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Senior Minister

HONORING VETERANS WITH FAITH

There's a sepia-toned photograph that has become a favorite among my siblings.

It's a picture of a handsome young man, our father Boyd Chisham, in his dress military uniform, complete with a huge peaked cap, rakishly tilted to one side. Though he never saw active fighting, rising only to the rank of corporal before he was honorably discharged, still I feel a sense of pride when I see that picture.

Each November, our nation pauses to honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces. For me, Veterans' Day is not just a date on the calendar; it is a day to reconnect with my own family story. My father served in the Army Air Corps, my father-in-law wore the uniform of the Army, and my grandfather-in-law not only served with the Army Air Corps in Europe throughout World War II, but also in Korea and Vietnam. Digging deeper into my family history, I've discovered ancestors who served in the Florida War, the Civil War, and even the Revolutionary War.

When I reflect on this long and varied legacy of service, I am struck by the many reasons men and women have answered the call of duty. Some were motivated by a sense of adventure, others by necessity, and many by a deep sense of responsibility to their families and nation. Each story is unique, yet all are bound together by a willingness to place the needs of others above their own. I am humbled by the sacrifices made by my family members and by countless others throughout our nation's history. Their service and courage remind me that freedom and peace are

not guaranteed—they are preserved by the dedication and bravery of those willing to serve.

Though I never wore the uniform myself, my upbringing instilled in me a deep respect for those who did. I honor their service not only as a grateful citizen, but also as a person of faith. Though some romanticize military service, I'm very aware of the burdens and scars that come with it, having pastored alongside veterans of our most recent wars. Many veterans return home carrying memories of hardship, loss, and pain. Some bear visible wounds, while others carry invisible ones in their hearts and minds. As members of a caring community, it is our calling not only to honor them with words, but also to support them with our actions—through prayer, outreach, and understanding.

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That narrative is woven into our scriptures. In the Gospels, Jesus Himself healed the servant of a Roman centurion. It was a centurion who, witnessing the crucifixion, declared, "Surely this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39). Cornelius, the first Gentile convert to Christianity, was also a Roman centurion. These encounters remind us that God's love knows no bounds and that faith and service can coexist, even in difficult and complex circumstances.

As people of faith, we pray and work for peace. We long for the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision: that swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation. This hope for peace does

not diminish the value of service, nor does it ignore the realities of a broken world. Instead, it calls us to be peacemakers in our own time and place, to seek reconciliation in the midst of conflict, and to heal divisions within our communities and within our own hearts.

Veteran's Day is an opportunity to reflect on the intersection of faith, service, and citizenship. As we honor those who have served, let us also recognize the families who have supported them—the spouses, children, parents, and friends who have shared in both the pride and the pain of military life. Their sacrifices, though often less visible, are no less significant. Let us remember them in our prayers and offer them encouragement and support.

On this Veteran's Day, let us commit to being a church that welcomes and cherishes all those touched by military service. Let us strive to be a place of healing, hope, and gratitude. May we honor the past, care for the present, and work together for a future where peace and justice abound. Stand firm in love, united by a shared promise for a better and more peaceful tomorrow.

See you at the Table,



Rev. Tom Jones
Associate Minister

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In many ways it is a sacrifice of their time and lives for the people of the United States. When people offer themselves as a sacrifice for others, it is a holy endeavor that is

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It is fitting that we honor veterans and recognize that the freedoms we have today are a result of their service. May we also be aware of the many daily sacrifices that others make for us and the ways we serve those in or worlds.

When we look for God in our world, we can look to those whose lives are lived in service to God and others. May we be a living sacrifice for God and one another.



The Chalice Fund Angel Tree

One of the Outreach Ministries offered by our First Christian Church family is “The Chalice Fund”. This is a once-a-year opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community.

Here some ways you can help:

Angel Tree ADOPTION: Sunday November 9th & 16th -There will be two trees adorned with ornaments to select from. If you chose a younger child (Newborn-10yrs), we are asking that you spend about \$130, which should be enough to buy an outfit, a coat and a small toy. For an older child (11-18yrs), we are asking that you spend about \$160, since clothing is more expensive for them. This should enable these older children to receive an outfit and coat. If you need to be reimbursed or need a record for tax purposes, return your receipts to Lee'Ayn in the church office.

GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH BY December 9th.

DONATION: If you would rather not buy gifts, you can donate to the Chalice Fund. The money for this Outreach Ministry is collected as a special donation. Please mark your check “The Chalice Fund”. The money donated is used for reimbursements as well as for the \$100.00 Walmart Gift Cards given to the parent or guardian of each family. Families with four or more children will receive a \$200.00 gift card. This will allow the parent or guardian to buy food or other items they may need during the holidays.

PRAYER: Please pray that this Outreach Ministry will make a difference in the lives of the children we touch, and that through this ministry we can be a living example of the Jesus we worship and celebrate at this time of the year and all year.

Thank you so much for considering participating in this ministry.

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YOUTH@FCC Sunday Night Youth Program



All Saints' November 2nd
Remembrance
Freda Benton, Tommy Bourland,
Fay Carey, Carol Cook,
Robert Crudgington,
Tom Friday, Grant Herridge,
Patsy Hill, Mike Hunter,
Peggy Jones, Virgie Lewis,
Jim Mauldin, Betty Odom,
Carl Rodgers & Mickey Taylor

Bring new baby formula of any kind to help babies affected by the shutdown of SNAP benefits

Formula for Faith

Drop-Off Locations:
 Midland- First Christian, First Presbyterian, St. Nicholas Episcopal, Grace Presbyterian, West Texas Food Bank
 Odessa- Connection Christian, Hope Alive, First Presbyterian, Temple Beth-El, West Texas Food Bank

KIDS@FCC

Sunday School

PreK will learn about the last miracle (John 21). Children (Kinder - 5th grade) will continue the series on Angels of the Old Testament.

Children's Church

PreK will hear about Daniel (Daniel 6). Children (Kinder - 5th grade) will learn about Ruth.

KIDS@FCC

Meeting from 4:30-6:00pm in the Kid Cave. *Kids will have a special surprise that they won't want to miss!*

Calendar (for the remainder of 2025)

Nov 16: No meeting due to Thanksgiving luncheon

Nov 23: No meeting due to Thanksgiving break

Nov 30: Children sing for Lighting of the Greens at 11am; Christmas party combine with Youth (TBA)

Dec 7: Church-wide caroling (TBA)

Dec 14: Night in Bethlehem (TBA)

Dec 21-Dec 28: No meetings due to Christmas break

CLC@FCC

Dinosaurs, Monsters and Firefighters at CLC!



Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

- Mike Harrison
- Marty Wallace
- Bruce Stanley
- Chris Huff
- Betty Couch
- Cinnamon Stanford
- Abraham Ortega
- Kaylene Burgard
- Nancy Stanley
- 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 Crudgington
- Gary Thompson

Military:

Tyler Brown- *grandson of Lyn Brown*

Families, Friends Beyond FCC

- Nolan Gandy-friend of Terry Perry
- Cindy Garcia- *CLC Teacher*
- Kairos Conde-*nephew of Olivia Espino*
- Robin Diegan & Jason Diegan-
cousins of Ginny Estes
- Amanda Bryant-
friend of Dave & Kathy Cromwell
- 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

- 11/04 Luke Bourland
- 11/05 C.C. Petteway
- 11/13 Hannah Wright
- 11/13 Joan Huff
- 11/16 Sheila Crudgington
- 11/16 Martha Fentem
- 11/19 Jeannine Hurst
- 11/25 Connie Hawkins
- 11/27 Rylea Tercero
- 11/30 Jean Jones

Anniversaries

- 11/09 Bill & Sharon Boyd
- 11/10 Chris & Joan Huff
- 11/30 Gene & Beverly Drummond

Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life for Margy House on December 6th at 2:30pm in the First Christian Church Sanctuary.

Please keep the House Family in your prayers.





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Sunday, November 16th

Please Join Us For

**All Church Thanksgiving Luncheon
Honoring our Young at Heart**

Immediately Following Worship

**Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish church
is providing Turkey, Ham, Dressing, rolls & drinks!**

Family Life Center/Gym