



# First Christian Church

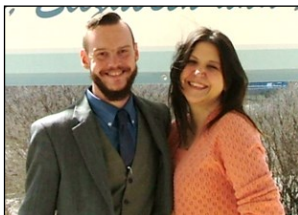
## January 2026 Newsletter

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### ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***

***He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.***



Happy New Year FCC Church Family!

As I write to you, 2025 is rapidly coming to an end and the new year and a new season in church life is just a few days away. As we sit in this space at the turning over of the calendar, I find myself looking back with profound gratitude and looking forward with great excitement. This past year has been full of reminders that God's providential, and guiding hand never fails to lead and uphold His flock. Each season has shown how God constantly invites us to serve our Lord and love our neighbors, and at every opportunity this church has made me so proud with your response. Looking back there were opportunities for ministry and service that we expect each year, Vacation Bible School, Blessings in a Backpack, and SO many more. However, as is so often the case, it was in the unforeseen and unexpected that I found myself most moved by our church family. The ways in which I saw you come together for one another in times of sickness, loss, and grief. The many ways in which I saw y'all respond collectively and individually to the needs and heartbreak in our community in the aftermath of absolute tragedy following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July flood. Time and time again in ways that I could not have seen coming you all showed me your heart and became the hands and feet of Christ before my eyes in real time. While I could not have fathomed all that this year would bring, looking back, I cannot find words to adequately express my gratitude and pride for this family of the faithful at FCC.

Looking ahead into the year to come there are many more opportunities for service and ministry on the horizon. The new year brings with it new servant leaders, and new ministry teams under the new Constitution and Bylaws. Each season also is marked by the familiar traditions, services, and activities that make up the church year. I have no doubt in all these things I'm looking forward to, that God's hand will be made evident and that this church will show its heart in love for God and neighbor as you never fail to do. Yet I am equally certain that once again there will be unforeseen opportunities, unforeseeable struggles, and unexpected blessings in the year to come. In some ways none of us can ultimately predict what the year to come will bring, but there are some things of which I have absolutely no doubt. Once again, we will be about God's business with eternity in our hearts. Though we cannot fathom all that God will do, when I come to this time next year and find myself looking back, I will see how God once again made each season beautiful in its time.

I eagerly look forward to beginning another year in this adventure of ministry with you, and I can't wait to see all that God has in store for this corner of His kingdom.

Peace in His service

-Josh



The church office will be closed  
Thursday, January 1,  
in observance of New Year's

#### Do We Have Your Correct Info?

Please let Kim, in the church office, know of any changes to your personal information, i.e., mailing address, phone numbers (home and cell), so it can be updated in our database. This correct information is needed to process year end notice of contribution gifts.

#### FCC Leadership Meeting

To all who are part of a team and/or committee under the new Constitution, there will be a meeting on Sunday, January 11, after 2nd service. This meeting will entail discussion among each team and setting of each teams/committees meeting times for the coming year. Lunch will be served.



Help us Un-decorate the church.  
Tuesday, January 6, at 10 a.m.  
Your help would be greatly appreciated!

#### 2026 FLOWER MEMORIAL CALENDAR



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.

#### 3 BENEFITS OF ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR CHURCHES



1. **Convenient.** No need to write a check or fumble with cash.
2. **Reliable.** Stay on track with your stewardship and know that your financial gifts to the church are taken care of, even when you can't be in worship.
3. **Consistent.** Guarantees uninterrupted support of the church's ministries.

Ready to start giving to the church electronically?

Go to [www.firstchristiankerrville.org/give](http://www.firstchristiankerrville.org/give) today



Noel for Neighbors 2025

FCC Elf unloading Gifts  
at Ingram

### Outreach Update

First, let me THANK everyone that participated in the Noel for Neighbors and the Ingram Elementary Christmas Blessings Gifting.

We delivered 1610 Noel for Neighbor Cards to the area hospitals, nursing homes and care facilities.

The 25 Christmas Blessings Gifts were delivered and we captured an FCC Elf unloading them at the school.

### 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!







## 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!

## FCC CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS



### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

All women are invited for breakfast at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, at Acapulco Restaurant. Join us for great food and fellowship.



The Women's Bible Study will resume meeting Tuesday, January 6, at 10 a.m. and will continue meeting 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.

### CWF QUARTERLY MEETING

Mark your calendars! CWF is meeting Saturday, January 17th, at 10 a.m., at the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Single mingle** I can't believe it has already been two years since our first gathering!

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. We meet every 2nd Friday at a local restaurant and every 4th Friday at the church (usually potluck) at 5:30 p.m.

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**

JR Hoyne  
Gary Lubitz  
Patrick Blueyes  
Don Beedy





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### AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP

114  
with  
174  
average livestream views  
for the month of December

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### 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](http://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

	NOVEMBER	YTD	Bank Account		Fund Balances	
Income:					<b>November 30, 2025</b>	
	\$33,928.79	\$315,763.73	Balance, October 31, 2025	\$105,809.91	General Fund	\$76,436.08
			Cash Surplus (Deficit) - Nov	\$8,641.09	Designated Fund	\$38,014.92
Expenses:			Balance, November 30, 2025	\$114,451.00		\$114,451.00
	\$23,899.60	\$307,866.07				
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,029.19</b>	<b>\$7,897.66</b>	Balance, December 31, 2024	\$114,118.29		
			Cash Surplus (Deficit) - YTD	\$332.71		
<b>Total non-income statement transactions:</b>			Balance, November 30, 2025	\$114,451.00		
	<b>\$1,388.10</b>	<b>\$7,564.95</b>				
<b>Cash surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$8,641.09</b>	<b>\$332.71</b>				

## JANUARY

### Birthdays

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Dave Summers       | 13 Ashley Blueyes     |
| Bill Beaty           | 16 Carol Yeomans      |
| 3 Jennifer Tomlinson | 19 Joshua De La Zerda |
| 5 Chris Lubitz       | 24 Tim McDonald       |
| Sandra Langley       | 26 Patti Sewell       |
| 6 Rudy Shepherd      | 29 Vicki Bland        |
| 12 Angela Doyal      | 31 Travis Ross        |

## JANUARY

### Anniversaries

- |                             |
|-----------------------------|
| 8 Ed & Lela Russell         |
| 21 Joe & Peggy McKay        |
| 22 Russell & Barbara French |

#### 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, January 17, 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

Mary & Don Beedy  
Jim & Deb Bridenbaugh  
Helen Stokes  
Anna Carr



### 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 January 10th 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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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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## **Our Mission**

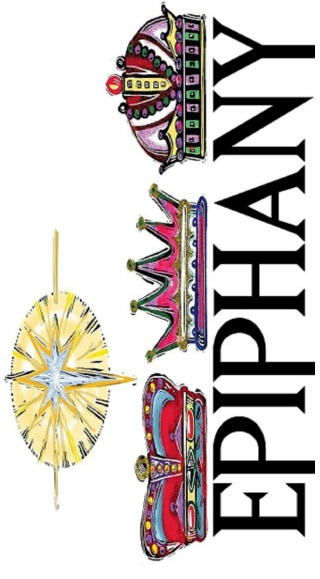
Inviting all people  
to experience grace and love  
at Christ's Table



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



*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*



# JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:30 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.firstchristiankernville.org">www.firstchristiankernville.org</a> Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/firstchristiankernville">facebook.com/firstchristiankernville</a></p>	<p>1 <b>New Year's Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	2	3 10 am CWF Breakfast at Acapulco Restaurant
<p>4 <i>ST - JR Hoyne</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>Epiphany</b> 10 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Undecorate the Church 1 pm Agape Prayer Group</p>	<p>7 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>8 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>9 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>10 8 am Men's Breakfast at Rio Ranch Café</p>
<p>11 <i>ST - Gary Lubitz</i> 12 pm FCC Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>12 5:30 pm Administrative Team Meeting</p>	<p>13 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 5:30 pm Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>14 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>15 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>16 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>17 10 am CWF Meeting 2 pm Grief Support Group</p>
<p>18 <i>ST - Patrick Blueyves</i> 11 am Elder Installation</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting</p>	<p>21 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>22 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>23 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <i>ST - Don Beedy</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 1 pm Agape Prayer Group 3 pm Nursing Home Ministry</p>	<p>28 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 - 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>29 9 am - 12 pm Outreach</p>	<p>30 9 am Blessings in a Backpack</p>	<p>31</p>
					<p><b>Feb Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	