



# The Builder

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MOTHER'S DAY  
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TUE  
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9:30AM CONCERNS COOKIE  
DELIVERY  
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BOYS TROOP

WED  
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7AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST  
9AM FOOD PANTRY  
7PM CHOIR

SUN  
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10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11AM WORSHIP  
12PM SENIOR/YOUTH LUNCHEON  
4:30PM CHILDREN & YOUTH  
EVENING PROGRAM

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## SUMMER SABBATH

I vividly remember the wave of relief that would wash over me when school let out for the summer. During the

school year I woke up most mornings with a tickle of anxiety about what work I needed to get done that day, or what work I was behind on. But at the end of the Spring semester, when the papers were all in and grades were published, I could finally take a deep breath and remember there was a life beyond academics, and that I was more than a student.

According to Genesis chapter 1, God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and on the seventh day God rested. Likewise, I mow my lawn in the heat of the day and then drop down for a power nap. The cycle of work and rest, whether longer or shorter, is a cycle imprinted into us by our Creator.

When I was finishing up the Spring semester of Greek language class in seminary, I remember a fellow student asking what resources the teacher recommended for us to use over the summer to keep our Greek language skills sharp. Our instructor, who was a strong academic, recommended that we go to a nice, sunny beach, pop up a big umbrella and enjoy a cool beverage. As tough as it was to get a good grade in his class, he still understood the need for a break from the academic grind.

Looking forward to this summer, we have a big family vacation planned to go explore New England. We actually had this trip lined up for the early summer of 2020—then COVID shut

everything down. Only now are we circling back around to it. On these big vacations I've discovered the importance of having some days that aren't overscheduled. Sometimes I come back from big, overscheduled vacations more exhausted than when I started. Even vacations need cycles of activity and rest.

Church activities often slow down over the summer season. It's difficult to plan big events when so many families are ducking in and out of town. And that's an important season for staff and leadership too, but we take this deep breath, readying ourselves for the new work that God will call us to once Fall arrives. However, we will have some new offerings through the summer season, and we will share those through our seasonal In His Steps form that goes out this Sunday.

And as you move into a more-or-less busy season of Summer, I hope you find a sense of refreshment, even in the punishing heat of west Texas. Please don't forget that we continue to worship and fellowship on Sundays, the Food Pantry runs on Wednesdays, the CLC will soon begin summer session, summer camps and Vacation Bible School will soon convene, and we still have "bills to pay". And if you're away for some Sundays, I pray that they will be times filled with joy, rest and celebration of God's gift of Summer!

See you at the Table (or by the pool, either way is good),

## 2025 Graduates

First Christian Church invites everyone to CELEBRATE two graduates with us on May 18th during our Youth Sunday service at 11:00am, directly followed by a luncheon in the gym.

Anthony Flores is graduating from Texas Connections Academy. He is the son of Pamela and Bacilio Flores and is the nephew of Jeweli and Cecilio Flores.

Maddi Hodges is graduating from Midland College with her GED. She is the daughter of Jessica Garrett Southern and stepdaughter of Kevin Southern.

We share our congratulations with them and pray they both have a blessed future!







# CLC@FCC

Busy end of year at the CLC









## FCC@Kids

### Sunday School

Preschool/Kinder will hear the story of "The Good Samaritan".

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will finish the Book of Acts with a word search puzzle.

### Children's Church

Preschool/Kinder will listen to the story of "Moses and The Pharaoh".

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will hear the story of "Jesus' Last Miracle".

**NO SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM ON MOTHER'S DAY.**

## Thank You FCC

Thank you! Thank you Thank you! Thank you Meta Jones for coming in clutch and doing the last minute store run for me. Thank you Brenda Morris for staying in the gym to receive everyone's donations and tearing apart all those chickens. Thank you Austella Berry, Lyn Brown, Kori Chisham, Martha Fentem, Cricket Harrison, Barbara Holeva, Joan Huff, Meta Jones, Brenda Morris, Sherry Wallace, Bob Williamson, Cindy Wooley, for each of your donations to the CIA luncheon this past Saturday. Thank you to all my kitchen angels who got everything set out for the Christmas in Action workers to eat lunch. Every time I thought I needed to do something to prepare or clean up, it was already done. I wouldn't have gotten through the day without you. Thank you.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the following families who have recently lost a loved one.

The Jones Family: Peggy Jones passed away on May 5, 2025.

The Stone/Jones Family: Lee Stone brother of Jean Jones passed away on Monday, April 20, 2025.

Please keep these families in your prayer.

**Prayer List**

Those in need of prayer:

Hunter Family  
 Abraham Ortega  
 Virgie Lewis  
 Tere Valero  
 Kaylene Burgard  
 Nancy Stanley  
 Patsy Hill  
 Fred Yates  
 Vincent Cooper  
 Pat Marshall  
 Ginny Estes  
 Joshua Harrison  
 Mary Beth Corbett  
 Linda Taylor  
 Lisa Craven  
 Mark Cranford  
 Cricket Harrison  
 Betty Odom  
 Fred Schwiening  
 Nicky Rodriguez  
 Lana Cooley  
 C.C. Petteway  
 Pat Chambers  
 Kathy Landrum  
 Sheila Crudgington  
 Gary Thompson

**Military:**

Tyler Brown—  
*grandson of Lyn Brown*

**Families, Friends Beyond FCC**

Cindy Garcia—  
*CLC Teacher*  
 Barrett Wood—  
*cousin of Ginny Estes*  
 Jay Warren —  
*friend of Pat Marshall*  
 Kairos Conde—  
*nephew of Olivia Espino*

Grayson Pickett—  
*friend of Jeweli Flores*  
 Al Schorre—  
*friend of Sharon Boyd*  
 Robin Diegan & Jason Diegan—  
*cousins of Ginny Estes*  
 Amanda Bryant—  
*friend of Dave & Kathy*  
*Cromwell*  
 Freda Benton  
 Amanda Lee—  
*friend of Janice Ford*  
 Reymondo Garcia—*brother of*  
*Maria Vinson*  
 Gary Kennedy  
*friends of*  
*Lauren & Justin Disney*  
 Fred Copeland—  
*father of Lauren Disney*  
 Ed Keah  
*friend of Joy Singleton*  
 J.M. Moore —  
*father of Kathy Landrum*  
 Kairos Conde —  
*nephew of Olivia Espino*  
 Oscar Garcia —  
*brother of Amparo Olguin*

**Birthdays**Names in **red** are youth and children

05/01 Betty Couch  
 05/01 Julie Lastoka  
 05/02 Jed Heard  
 05/02 Cierra Stanford  
 05/05 John Espino  
 05/07 Gwyn Hill  
 05/09 Barbara Estes  
 05/09 Nathan Dziuk  
 05/10 Linda Hyatt  
 05/11 Nancy Stanley  
 05/11 Tom Hill  
 05/13 Bea Lea Somerville

05/15 Ernie Gilkerson  
 05/18 **James Coffman**  
 05/19 Jill Wright  
 05/20 Matti Erwin  
 05/21 **Grayson Stanley**  
 05/23 Sandra Wills  
 05/26 Fay Carey  
 05/27 Brenda Morris  
 05/27 **Chloe Wells**  
 05/27 Amber Hopper  
 05/28 **Greyson Flores**  
 05/28 Justin Disney  
 05/31 Carol Thompson

**Anniversaries**

05/01 Jessica Garrett Southern &  
 Kevin Southern  
 05/07 Marty & Sherry Wallace  
 05/17 J.R. & Amanda Bourland  
 05/19 Tom & Meta Jones



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**May 18, 2025**

**Youth  
&**

**Senior Sunday**



**Please Join Us For Our  
Senior Luncheon After Worship**