Friday, September 26 – 8:00am – Take the Church bus to Sunny Side Up in Moore for breakfast or drive your own vehicle and meet us there. Please RSVP either way.

Monday, September 29 – Noon – 5th Monday Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Dutch Albert is our speaker!!!

DO YOU NEED A ChARM SHIRT?

Long sleeve RED ChARM shirts and GRAY ChARM sweatshirts are available for order. Cost is \$25 each.

The long sleeve shirts come in both men's and women's sizes and the sweatshirts are unisex.

I will take orders until August 15. No money is due until the shirts arrive.

Please contact Stephanie for more information or to order.

YOUTH GROUP

Check the youth list email, Facebook, GroupMe, and the iMessage group text for meeting information. Please contact Shannon if you have any questions!

Chi Rho is for youth in 6th-8th grades and CYF is for youth in 9th-12th grades.

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are welcome to join us for any and all events, and friends are always welcome!

August 13—No youth meeting.

School Year Schedule

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho Free Time—4:45 p.m.

Chi Rho Meeting—5:15 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m.

August 20—School Year Kick Off!

August 27—Photo Scavenger Hunt

September 3—Study on Saul/Paul

September 10—Service Project for Food and Shelter

All Chi Rho and CYF youth must have a registration on file by the first meeting in August! Visit <https://fcc.link/YouthReg> to fill out the registration form.



LOGOS RETURNS

We are excited to welcome back our kindergarten – 5th graders, beginning August 20th. Registration is open (please use the link or QR code to register). The parent meeting will be held on Sunday, August 10th, following the 10:45am worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Register at <https://fcc.link/logos>



WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN

Each Sunday the church provides worship bags for children to use during the worship services. The bags include several manipulatives, a worship sheet, and other activities to facilitate worship for our children. The Worship Bags are available in the narthex on the ground floor of the sanctuary near the center aisle and at the door entering the balcony upstairs. Enjoy using the worship bags, especially during our Worship and Wonder Summer Break!

VBS

Vacation Bible School: Compassion Camp ended Thursday evening with families and volunteers enjoying ice cream in the circle drive. Thank you for the opportunity to share God's love with our children and amazing volunteers in such a meaningful and joyful way! A video recap for our Children's Summer programming will be available soon.



Church Calendar

August 6, 2025– Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Nancy Chess Lunch Bunch
- El Huevo

August 10, 2025– Sunday

Promotion Sunday

Mountain of Food

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Logos Parent's Meeting

August 12, 2025– Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Mabel Bogges
- Olive Garden
6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting– Chapel
7:30 p.m. Board Meeting– Parlor

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants in the infant – Pre-K area continue to provide loving care for our youngest children, creating a safe and nurturing environment while introducing them to faith through story, play, games, and crafts through Bible stories of transformation.

VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Voyage Into Discipleship gathers for all children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each voyage sets sail from the third floor in the children's education area at 9:30 am every Sunday. This Sunday, August 10th, we celebrate the kindergarten – 5th grade students beginning the school year into their new grade levels with Promotion Sunday.

ACCESSING LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 10:45 worship will be livestreamed so you can watch or listen from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Simply search Facebook for "First Christian Church of Norman" or, if you aren't on Facebook, point your browser to <http://live.fccnorman.org> for links to stream on YouTube and other social media platforms. If you are not able to watch live, the video will be available for later viewing. To access the church homepage please visit <http://fccnorman.org>.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

All Creatures of Our God and King (22)

The Voice of God is Calling (666)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (589)

Sunday Worship will be both video and audio
livestreamed at 10:45 in the morning

WORSHIP PODCAST

The morning prayer, anthem, scripture, and sermon are now available each week in podcast form. Simply search Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify for "First Christian Church of Norman." You can also listen right in your browser at podcast.fccnorman.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your faithful stewardship that makes possible the excellent work of the church in its many ministries of outreach, education, worship, care, and fellowship. As a reminder, you may send your contributions to the church in one of several ways...

*Checks can be mailed to the church at 220 South Webster Avenue, Norman, OK 73069.

*Calling the church office (329-2192) and charging on a debit or credit card.

*Setting up a recurring weekly or monthly payment from a checking, savings, debit or credit card.

*Givelify—you can give from your computer or mobile device by visiting <http://give.fccnorman.org> to donate online or search your device's app store for the Givelify app.