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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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 4: 1-11 & Philippians 2: 6-11

Sermon: *Letting Go: Nothing Is Wasted*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – MARCH 1ST

Join us for a time of food and fellowship on **Sunday, March 1st**, immediately following the **10:45 a.m. service**. We will gather together to enjoy a delicious meal featuring **barbecue, sides, and dessert**.

Fellowship lunches are a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, and spend time with our church family. Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time guest, we hope you will stay and share in the conversation, laughter, and community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

The annual Ash Wednesday worship will be held on **Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday worship—which begins the 40-day church season of Lent—is a contemplative service of liturgy, readings, scripture, hymns, the imposition of ashes, and the receiving of communion. The service, which lasts about 40 minutes, is for all ages.

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.

<https://fcc.link/GuessDinner>



NO HATE IN THE HEARTLAND
Oklahoma Faith Network

SPEAKER SERIES
First Christian
Church of Norman
220 S Webster Ave
Sunday, March 1
4:00

MICHAEL KORENBLIT

How the
Holocaust
Relates to the
Events of Today

**RESPECT DIVERSITY
FOUNDATION**

2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

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.

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

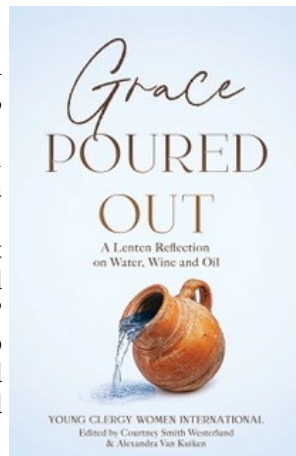
CELEBRATING REV. SHANNON COOK

We will hold a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, March 29, following the 10:45 service to thank and honor Rev. Shannon Cook. 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



IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Sympathy is extended to Susanne Corr and family following the death of Ed Corr who died Wednesday, February 11th. A memorial service will be held Monday, February 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Corr

August 6, 1934 - February 11, 2026

ChARM FUN

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 no later than Wednesday, February 18. 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! We will leave First Christian at 9:45am and should return by 4:00pm.

We are better together!

Stephanie Gasaway

BRIAN BROWN AT DISCUSSION 1

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

After the covered dish supper, the program 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.

Any who are interested in this program or in the group are welcome. For more information, call Hugh Wilson, 405-329-7377.

NEWS FROM DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Galentine's event was a great success. We had fifty-seven women from our church attending and were entertained by Kaye Shields at the piano. Thank you to all those who helped set up, serve, and clean up. Special thanks to Committee Chair, Genny Gordon, whose organization and ideas make this event special and to our President Bev Hall for her leadership.

Money was collected for the Blessing Boxes. Blessing Boxes are an opportunity to give tangible evidence of gratitude for God's blessings. Drop a coin in the box (or any container) whenever you have a blessing in your life. These offerings support Disciples Women's Ministries and the whole mission of the church. Blessing boxes can be found on the table in the gallery.

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!

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 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.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS:

Per our Children's Safety Policy everyone volunteering/working with children or youth must have a background check on file. You are all wonderful, ensuring and adhering to our policy. The background checks only last two years, with many of you coming up on your two-year renewal. We would like an easier way to renew your background checks, but at this time the only way to renew is to fill out another waiver from the company who oversees our background checks. You will be contacted by the church office and then receive a link from the company performing the background for you to complete the process; this link does not come from FCCNorman. If you have any questions, please contact Eula in the church office.

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!

WE WANT YOUR SODA CAN TABS!

We continue to collect soda can tabs that will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oklahoma City. Please drop off your tabs in the church office or to Rev. Shannon Cook. (Please bring just the tabs, not the entire can or lid! At this time, we cannot take pet food or canned food lids with the tabs—please remove the tabs!)

Church Calendar

February 18, 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. Ash Wednesday Service
 6:30 p.m. Youth Meal
 7:15 p.m. CYF (9th– 12th Grade)
 7:30 p.m. Choir

February 22, 2026– Sunday

Week of Compassion Offering

8:40 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. ChARM to OU Women's
 Basketball Game
 4:00 p.m. Catherine's Book Club

February 23, 2026– Monday

6:30 p.m. Handbells

February 24, 2026– Tuesday

9:30 a.m. DoCWM Service Day

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 DISCIPLESHIP

Children, kindergarten through 5th 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 concluded our focus on "Salt of the Earth" with a taste test and science experiment. This Coming Sunday February 22nd, we look at "You are the light of the world." Before the Logos choir rehearses we will enjoy donuts and discover the importance of light, "hide it under a bushel...no...I'm going to let it shine."



Our schedule changes a bit this week due to Ash Wednesday. After the children arrive we will have our normal playground time and opening circle. The children then will rehearse their special music for this coming Sunday, February 22nd. After rehearsing, it is movie night in the Fellowship Hall and dinner. Please note the **earlier pick-up time of 6:00pm**.

Your family is invited to stay for the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. Sunday morning after singing during worship they will receive a Bible from the church.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (622)
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (602)
In Remembrance of Me (403)

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

SUMMER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT FCC

July 13th - 16th

Vacation Bible School

July 27th - 29th

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



FCC's Annual Easter Carnival

April 4th; 10am–noon

NEEDED:
EASTER PLASTIC EGGS
AND CANDY
OR
EASTER PLASTIC EGGS
FILLED WITH CANDY

Drop off in the church office

Questions: contact Eula in the church office or at
eula@fccnorman.org

Games

Snacks

Candy

Photo Opt

Easter Egg Hunt!!

