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Love God and everyone.
Grow as faithful believers.
Serve together.

Mission Statement



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Senior Minister

LOVE, GROW, SERVE

There's a pattern to how churches generally organize the work of bringing people

in, telling them about Jesus, developing them as disciples and sending them back out to work for Christ and bring in more disciples. That pattern begins with inviting someone to worship, sharing the Gospel with them, get them into a small group to hear Jesus teachings, helping facilitate personal commitment, then sending that new disciple out into mission. Love, grow, serve.

"Jesus is the way, but there are many paths to Jesus."

This is classic church growth teaching, and it makes good, logical sense to do things in that order. But one of the assumptions that makes this pattern work is that people are looking around for a church community to belong to; the basis of that assumption has grown soft in recent years. So now is a good time to look at how Jesus went about making disciples and sending them into mission.

Turning to the Gospels, one of the consistent themes is that when Jesus called his first disciples, he didn't sit down and explain the faith behind the Good News; Jesus didn't train them in how to go about doing the work of an evangelist; Jesus didn't ask them to go to synagogue with him. Jesus simply said, "Come, follow me," and immediately engaged them in the work of God's Kingdom. Jesus started by serving everyone, and inviting his disciples to do the same.

Those first disciples weren't looking for a new worship community, and Jesus didn't explain his teaching to them up front and ask for their commitment. Rather, Jesus simply began doing the work, which drew them in, and along the way Jesus taught them what the work of the Kingdom of God was about. While serving, Jesus helped his disciples grow as faithful believers.

That discipling process that began with serving together, grew through teaching, and came into full flower in the new worship life of the church, learning to love God and everyone as the center of their faith and life together. Jesus' pattern of inviting and cultivating discipleship was our mission statement, but in reverse!

There's an old saying that goes, "Jesus is the way, but there are many paths to Jesus." I've been in church all my life, but I think my experience re-orders love, grow, serve to grow, love, serve. I think my development as a believer led me to greater love which then led to a greater interest in serving others. I know others began with a service project, learned to love broadly, and figured out how important faith and belief is for sustaining their passion. However it works, we do all these things for the glory of God!

At the heart of our identity in this church is the Table of Christ, and at that table all of these aspirations are folded together. At the Table, we welcome everyone in love, just as we have been welcomed into a loving relationship with God. At the Table, we grow as believers, receiving spiritual sustenance to help us grow. And at the Table, we serve one another, just as we are served with the bread and cup. Hopefully you see our mission statement is an outgrowth of one of our central symbols!

See you at the Table,





Rev. Tom Jones
Associate Minister

Living Out Love, Growing Together, and Serving Side by Side

If you walk into First Christian Church in Midland, Texas, you'll notice right away that this is a place where people genuinely care. The mission here is simple: "Love God and everyone. Grow as faithful believers. Serve Together." These aren't just words—they're what the church tries to live out, day in and day out.

Loving God is at the heart of everything, but it doesn't stop there. Everyone is welcomed with open arms, no matter where they come from or what their story is. FCC folks do their best to share the kind of love Jesus taught—accepting, real, and generous.

Nobody's faith journey is exactly the same, and that's okay. FCC is all about helping each other

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grow, no matter where you're starting. It's not just about growing on your own—everyone's in this together.

Serving others is at the heart of FCC. Whether it's volunteering at a local charity, pitching in for someone who needs a hand, or joining a mission project, the idea is to roll up your sleeves and serve alongside others. Working together not only makes a difference in Midland, it also brings the church family closer.

So what does all this mean? At First Christian Church, the mission statement isn't just there to look nice on a wall—it's something to live by. By loving God, growing in faith, and serving as a team, the church is making a real impact and building a community where everyone can feel at home.

Tom

Birth Announcement

KayAnn Violet Perry arrived Saturday morning 2:52.

Weighed 9 lbs 2 oz 21 inches!

Already home and all are doing well.

Proud parents are Colten & Lauren Perry and big brother Mays.

Proud grandparents are David & Terry Perry

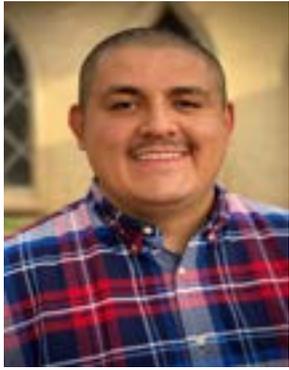
Congratulations to the Perry Family!

We pray for God's blessings upon the newest member of the Perry Family.



IT'S A GIRL!





Rev. Remy Tercero
Associate Minister

What Does our Mission
Statement Mean to Us

Love God and everyone.
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This is our new mission statement and I am proud of the leadership of our church for creating it. I feel that this Mission Statement accurately portrays the core ideals of First Christian Church.

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Love God and everyone.

This portion of our mission statement deals with the inclusion of all of God's people. God has a relationship with every single person and he sacrificed his son so that we all may live in a relationship with him.

God doesn't want to leave any of his children behind and as a church we should want the same thing.

That is why I am grateful that this is the leading sentiment within our mission statement. From the jump, we want people to know that we are here to love God and love every single person that comes through our doors. As good Christians we are to fully embody God's love.

Grow as faithful believers.

As followers of God, we should aim to always improve our relationship with God. There are always opportunities for us to grow. In our growth we need to find ways to study. A healthy Christian is a growing Christian and that is why I love this aspect of our mission statement.

As a staff we aim to present many opportunities for spiritual growth, because growth is essential within our relationships. Every single day we are either strengthening our relationship with God or weakening it.

This portion of our Mission Statement tells the community that you can see First Christian Church as not only a place to heal but a place to grow.

Serve Together

Our faith is dead without action. The serve together aspect of our mission statement is the most important of the three sentences. As a church we serve in so many ways and that needs to be how we walk the talk. I also really love that it says that we serve together. Serving can be so much more enjoyable and fulfilling when we do it with someone else.

I pray that we take these core ideals into everything that we do as a church.



We are taking SECOND round orders for shirts with our brand new mission statement. Order at the link below. This order will arrive in a month. Get with Rev. Remy Tercero for more info.
<https://fccmidland.shelbnextchms.com/.../3a598c77-ef21...>

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FCC Mission Statement Shirts



**T Shirt
Order Form**



**T Shirt
\$20**



**Polo Front
Only
\$30**



**Polo Front
and Back
\$40**





FCC@KIDS

Sunday School

Preschool/Kinder will hear the story “The True King”.
1st – 5th Graders will watch a short DVD and have some Bible Trivia.

Children’s Church

Preschool/Kinder will hear a story about “David”.
1st – 3rd Graders will listen to “The Great Fall”.

Special Event

“It’s A Boy!”
Baby Shower for Ryleigh Kosanke
Sunday, August 24th
4:30 – 6:00 in Kid Cave
Children and Youth are especially invited.
(Ryleigh teaches Children’s Church.)
Registered at Amazon and Target.



Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

- Bruce Stanley
- Chris Huff
- Betty Couch
- Cinnamon Stanford
- Abraham Ortega
- 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
- Fred Schwiening
- Lana Cooley
- C.C. Petteway
- Pat Chambers
- Kathy Landrum
- Sheila Crudginton
- Gary Thompson

Military:

- Tyler Brown-
grandson of Lyn Brown

Families, Friends Beyond

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- Fonda Bowlin-
mother in law to Lee'Ayn Lesley
- 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
- 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
- Oscar Garcia -
brother of Amparo Olguin

Birthdays

Names in red are youth and children

- 08/25 Dave Cromwell
- 08/25 Luis Estrada
- 08/29 Joe Campbell
- 08/29 Layne Chisham

Anniversaries

- 08/05 Gary & Carol Thompson
- 08/08 Dave & Kathy Cromwell
- 08/20 Joe & Jill Wright

- 08/01 Butch Ladd
- 08/02 Amanda Bourland
- 08/02 Fred Schwiening
- 08/04 Bob Jones
- 08/06 Gretchen Bell
- 08/08 Kayla Stone
- 08/09 Mark Cranford
- 08/14 Ginny Estes
- 08/15 Teri Valero
- 08/15 Gene Drummond
- 08/16 Keith Gibbons
- 08/20 Tom Jones
- 08/23 Rhett James



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Please Join Us For
September 7th

Fall Festival & Luncheon

PLEASE BRING SIDE DISH

CHICKEN & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED

Carnival Games, Balloon Animals & Face Painting

12pm Family Life Center/Gym