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“A NUMBER OF THINGS”

REV. COLTON D. LOTT, SENIOR MINISTER

My spouse, Kelsey, occasionally makes fun of me (in a good-hearted way) because I often will “count off” what I have to say. I pepper conversation with phrases like, “I have three thoughts to add,” or “Two items to note...” In that spirit, church, I have four things to say before Sunday.

1) Weren’t the youth great Sunday? I am grateful to have been able to join as a congregant and to see the young leaders and servants of our church lead us in the worship of God. A special thank you to our four preachers: Ryan Lawler, Ella Corrick, Hannah Douglas, and Luke Douglas.

2) This Sunday, we will begin a four-week series to carry us through Easter: “Same Quest, New Day.” Considering our identity statement, “we are a community joined together in a reverent, thoughtful, loving quest for faith,” we will spend time examining reverence, thoughtfulness, love, and faith as we continue that ancient quest anew. This week, our eyes turn to reverence through the story of Jesus’ encounter with the man born blind in John 9:1-11.

3) You should have received a letter from Dr. Steven Curtis, announcing his retirement as the Director of Music. I am personally sad, but gratitude runs even deeper. We will savor these next few months of his leadership. More details about what comes next will be announced when the time is right; in the meantime, please extend your thanks and well wishes to Dr. Curtis for 35 years of leadership and music.

4) I am so grateful to be with you and among you as I begin in ministry this week. Thank you to many for their kind words, to our outstanding staff for their hospitality and for making me feel at home, and to the Senior Minister Search Committee for their diligent efforts along the way. Throughout this time of transition, the Search Committee has wrapped Kelsey and me in support, prayers, and care. The next time you see them, please thank Andy Sherrer, Cheryl Hollingsworth, Kate Cook, Lexi Thompson, Mitch Duprez, Will Lawler, and Chair Helen Green for being exceptional ambassadors of God’s welcome on your behalf.

I hope to see you this Sunday – with God’s blessing, the first of many Sundays - in the pews at 8:40 or 10:45, or by church online.

Every good thing,
Pastor Colton

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Fourth 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: John 9: 1-11

Sermon: *Muddy Reverence*

Worship & Wonder: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Evensong

Monday, April 6th, at 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

STEVEN CURTIS TO RETIRE

After serving as Director of Music and the Chancel Choir Director for thirty-five years, I will retire as of July 2026. In 1991, I took over the choir from Allan Ross, who had built it into an excellent ensemble. It has been an honor and privilege to work with so many outstanding choir members and instrumentalists for the past thirty-five years. The Wednesdays and Sundays we’ve spent together have been some of the most fulfilling of my musical life. In addition to the many Sundays that we have provided music for our weekly services, we have also enjoyed four international performance tours (France, Ireland, Croatia, and Canada). I wish to thank our congregation for the emails, letters, words of encouragement, and financial contributions to the music program. I also wish to thank the ministerial and other staff members who have been so supportive.

Eighteen months ago, as the longest-serving staff member, I decided to remain in my role until a new senior minister was selected. I wanted to work with the person who would lead our church forward, ensuring a smooth leadership transition. I regret that I will only have a little over four months to work with Rev. Colton Lott. In the brief time that I have known him, I have been impressed with the exceptional choice our search committee has made.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our wonderful church.

Steven Curtis

REV. COLTON LOTT OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Lott is looking forward to meeting members of the congregation and getting to know our church family. For these first months (at least), he will hold regular office hours on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons** and would be happy to visit with you during those times. Meetings may take place in his office or at your favorite local coffee shop — whichever setting is most comfortable for you.

If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Rev. Lott, please use the provided scheduling link. He is also available at other times by appointment as needed.

In addition, there is a special sign-up opportunity for those who would like Rev. Lott to treat them to lunch on a Monday. This is another wonderful way to connect, share your story, and welcome him to our church family.

If you experience any difficulty scheduling a time or signing up for lunch, please contact the church office and we will be glad to assist you in getting on his calendar.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Rev. Lott as he begins this new chapter of ministry with First Christian Church Norman!

To schedule Tuesday/Thursday appointment times please use this link: [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

To schedule a Monday lunch please use this link: [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

DEADLINE FOR SCOTLAND

The deadline for the deposit for the Scotland trip is March 16. Please let me know if you are interested.

Steve Curtis
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECEIVING NAMES

This year's Nominating Committee, as approved by the Board, is Rob Bradshaw, Martie Buzzard, Dick Gray, Summer Suffridge and Emily Trnka. This Committee will meet on April 14th to assemble a slate of members to recommend for officers, elders, and deacons. You are invited to submit names of people to serve in these ways by contacting one of the members of the Nominating Committee, or by contacting one of the ministers at the church office. Anyone nominated to serve must have been a church member for at least six months. Thank you for your participation in this important aspect of the leadership of the church!

EASTER LILIES

Again this year, the church will have Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase one for \$15, given in remembrance, honor, or appreciation of a loved one or friend. All you need do is contact the church office with the information for the dedication, paying by either credit card or check (making sure to note that it is for an Easter Lily). Dedication forms are also available in the church office. The church newsletter will run a list of dedications the week following Easter. Thank you.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

David Deering has been released from Mercy Hospital North.

DISCIPLES MEN

Work Day

On Saturday, March 14th, FCC Disciples Men will hold a church work party to power-wash certain exterior areas. The work is estimated to run from 9 am until noon, and we will focus on the circle drive-covered walkway, the Columbarium area, and the exterior walls around Colton's office. In addition, a team will rake and relocate the rubber playground mulch that has migrated through the fence and into the artificial turf and other places. If you would like to be a part of this work party, please text Dave Saunders at 405-406-3730 and let him know you will be coming to help. We'll have coffee and doughnuts ready before 9 am in the conference room. Bound to be fun!

ChARM MARCH ADVENTURES

Wednesday, March 18 — 11:00am—ChARM - please come and enjoy a Hideaway pizza lunch and get to know our new senior minister Colton Lott. Movie Day will follow lunch in the Church Parlor. A \$10 love offering will be accepted. Please RSVP so we have enough pizza and dessert.

Friday, March 27 — 8:00am—Meet at Sunny Side Up in Moore for breakfast. Please RSVP.

We are better together!

Stephanie Gasaway

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Thank you to all who donated money to the Blessing Boxes fund at our Galentine's Celebration. These funds go to Disciples Home Missions. We collected \$448.40 to support their work.

At the end of this month our Women's Ministries project will be filling Easter baskets for children at Food and Shelter, Inc., the Women's Resource Center and the Salvation Army. This is a joint effort with all the groups involved. The baskets will be delivered the week before Easter.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, April 19. Disciples Women's Ministries will have a basket sale at the Fellowship Dinner following the second service on that day. We are planning a wide variety of baskets for everyone's interests. Our basket sale fundraiser is always an entertaining event.

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.

March 11—Study on Pilate

March 18—SPRING BREAK—No youth meetings!

March 25—Service Project for Meals on Wheels

YOUTH SUNDAY THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made a meaningful and beautiful Youth Sunday possible! Those adults who helped with preparation and the day itself are Ginna Bradshaw, Jenifer Buyten, Ann Faison, Bart Hanna, Jenna Laird, Lisa Lawter, Morgan Lininger, Stacy Minnick, Kristal Randall, Emily Trnka, Patty Wadsack, Melissa Wood, and Jeff Yanch. Those youth who participated and helped prepare are: Penny Bass, Elise Buyten, Sophie Chancellor, Harry Clinton, Cassidy Cook, Ella Corrick, Miles Corrick, Colton Culbertson, Hannah Douglas, Luke Douglas, Miles Duprez, Ella Green, Jordyn Hill, Asa Jablonski, Maggie Jablonski, Marianna Jablonski, Alex Jensen, Grant Johnson, Isaac Kreft, Sofia Kreft, Jack Lane, Allison Lawler, Ryan Lawler, J.J. Laws, Mason Marriott, Hannah McKinzie, Kadie Ray, Joy Riester, Jackson Sherrer, Koen Soell, Sophie Stoops, Alister Tribble, and Ellie Wood. We are so proud of you and the Youth Sunday you prepared and led!



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

PASTORS' CLASS (BPS)

Pastor's classes for all interested in baptism are as follows: March 15th, & 22nd; we will begin each class at 1:30pm and finish by 3:00pm. If you were not able to attend on Sunday, please let Eula know. March 22nd will include lunch and a service project. We understand that Spring Break occurs during a couple of dates. Contact Eula to discuss or if you need more information (eula@fccnorman.org or (405)919-9821.)

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 Eula.

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!

Church Calendar

March 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

March 14, 2026– Saturday

9:00 a.m. Work Day Hosted by
 Disciples Men
 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group

March 15, 2026– Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 1:30 p.m. Pastor’s Class

March 16, 2026– Monday

NPS/MDO Closed– Spring Break

March 17, 2026– Tuesday

NPS/MDO Closed– Spring Break
 10:00 a.m. Lucile Springer

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 explored God's love. 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. Over the next few weeks our voyage will explore the Bible story of Jesus and the Children, and the emphasis that Jesus put on the importance of children.



This week our Bible lesson focuses on The Boy who Shared His Lunch, and helping those in need. The children will continue to work on their anthem for Palm Sunday; a creative craft will be made, and a delicious dinner will be eaten. Thank you to all of our volunteers for bringing love and joy to our children.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (86)
In Loving Partnership (497)
Be Thou My Vision (595)

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



Summer 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

Candy must be individually wrapped
 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!!

