Pastor’s/Faith Development Class Offered

Sunday, March 3, from 3:30-5pm will be the first meeting of the Pastor’s Class. We have 4 participants as of this week: Aidan Ramsey, Gus Kubacak, Harlow Jones and Lily Disney.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are led to make their Profession of Faith followed by Baptism as they begin their journey in deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a decision that is a prayerful and personal decision. There is still time to sign up but please do so as soon as possible so an Elder Mentor can be selected to walk this journey with you.

The other 3 classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-5pm March 24 as well as April 7 and 14. It is very important that those who participate attend all 4 classes.
I need your help. Here’s the scenario:

What if you had only a couple of minutes to tell someone the essentials about First Christian Church? What would you say? Not the personal taste stuff. Many churches can say they had good programming, or great staff, or stuff for children and youth. Think deeper.

What would you say?

For this year’s Easter Eggstravaganza, we’re adding an intentional connection focus. Throughout the day we’re going to share a series of 90 second soundbites about the unique values of FCC.

If the weather cooperates and we do all the prep work and advertising, we’ll have close to 1500 people attend. What possibly could we do or what could we say that would make a lasting impression?

Our beginning list:

Our welcome. We’d have to unpack that, but it is important.

Our involvement. We have a high percentage of folks that do ministry. We have an expectation that folks are involved for a purpose.

Our effectiveness. Barely 220 in worship and we feed thousands. We equip more folks into ordained ministry than churches twice our size. We host SHARE and back that up with special needs inclusion on Sunday’s. We are the little engine that could.

Our safe openness. Diversity isn’t just a word here. Folks from all political spectrums, all personal tastes, can worship here because there is something more than unites us.

We give away the table that isn’t ours. Folks often ask me about our “doctrine”. That word isn’t ours, exactly. Other than Christ and the table shared freely, we don’t have doctrine or rules. Folks new to us come to love the focus of our worship being the table.

What would be your list? We are going to compile about 12-15 important soundbites to share during the Egg Hunt. Drop me a note or an email of your soundbite thoughts.

Because our purpose really isn’t eggs.

It is something much more important.
This weekend is the beginning of a crazy five week stretch! On Friday night, around 9 PM, we will kick off our Spring Rally at Circle Six with over 100 children, youth, and adults! It is sure to be an incredible weekend! The youth will be exploring ways to reach beyond themselves to provide relief to others who might be struggling in their own faith journey! We have an incredible keynoter, Kristen Jack, from Central Christian Church of Waco, TX! Our youth leadership team has worked hard to plan this event!

The first Saturday of March, the youth leadership team from the Central Area, and surrounding cities, will gather to elect leadership for the 2019/20 camping year. Students wishing to serve in a leadership role, must submit a written letter, provide references from ministers, church leaders, and family members, and interview with the existing leadership team. It is always exciting to see how God is calling young people to serve the church.

Sunday, March 10, our youth will begin their journey to Winter Park, Colorado for our 2019 Ski Trip. This will be a time of fun, fellowship, and worship. Ski trips have become one of the highlights of my ministry! There’s something about stepping away and being surrounded by God’s beauty in nature while growing as a community.

Friday, March 22, Heather and I will go to court for a final adoption hearing! On that day, we will finally be the “legal parents” of Mr. R (March 22 happens to be the day R turns nine months old). It is crazy how fast time has flown.

Finally, on March 31, the church will host my Service of Ordination! This is been a long journey, leading to this moment of affirmation. I cannot think of a better way to end such an exciting month!

God is truly working in ways in which we may never understand. It is my hope and prayer that in the midst of a jampacked schedule, we might be willing to set aside moments to recognize ways in which God is working.

Thank you for being so incredible throughout this journey and I look forward to the continued call of God to do ministry in new and exciting ways!

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Topics...
Rev. T.J. Shoop-York
Associate Minister

Lent 2019 will begin with a special Ash Wednesday Service.

6 pm Sanctuary Worship Service

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 6

All Church Work Day
Saturday, March 16
8:30am-12:30pm

DUSTING • PAINTING • MAINTENANCE • LAWN CARE • CLEANING • AND MUCH MORE...
This past Sunday a group of our children did a cool outreach project. The previous Sunday they had put together “special” treat bags to give to a group of first responders to show their support and appreciation for all these men and women do. This particular project was for the Midland Firefighters.

Each treat bag contained the following candies with a special message.

- Life Saver – to remind them of the many times they had been one
- Starburst – for that burst of energy they will need
- Hershey Kiss – because they deserve a lot of kisses for all they do
- Gum – to help their unit stick together
- Peppermint Patty – to help them keep their cool
- Snickers – to remind them to keep their sense of humor

We delivered these “special’ treat bags to the Central Fire Station on Wall Street. We were greeted warmly and given a tour of the fire station. The children had the opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter – commitment, stay in shape, be willing to risk ones life to help others and to always stay focused.

The Children’s Ministry of FCC strives to not only guide/direct our children in laying a firm foundation as their faith journey begins and to strengthen their relationship with Christ, but to help them to know the importance of reaching beyond themselves. This past Sunday was just one example of them going out and being disciples. Always remember that our children are not just the church of the future but they are very much the church of today.

In loving partnership,

[Signature: Paula]
Adult Sunday School

All of our adult Sunday School classes meet at 10 am. Each class is based on studies of particular scriptures and related topics.

2 Chronicles 7:14 – Library
A class for adults of all ages. This class is doing a series on the Parables.

Young Disciples – Room 106
A class for adults of all ages. They are beginning a new study on The Fruits of the Spirit based on Galatians 5:16-26. This Sunday the topic is Joy.

Genesis – Parlor
A class for adults of all ages. This class engages a wide variety of relevant Biblical and Theological topics.

Disciples Food Pantry
February 20

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Gift received

Youth Fund
In Memory of Kay Johns

Next Step Building Fund
In Memory Of Janet Farmer

Disciples Food Pantry
In Honor of Eva Hamilton

Next Step Building Fund
In Memory of Laura McElligott

Worship Attendance
February 17, 2019

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First Christian Church of Midland is beginning a search for musicians to lead and shape in multiple worship services. Due to the retirement of longtime staff, FCC has a unique opportunity to evaluate and dream about the future.

In the broadest terms in our initial searching, the church has the need for persons to lead:


2. Classic worship. Lead keyboard instrumentalist for all congregational music and choir. Weddings, funerals, and special events are part of this position.

For more general information about FCC, go to: [www.fccmidland.org](http://www.fccmidland.org)
Contact Rev. Mike Hunter, Senior Minister, for an appointment or interview, 432-682-2541, or you can send your information to the church: 1301 W. Louisiana Avenue, Midland, TX 79701

Ms. Maria is in her first year teaching with the CLC. She is a 3 year old preschool teacher. She is from Columbus Grove, Ohio. Her birthday is on September 2nd. Ms. Maria attended Midland College, UTPB, and has a BBA in accounting and is working on an M.A. in religion. She has been married to her husband Neil for 22 years and they have 3 children, Rachel, Hilary, and Cameron, and have a standard poodle named Andre`. Her favorite color is yellow. Apples are her favorite food. Her favorite quote is “The joy of the Lord is my strength.” She enjoys sewing, drawing, gardening, and prayer. An accomplishment of Ms. Maria’s is completing an Olympic Distance Triathlon in Hawaii in 2012. God has given her the opportunity to share the gospel with children and youth in Russia and Bolivia through English Camp Mission trips.
Birthdays
02/01 Bill Boyd
02/04 Gunnar Erwin
02/06 Eva Hamilton
02/06 Chris Huff
02/06 Maverick Parks
02/08 Lillian Dziuk
02/09 Johnna Slone
02/10 Sandra Schnable
02/11 Netha Aaron
02/11 Cecil Odom
02/12 Sharon Boyd
02/13 Katie Coffman
02/14 Carissa Hamilton
02/15 Jace Esquivel
02/15 Mike Jones
02/17 Lyn Brown
02/18 Gaylon Howard Sr
02/19 Meaghan Villa
02/22 Frank Bell
02/23 Ann Minter
02/24 Sue Bedford
02/25 Mollie Wright
02/26 Autumn Crudgington
02/26 Brenda Nance Landreth
02/26 Garrett Stephenson
02/27 Jeweli Flores
02/28 Becky Armour
02/29 Beverly Drummond

Anniversaries
02/09 Jack & Troy Campbell
02/14 Vinson & Maria Cooper
02/20 Dan O’Grady & Anne Shaunesy
02/22 Bob & Vicki Rymal

Prayers & Praises
Those in need of prayer:
Carol Thompson
Jan Lamb
Carol SoloRio
Bob Landreth
Faye Casey
Doyle Jones
JoAnn Overstreet
Traci Hopper
Judy Spruell
Betty Whitmire
June Jarrett
Helen Estes
Robert & Sheila Crudgington
Robert Hart
Bill Schneider
Mary Mauldin
George Head
Bill & Char Womack

Military:
Joe Henderson - son of Holly Moore
Kinder McCullough - daughter of Bill & Kelley McCullough

Families, Friends Beyond FCC
Jacob Cermak - grandson of Michael & Kathy Landrum
Lori Jackson - friend of Charla Espino
Tracie Cisneros - sister of Jeweli Flores

Special Notes:
Our joys, concerns and deepest needs are already on God’s heart long before we put them to paper.
...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8

Do You Know Someone Looking For A Job? CLC Can Help! Now Hiring For Substitute Teachers!
Call Sandra Wills @ 432-626-1967

Jennifer Gehami - daughter of Dave & Kaylene Burgard
Debra Gaffron - sister of J. Ray Stewart
David Shipman - nephew of J. Ray Stewart
Juan Gil - friend of J. Ray Stewart
Judy Espino - sister in law to Charla Espino
Junior Espino - cousin of Charla Espino
Kim Rhodes & family - friend of Lisa Craven
Annie Jackson - friend of Cecila Ambrose
Courtney Bradley - friend of Jeweli Flores & Amanda Bourland
Maureen Singleton - niece of Joy Singleton
Aaron Krauch - friend of Janis Courtney
Leigh Irwin - mother of Jana Floyd
Millie Duncan - friend of Butch & Sherry Ladd
Rita Jones - friend of Celia Ambrose
Butch Broom - friend of Sara Cranford
Mark Hendricks - son of Jackie Hendricks
Dick Cranford - uncle of Mark Cranford
Margie Singleton - daughter-in-law of Joy Singleton
Barbara Williams - daughter of Ray Stewart
Kairos Conde - nephew of Olivia Espino
Oscar Garcia - brother of Amparo Olguin
Kathy Dunnan - friend of Peggy Jones
Ferrell Powell - friend of Sharon & Bill Boyd
Martha Pollock - friend of Sara Cranford

Please inform the church office if you or a loved one are admitted into a hospital, so we may be there for you & your family.
This Sunday February 24th
Two Worship Services
9am Contemporary Worship
10am Sunday School
11am Traditional Worship