



# The Norman Christian

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Dear FCC Family,

By now, you may have heard that Rev. Shannon Cook has accepted the call to serve as Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Oklahoma. This news is bittersweet, so I would like to focus on four things:

**1. We will deeply miss Shannon.** For nearly 12 years, she has shepherded our youth (including my own) through their teenage years and into young adulthood. This is no small task, and Shannon—along with the support of her husband Bart and our youth sponsors—has made a lasting, positive impact on our children during a particularly vulnerable stage of their development. It has truly been a gift to entrust the spiritual growth of our youth to her.

**2. We are extremely proud of her.** The Regional Church of Oklahoma needs someone to do the vital work of supporting and growing youth ministry across the state, and they chose one of our own. Shannon's impact at the regional level will strengthen churches throughout Oklahoma and help them serve their youth in meaningful and effective ways.

**3. This time of transition is an opportunity for new beginnings and a fond farewell.** I have been in close contact with both Shannon and our new minister, Rev. Colton Lott, and we are all disappointed that Shannon and Colton will not have the opportunity to serve together at First Christian Church. However, we do have a transition plan in place and are working diligently to ensure that our youth program continues at the level we are accustomed to and that the youth mission trip will not be impacted. Shannon and Colton will still be working together, just in a different capacity.

**4. How we can show our appreciation.** We will hold a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, March 29, following the 10:45 service to thank and honor Shannon. A collection is being taken to present her with a monetary gift at the luncheon. If you would like to contribute, checks may be mailed to the church office with "Gift for Shannon" in the memo line. You may also donate online. Any amount is appreciated. Cards and personal notes of thanks are also deeply meaningful and welcomed.

Please join me in celebrating Shannon on March 29, and know that all will be well.

Faithfully,

Stephanie Clinton

Congregational President



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

*Transfiguration Sunday*

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

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

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon: *Confidence in the Face of Our Fears*

Worship & Wonder: The Lenten Puzzle

*Evensong*

*Monday, March 2, at 5:15 p.m.—Chapel*

## 2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Ash Wednesday Service –  
February 18, 2026 6:30 pm –  
Sanctuary

Lenten Devotional  
**Grace Poured Out: A  
Lenten Reflection on Water,  
Wine, and Oil**

Edited by Courtney Smith  
Westerlund and Alexandra  
Van Kuiken

Are you entering Lent  
feeling tired, busy, and  
spiritually drained?  
Recommitting to discipleship  
often feels difficult and  
exhausting, leaving you depleted  
rather than renewed.

If you want a tangible reminder of God's abundant  
grace in daily life, the devotional *Grace Poured Out*  
offers renewal. Edited by Courtney Smith Westerlund and  
Alexandra Van Kuiken, it focuses on water, wine, and oil  
in scripture, connecting these elements to deep faith.

This devotional offers a clear plan for spiritual  
transformation from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Daily  
reflections by Young Clergy Women International  
(YCWI) members feature scripture stories involving  
water, wine, or oil, followed by prayers or calls to action  
to deepen understanding of God's work in your life.

Young Clergy Women International (YCWI) is a  
network of ordained women leaders under 40 who  
connect across traditions and continents. It aims to foster  
collaboration, leadership, and solidarity, centering  
marginalized voices and promoting inclusive ministry. By  
building authentic community and highlighting diverse  
experiences in Christian leadership, YCWI invites all  
seeking meaning, resilience, and service to join its story  
of hope.

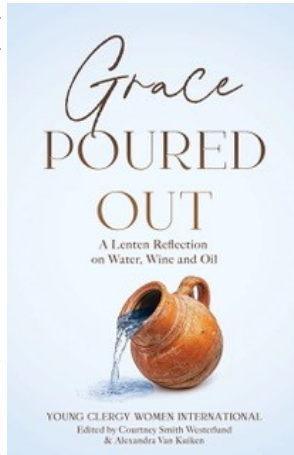
## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

The Fellowship Committee needs your help! We  
have a Fellowship Luncheon scheduled for Sunday,  
March 1 in appreciation of Dr. Steve Graham. If you  
would like to help and be a part of the planning of this  
luncheon, please contact Eryn and Michael  
Tribble: [tribblemm@gmail.com](mailto:tribblemm@gmail.com)

## OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND WITH CHOIR

This summer the Chancel Choir, friends, and family  
will be touring Scotland from July 29 to August 9.  
Members of the Choir wanted to have a trip together, and  
since we have room, you are invited to join us. This will  
be a **non-performance** trip. Please email me, and I will  
send you the trip proposal.

Steve Curtis, [scurtis@ou.edu](mailto:scurtis@ou.edu)



## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Dave Saunders has been released from Mercy South  
Hospital.

Joe Daily has been released from OU Children's  
Hospital.

Gwen Moser and Gary Clinton have been released  
from Norman Regional.

Sympathy is extended to Viviana Tharp following  
the death of Glen Tharp who died Wednesday, February  
4th. Services will be held Wednesday, February 11th at  
11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

### IN MEMORIAM

*Glen Tharp*

*September 2, 1937 - February 4, 2026*

## ChARM FUN

**Friday, February 13** – 8:00am – Meet at the OK  
Diner located at 1700 Lexington Avenue in Norman for  
Breakfast.

**Sunday, February 22** – Women's Basketball Game  
at Lloyd Noble. OU vs. Tennessee. Tipoff is 1:00pm. **I  
can purchase tickets for \$5 each.** Please RSVP if you  
want me to buy your ticket. Tickets may also be  
purchased at the door. You may prefer to drive your own  
vehicle **or please let me know** if you would like a seat  
on the Church bus.

**Thursday, February 26** – Anadarko  
Day! **February 11 is the final day to RSVP for this  
trip please.** We will leave First Christian at 9:45am  
and **due to the overwhelming response of this trip we  
will enjoy a catered lunch at First Baptist Church in  
Anadarko.** The lunch is \$10 per person and the menu is  
– meatloaf, chicken spaghetti, cheesy hashbrown potato  
casserole, green beans with bacon and onions, salad with  
homemade dressing and peach or cherry  
cobbler. Following lunch will enjoy a presentation by  
direct descendants of the Kiowa Tribe. They will be  
dressed in Regalia, and one was Little Red at OU, Randy  
Palmer. Randy's daughter Katherine Palmer Stevens is  
the curator at the Jacobson House in Norman. I expect  
we will return to Norman by 4:00pm.

**We are better together!**

*Stephanie Gasaway*

## SAVE THE DATE:

### **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**

**February 28th @ 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a fun and fellowship-filled dinner at a  
host's home with other FCC members. The main course  
will be provided by the church, and guests will be  
contacted ahead of time about bringing a side dish. The  
twist? You won't know who else is coming until you  
arrive! Don't miss this evening of great food and surprise  
connections.

Look for the sign up link in coming newsletters!

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and CYF is for youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

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

### School Year Schedule

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho Free Time—4:45-5:15 p.m.

Chi Rho Meeting—5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30-7:15 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m.

**February 11**—Chi Rho will make cards for Valentine's Day and CYF will continue Youth Sunday planning.

**February 18**—Ash Wednesday—Chi Rho will talk about Ash Wednesday and CYF will continue Youth Sunday planning. **Please note that Chi Rho will end at 6:00, dinner is from 6-6:30, Ash Wednesday service is from 6:30-7:15, and CYF is from 7:15-8:30.**

**February 25**—Chi Rho youth will talk about a spiritual discipline and CYF will continue with Youth Sunday planning.

**March 4**—Game night!

**Saturday, March 7**—Youth Sunday rehearsal for Chi Rho and CYF youth, 9 a.m.-noon in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, March 8**—Youth Sunday! Chi Rho and CYF youth need to be at church at 8 a.m. for rehearsal. Breakfast will be served between services and the group will walk to Fuzzy's for lunch after the second service.

## CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Chi Rho Camp @ Canyon Camp: June 1-5 (current grades 6-8)

Discount Rate: \$440 (before April 24)

Discovery Camp @ Camp Christian: June 12-14 (current grades 2-3)

Discount Rate: \$180 (before April 24)

CYF Conference @ Disciples Center at Tawakoni: June 15-20 (current grades 9-12)

Discount Rate: \$485 (before April 24)

Junior Camp @ Camp Christian: June 22-26 (current grades 4-5)

Discount Rate: \$325 (before April 24)

How to register for camp:

1. Visit <https://okdisciples.org/connect/families-and-youth/> BEFORE April 24!

2. Click on the link for the correct camp for your youth. Fill in the information for your camper.

3. Once you have registered online, FORWARD your email confirmation to Eula (eula@fccnorman.org) at the church office to arrange for payment. If you have questions, see Shannon.

4. Once registration is closed, FCC will contact you with information on how to pay the church 1/2 of the fee listed. If you need to scholarship that amount, let us know as soon as possible!

5. Look forward to a fun time at summer church camp!

## OKLAHOMA DISCIPLES TO GATHER FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma will take place March 6-7 at First Christian Church in Edmond. For more information on how you can be a part of this event, which will feature workshops, worship, business, and fellowship, visit [okdisciples.org/ra2026](http://okdisciples.org/ra2026).



## DISCUSSION I

Our next meeting of the Discussion Group 1 will be Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Our program then will be a presentation by Brian Brown, Les and Joyce's son, who is the creator and director of the Route 66 Centennial Monument Project which will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the "Mother Road." Brian's monuments are being placed in cities and towns from Chicago to Santa Monica, and he has a lot of stories and photos to share about the unique communities along the historic highway.

Our hosts will be Sharon and Bruce Heath.

Plan to be there for an interesting time together after some severe weather.

--Hugh

## BOOK CLUB

The **February Book Club meeting** will take place on **February 22nd at 4:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars and come ready for another engaging discussion.

We can't wait to see everyone and continue the great conversations—happy reading!

## A TIME OF THANKS FOR STEVE GRAHAM

On **March 1**, during the **fellowship luncheon following late worship**, we will take time to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our **Interim Minister, Steve Graham**, for his faithful service to FCC over the past year. Steve's leadership, care, and dedication have been a true blessing to our church community.

Please make time during the luncheon to personally greet **Steve and his wife, Jennifer**, and share your appreciation. There will also be a **basket available for cards and notes** if you would like to write a message of thanks and encouragement.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating Steve's ministry and showing our gratitude for all he has done for FCC.



## Church Calendar

### **February 11, 2026– Wednesday**

2:45 p.m. Logos  
 4:00 p.m. Chi Rho Service Night  
 (6th-8th Grade)  
 5:15 p.m. Chi Rho (6th-8th Grade)  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Meal  
 7:15 p.m. CYF (9th– 12th Grade)  
 7:30 p.m. Choir

### **February 13, 2026– Friday**

MDO/NPS Closed

8:00 a.m. ChARM Breakfast  
 -OK Diner

### **February 14, 2026– Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation  
 10:30 a.m. Galentine Event– F.H.

### **February 15, 2026– Sunday**

*Week of Compassion*

8:40 a.m. Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Nancy Chess

### **February 16, 2026– Monday**

MDO Closed

6:30 p.m. Handbells

### **February 17, 2026– Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. Lucile Springer  
 3:00 p.m. Property Meeting

## INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Each Sunday morning our attendants who care and teach the infant–Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. Through story, play and a craft the children explore a Bible story each week. Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children are engaged every Sunday morning.

## VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHP

Children, kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, gather every Sunday to set sail from the third floor in the children’s education area at 9:30am. Our voyage in February continues with the Sermon on the Mount; this past Sunday we focused on being “salt of the earth,” with an art project. Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> we continue to explore this scripture by tasting preserved snacks and a science experiment.



This week we look forward to playing, singing, crafting, learning as Agents in Action, and of course a delicious dinner. Also, we continue to seek a recreation supervisor (playground supervisor) from 2:45pm – 3:50pm. Please contact Elizabeth or Eula to say “YES!”

## SUMMER CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AT FCC

**July 13th - 16th**

Vacation Bible School

**July 27th - 29th**

JYF Mission Day Camp  
 (3rd - 5th gr. completed)



## **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY**

*God of Grace and God of Glory (464)*  
*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service (453)*  
*I Come with Joy! (420)*

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

## 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>.

## 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.