

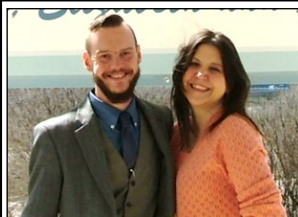


First Christian Church

April 2026 Newsletter

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Howdy FCC Kerrville church family,

We are entering the final leg of the season of Lent and Holy week is just ahead of us. Our journey that began on Ash Wednesday, with its somber acknowledgement of sin and death, will soon culminate at the empty tomb. There we will rejoice that death was swallowed up in victory and that by the grace of our risen Lord we have been given life eternal. This time of year, the late Lenten season leading to Easter is one of unparalleled excitement for me. There is much to do, and to prepare, but all of it brings with it a sense of joyful expectation for the Highest and Holiest Sunday of the year. Admittedly, I probably get more wound up about Easter than many others, it's kind of my job, but I know I am far from the only one who is expectantly looking forward to once again celebrating the resurrection.

Easter Sunday is a time where the experiences of the day run headlong into sacred memories from so many Easters past. For those who come to Sunrise Service (7:30) there is something special about coming together in the cool and damp of a spring morning and waiting to shout, "He is risen indeed!" as the sun breaks over the horizon. The smell of coffee and food as we enter the church for breakfast after Sunrise Service calling us to slow down for a few moments of fellowship without rushing is a moment that is Holy in its own way and one that I always look forward to. The excitement of kids scrambling to find Easter eggs brings back memories for many from childhood, churches past, and a time when kids and grandkids were much younger. Then when we go to worship at 11:00 as we do every Sunday there is nonetheless an extra sense of reverence and enthusiasm on this day as we remember the resurrection with the scent of Easter lilies wafting throughout the sanctuary. As Christians we are a people of Easter, resurrection focused, and eternal life oriented. As such it is more than natural to look ahead focusing on and preparing for all things Easter. Yet dear friends, in the final week of Lent, there is much that still stands between us and the empty tomb.

On the way to the tomb, we go to the table. On Maundy Thursday at 6:00 PM we remember a new covenant in Christ's body and blood instituted at His final Passover meal. We will come together to witness that story, to contemplate our invitation to take part in it, and to remember Christ the way he commands us to do so. The next day, Good Friday, finds us at the foot of the cross seeing God's answer to the sin which we acknowledged on Ash Wednesday in the greatest gift of love ever offered on Calvary's tree. We will worship once again at 6:00 PM on Friday as we relive the story of Christ's passion and consider the self-sacrificial act of Jesus by which we are pardoned.

Yes FCC, Easter is coming, and I can't wait. But as we prepare ourselves for the empty tomb, resurrection, and celebration, let us not overlook all that lies between now and then. May we prepare our hearts to partake in the new covenant of the table, and to bear witness to His life laid down on the cross. I'll see you at the empty tomb! But first, let us go to the table, to the cross, and to the silent stillness of the grave. For in all of these, our Lord is waiting for us.

Peace in His service,
-Josh

HOLY WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Last Supper Tableau

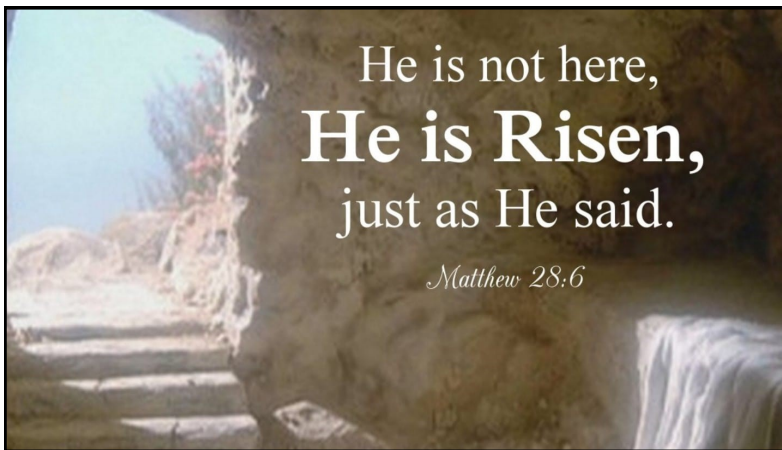
On Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6 pm, we will present a reenactment of the Last Supper. Everyone is invited to attend worship and partake of communion together, just as Jesus celebrated his final Passover with his disciples on the day before his crucifixion.



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3

Join us for a Service of Tenebrae at 6 pm. This is a solemn service featuring hymns and scripture readings that chronicle Jesus' final week.



He is not here,
He is Risen,
just as He said.

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

7:30 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service

8:15 a.m.—Breakfast

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School

10:15 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m.—Worship



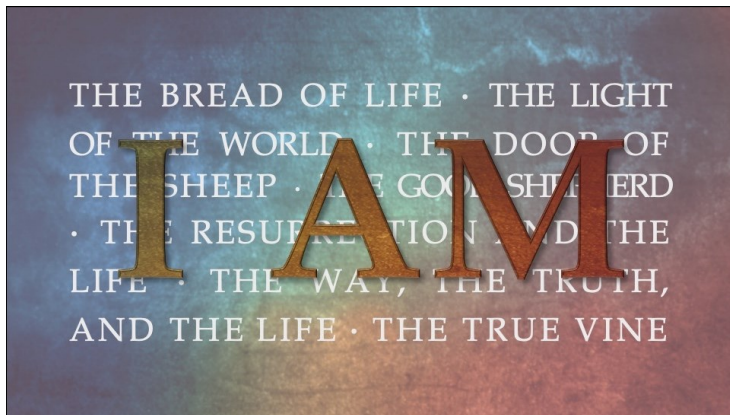
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 3.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, April 6th, in observance of Easter.




Coming this Summer!
 Vacation Bible School
 Mark your calendars!
 July 27 - July 31
 Registration info to come

First Quarter 2026 Church Outreach

Christian Church in the SW	375.00
Disciples Conf. Center	125.00
SW Good Samaritan Ministries	125.00
CAM	125.00
Christian Women’s Job Corp.	250.00
Emergency Assistance	100.00
Total Giving - 1st Quarter	\$1,100.00

First Quarter 2026 Memorials

In memory of:
 Scott Wakefield
 Maxine Light
Total Memorials Given - 1st Quarter \$1,150.00



Children’s Ministry
Easter Eggs and Candy Needed!

We would greatly appreciate the donation of plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 5. You can even fill them with individually wrapped candy or whatever else you would like to put in them (coins, toys, etc.). We could also use additional Easter candy (individually wrapped). Thank you!

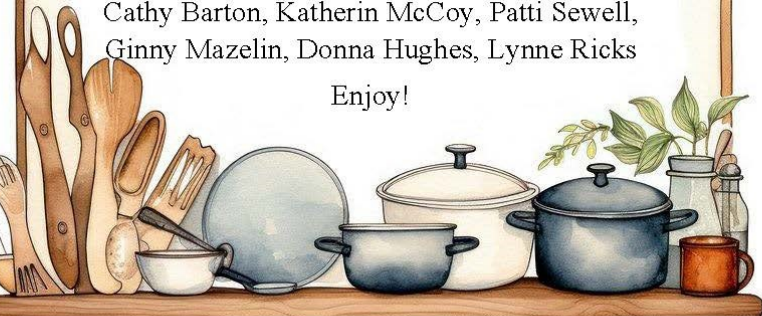


CASSEROLE PURCHASE GUIDE

The casseroles in the freezer are \$10 each. To purchase, please take one of the envelopes provided (marked ‘Casserole’) and place your cash or check inside (mark checks, For Casserole). Drop it into the **offering plate**.

For additional information, contact one of our Team Cuisine representatives:
 Cathy Barton, Katherin McCoy, Patti Sewell,
 Ginny Mazelin, Donna Hughes, Lynne Ricks

Enjoy!





You are invited to join.

THE 2:30 CLUB



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bingo, Prizes, Snacks and Fellowship

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

2:30 PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH





FOOD DRIVE Benefiting Veterans Center



*During the Month of April
Ends 4-26-26*

Shelf Stable Meaty Meals - *Within expiration date (nothing out of date)*
Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Pears – Individual Serving Cups or small cans
Campbell's Chunky Beef with Vegetable Soup
Hormel's Compleats Salisbury Steak Meal
Wolf Brand Chili w/wo Beans, Dinty Moore Beef Stew
Hormel Compleats Dumplings and Chicken
Campbell's Vegetable Beef Soup, Savory Pot Roast Soup
Saltine or Ritz Crackers

Pop Top Cans preferable or Large Handled Can Opener
No Tomato Soup, Fancy Crackers or Drinks

If you have questions, contact Outreach,
Katherin McCoy 830-459-2926

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION / QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Starting when you're age 73, a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is a specific amount of money the IRS *requires* you to take from your tax-deferred retirement plans, such as IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b)s each year.

You may donate your RMD directly to a qualified charity tax-free through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) when you are at least 70½. This is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to the charity. And your QCD counts towards satisfying your RMD once you reach the RMD age.

Please consider First Christian Church as a qualified charity recipient.

If you have questions, contact the church office or Randy Johnson, Church Treasurer.

FCC CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CWF QUARTERLY MEETING and PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! CWF is meeting Saturday, April 18th, at 10 a.m., at the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There will also be a Pampered Chef fundraiser to benefit CWF.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



All women are invited for breakfast at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at Acapulco Restaurant. Join

us for great food and fellowship.



The Women's Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

The study, led by

Sherry Price, is "30 Life Principals - A Guide for Growing in the Knowledge and Understanding of God" by Charles Stanley.

All ladies are invited.



After reorganizing the craft room, we no longer need donations of craft supplies and fabric unless specifically requested. Thank you!

Save the Date!
for the 2026
Twilight Women's
Conference
May 30
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Boutique

Make sure to stop and take a look at the various items for sale in the Boutique new location in the church hallway (across from the name tags). You will find household and gift items of many kinds. The C.W.F. women have been hard at work cleaning out and sorting the back storage room. The Boutique will still have various sale items for your choosing.

A FREE TO YOU table of items is available (across from the restrooms).

The Christian Women's Fellowship continues to contribute to the church's outreach programs through the proceeds of sales from the Boutique.



The CWF Ladies Tea was a smashing success! Just under 50 ladies enjoyed each other's company while having tea and assorted finger foods. And, we had a great time designing and putting together our fascinators (hats). A good time was had by all!

MUSIC MINISTRY AT FCC



What a glorious way to start April, EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!

April 5th brings us our annual altered Sunday schedule, please see below. There are ample opportunities for worship, fellowship and Easter joy!

- 7:30 am Sunrise Service at the crosses
- 8:15 am Breakfast together
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for the children
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service

As JS Bach signed his compositions, “Soli Deo Gloria” (Glory to God alone).

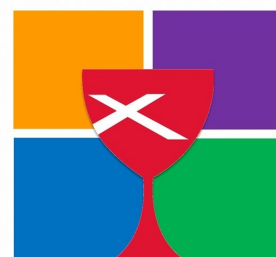
Karen Billingsley
Worship Director

Single Mingle is a singles social group (NOT A DATING GROUP) for those that are 55 years young and over, who are single by choice, divorced or widowed.

If you, or someone you know, is single and would like to join our group, please call Katherin McCoy, 830-459-2926.

First Christian Church Kerrville Safety Team

Mark Huffman
J.R. Hoyne
Gary Lubitz
Don Beedy



ELECTRONIC GIVING



Reminder! You may give your regular and special offerings to the church online. To set up electronic donations, visit the church website, www.firstchristiankerrville.org, and click on the “Give” tab and follow the onscreen instructions. It’s convenient, fast, and secure.

If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Our Financial Stewardship

	FEBRUARY	YTD	Bank Account		Fund Balances	
Income:						
	\$23,132.87	\$50,871.17	Balance, January 31, 2026	\$103,689.38		
			Cash Surplus (Deficit) - Feb	<u>\$1,835.39</u>	General Fund	\$65,152.97
			Balance, February 28, 2026	\$105,524.77	Designated Fund	<u>\$40,371.80</u>
Expenses:						\$105,524.77
	<u>\$24,577.24</u>	<u>\$58,784.57</u>	Balance, December 31, 2025	\$111,680.30		
NET INCOME	\$1,444.37	\$7,913.40	Cash Surplus (Deficit) - YTD	<u>\$6,155.53</u>		
			Balance, February 28, 2026	\$105,524.77		
Total non-income statement transactions:						
	<u>\$3,279.76</u>	<u>\$1,757.87</u>				
Cash surplus (Deficit)	\$1,835.39	\$6,155.53				

APRIL Birthdays

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| 7 Patricia Rohrer | 17 Susie Huffman |
| 8 Charles Van Drasek
Bruce Barton | 19 Darla Morey |
| 9 Karen Rector
Debbie Blair | 22 Ann Yancey |
| 12 Doyle Harris | 23 Janet Justice |
| 14 Drew McKinney | 24 Sue Clark |
| | 26 Ed Russell |

APRIL Anniversaries

- 3 Kenneth & Myra Estep
Travis & Melissa Ross
- 20 Mark & Susie Huffman
- 23 Frank & Barbara Scaglione
Mike & Judy Bolton

AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP

126

with

109

average livestream views
for the month of March

Agape Prayer Group

The Agape Prayer Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 in the Prayer Room at the church. They welcome anyone to join with them in prayer for the individuals and situations listed on the prayer cards left in the collection plate each Sunday.

Email Prayer Chain:

Rosemary Faris,
rfaris1@stx.rr.com

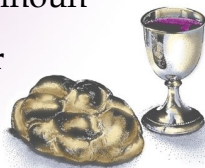
SERVING COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Ed & Lela Russell

Kim Lee & Sonja Johnson

Macy & Colt Calhoun

Anna Carr



If you attend 2nd service and would like to help serve communion, please call Patty Davidson, 830-890-8791.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



All men are invited for breakfast at 8 a.m. every 2nd Saturday of the month at Rio Ranch Café for great food and greater fellowship. So, head on out there on April 11 and meet up with the guys!

FOR SALE

Get yours now!



FCC caps available for \$20 each. 2 colors to select from. See Mary Beedy to purchase.

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Our Mission

Inviting all people
to experience grace and love

at Christ's Table



*Serving Christ in the
Hill Country for
more than 100 years.*

He is not here

RISEN

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED *Alleluia*

APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:15 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Schedule 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am Worship</p>	<p>1 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>2 Maudy Thursday 9 am Blessings in a Backpack 9 am - 12 pm Outreach 6 pm Maudy Thursday Service</p>	<p>3 Good Friday 6 pm Good Friday Service Church Office Closed at Noon</p>	<p>4 10 am CWF Breakfast at Acapulco Restaurant</p>	
<p>5 Easter see schedule above <i>ST - Mark Huffman</i></p>	<p>6 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>7 10 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Agape Prayer Group</p>	<p>8 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>9 9 am - 12 pm Outreach 5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting</p>	<p>10 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>11 8 am Men's Breakfast at Rio Ranch Café</p>
<p>12 <i>ST - J.R. Hoyne</i></p>	<p>13 5:30 pm Administrative Team Meeting</p>	<p>14 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 5:30 pm Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>15 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>16 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>17 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>18 10 am CWF Quarterly Meeting</p>
<p>19 <i>ST - Gary Lubitz</i></p>	<p>20 10 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 2:30 - 4:30 pm 230 Club 4:30 pm Deacons Team Meeting</p>	<p>21 10 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 2:30 - 4:30 pm 230 Club 4:30 pm Deacons Team Meeting</p>	<p>22 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>23 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>24 9 am Blessings in a Backpack 5:30 - 7:30 pm Single Mingle</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <i>ST - Don Beedy</i></p>	<p>27 5:30 pm Leadership Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>28 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 3 pm Nursing Home Ministry</p>	<p>29 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>30 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>May Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</p>