



First Christian Church

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Mathew 6:33

***But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.***

Howdy FCC Kerrville Church Family!

I hope this newsletter article finds you safe and warm! As I write this, there are sheets of ice from the recent storm melting and falling off the roof of the church. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your patience and flexibility during the inclement weather this past weekend. A great many of you joined us online for worship via Facebook live on Sunday, and while it doesn't compare to joining together face to face for worship, I am thankful that we were able to come together while the weather kept us apart. The graceful flexibility and steadfast commitment of this congregation are part of what makes FCC Kerrville such a special place. Well done church!

As we press onward to the weeks and months ahead there is plenty on the horizon to look forward to, as there always is this time of year at FCC. The season of Lent is just a couple weeks away and as always I look forward to journeying toward the cross with you as we seek to increase in faithfulness and grow in obedience to Christ over these forty days. The season of Lent is punctuated with special opportunities for worship and begins with one such meaningful service on Ash Wednesday, (February 18th), at 6:00 p.m. On that night we will begin our Lenten journey by having the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads in ashes. The ashes symbolize our mortality, and our sin which are to be at the forefront of our minds in the weeks ahead. Throughout Lent we will wrestle with what it means to be finite and sinful humans who belong to a Savior who conquered sin and death. I would highly encourage all of you who are able, to begin the season of Lent with us on Ash Wednesday. For those who cannot make it to the 6:00 service we will also offer ashes in the porte-cochères of the church on Ash Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so anyone can stop by to receive the imposition of ashes and a Lenten blessing. Last year during Lent we began a new practice where each day I sent out a brief devotional via email. These daily devotionals were either written by me or one of the Elders of FCC, they began on Ash Wednesday and ended on Easter Sunday. We are offering this Lenten devotional again this year and I would like to invite you to sign up if you would like to receive these emails. For the next two Sundays, February 1st and February 8th, there will be a signup sheet going into the sanctuary where you can jot down your email address if you would like to be on our list.

In addition to these opportunities to grow your faith, February will also bring another opportunity for churchwide fellowship. On February 20th we will have our third annual all church banquet put together by Katherin McCoy and a host of faithful volunteers. As in years past I have no doubt that it will be a fun night of music and fellowship with a delicious meal. Make sure you get your tickets and make plans to attend because this banquet is always a great time!

In the coming month we have many opportunities ahead for worship, faithful growth, service, and in true FCC fashion, plenty of food! While all these things look very different and take on various forms, all of them make up our life together as a group of believers seeking God's kingdom together. In worship, in the season of Lent, in our own individual practices of faith, and around tables of food and fellowship we will seek Christ together in the weeks ahead. I look forward to seeking the kingdom of God above all else with you all!

Peace in His service
-Josh

Fourth Quarter 2025 Church Outreach

Christian Church in the SW	375.00
Disciples Conf. Center	125.00
SW Good Samaritan Ministries	125.00
New Hope Counseling Center	125.00
CAM	125.00
Christian Women's Job Corp.	125.00
Outreach Reserve (flood relief)	61161.71
Emergency Assistance	822.00
Total Giving - 4th Quarter	\$62,983.71

2026 FLOWER MEMORIAL CALENDAR



There are still spaces left but they are filling up fast! The new calendar is on the bulletin board across from the office. Sign up on the Sunday of your choice to purchase flowers in memoriam or as an honorarium, or just to the Glory of God! The cost is \$25 payable to First Christian Church and, as always, thank you for continuing to help us keep the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary.

Fourth Quarter 2025 Memorials

In memory of:

Steve Pantusa

Total Memorials Given - 4th Quarter \$25.00



Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes

Please join us Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m. for an Ash Wednesday service and Imposition of Ashes.

If you cannot make it for the service, Pastor Josh will be available for drive through imposition of ashes from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP

112

with

211

average livestream views
for the month of January



HAPPY
Valentine's Day

Boutique

Changes are taking place with the Boutique, as you may have noticed.

The previous location is still available for larger items, now including knitted woolen scarfs and sweaters plus wheelchair/walker accessories. The second location, in the front church hallway (across from the name tags) has household and gift items of many kinds.

We have an additional, **FREE TO YOU**, table of craft items. This table will have a variety of fabric, zippers, yarn, ribbons, buttons, etc. The contents will change frequently - so please continue to check it out!

The Christian Women's Fellowship continues to contribute time and talents to the church's outreach program through the proceeds of sales from the Boutique.



The Masters Banquet The Unnamed Servant!

Luke 14:15-24

First Christian Church

Friday, February 20, 2026

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Reservations Required
Begin Feb. 1, End Feb. 15
\$25 per person
FUNDRAISER**

Volunteers are needed for the following duties: greeter, tea cart, servers, clean up, take down.

See or call Katherin McCoy, 830-459-2926, if you would like to help.

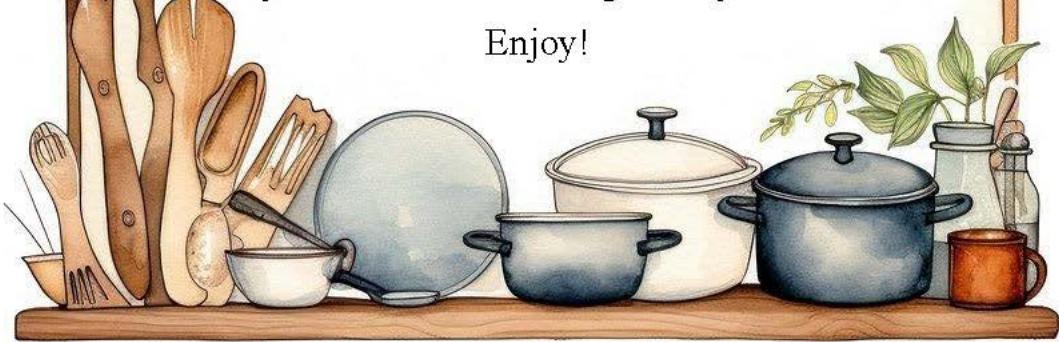
CASSEROLE PURCHASE GUIDE

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!



"We Remember You"

Check out the Outreach bulletin board!

Send a valentine to those that are not always able to be in church. Take a valentine, (or bring your own), write a message, and address to the person. Then drop it in the "mailbox" that is attached to the bulletin board.

Valentines will be delivered before February 14.



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 Principles - A Guide for Growing in the Knowledge and Understanding of God" by Charles Stanley.

All ladies are invited.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

All women are invited for breakfast at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, at Acapulco Restaurant. Join us for great food and fellowship.

FCC CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CWF QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 2026

CWF Meeting was held on January 17, 2026.

Opening meeting and prayer led by Katherin McCoy at 10:05 a.m.

Business discussion:

Sherry Price: Women's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m., and Agape prayer group at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

Kit Hunter: Blessings in a Backpack – 36 children currently from Tally.

Katherin McCoy: Outreach – 50 children from Ingram, later in year will give donations to food bank. 1,660 Christmas cards were given, Valentine's gifts for Tally and Ingram for Blessings program. Christian Women's Job Corp – birthday lunch and bags. Banquet is February 20 and is a fundraiser. Food drive for the Veteran's Center is in March.

Betty Rector: Treasurer's report – currently \$15,024.29

Cathy Barton: Buttons & Bows – cleaning out storeroom, quarterly event to make crafts to keep or donate, to be called CWF Fellowship. Dates for these events for this year will be March 21, June 20, September 19, and December 19. Any money donated will go to CWF. Proposed bake sale. Lap blankets will go to Mountain Villa, and plastic yarn items to go to Salvation Army? Gonzales? Southwest Good Samaritans?

It was voted on to maintain at least \$2,000 in the CWF budget. It was voted on to donate most of the money in the budget to go to:

Church - \$5,000

Dietert - \$1,000

K-Star - \$1,000

Veteran's Center - \$1,000

Mercy Gate Ministries - \$1,000

Camps - \$1,000

Scholarship - \$1,000

Pregnancy Resource Center - \$1,000

Katherin McCoy has served for 2 years as Vice-President, and elections were held. Sherry Price will be the new Vice-President.

The next CWF meeting will be held on April 18.

Closing prayer led by Katherin McCoy at 11:49 a.m.

Submitted by Helen Stokes

Check Presentations From 2025 Buttons & Bows Bazaar Proceeds



Veteran's Center



K-Star



Dietert Center



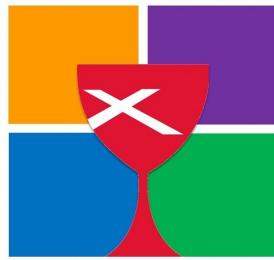
Pregnancy Resource
Center

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

Betty Rector
Willie Morales
Mark Huffman
JR Hoyne



CHOIR NOTES

It's a new year! You have a place with our Sanctuary Choir. Even if you have never sung with a choir before, we welcome you to join us in worship during the 11:00 a.m. service.

We meet Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 to rehearse and prepare music to share with our congregation. It is also a time of fellowship, prayer, and sharing. Our choir family is waiting for you. Please join us!

Give
ONLINE

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

	DECEMBER	YTD		
Income:			Bank Account	Fund Balances
	\$25,941.17	\$341,704.90	Balance, November 30 , 2025 \$114,451.00	December 31, 2025
			Cash Surplus (Deficit) - Dec <u>\$2,770.70</u>	General Fund \$74,536.21
Expenses:			Balance, December 31, 2025 \$111,680.30	Designated Fund \$37,144.09
	\$29,409.24	\$337,275.31		
NET INCOME	<u>\$3,468.07</u>	<u>\$4,429.59</u>	Balance, December 31, 2024 \$114,118.29	\$111,680.30
Total non-income statement transactions:			Cash Surplus (Deficit) - YTD <u>\$2,437.99</u>	
	\$697.37	<u>\$6,867.58</u>	Balance, December 31, 2025 \$111,680.30	
Cash surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$2,770.70</u>	<u>\$2,437.99</u>		



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

4 Jody Weikel	16 Kim Bolin
5 Barbara Anthony	21 Jade Gonzalez
6 Conner Baldwin	Jackie Harris
Whitney Hoyne	24 Dale Sims
9 Nikki Watson	25 Johnny Bland
10 Kathy Baldwin	27 Melissa Ross
11 Asher deSteiguer	28 Leslie Van Drasek
14 Bryan Morey	
Barte Smith	
Jim Bridenbaugh	



FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

1 Jade & Robert Gonzalez
14 Tim & Cindy McDonald
16 Jay & Debbie Rydberg

Email Prayer Chain:

Rosemary Faris,
rfaris1@stx.rr.com

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.

Grief Support Group



Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m., at the church. There is a grief support group meeting for those experiencing grief from a loss. The meeting is led by Helen Stokes and is held every third Saturday of the month.

SERVING COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Ginny Mazelin & Helen Farris

Bob & Stella Cordes

Anna Carr

Brooklyn Jensen



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 February 14th 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.*

**“ LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS,
BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES
ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL
THINGS. LOVE NEVER ENDS. ”**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8



FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday