



The Builder

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Rev. David Chisham
Senior Minister

When the Desert Blooms

Have you noticed the difference since the rains came?

Midland does not look quite the same. Places that were dry and dusty have begun to soften. Grass has greened up. Flowers have started appearing in corners we may have stopped noticing. Even the Duck Pond is full of water again. Not long ago, it was so low that the fountains had to be turned off to keep them from sitting on the bottom in the mud.

Of course, water brings all kinds of life, including mosquitoes and plenty of other little things hatching in places we might prefer they didn't. But even that is a reminder: water wakes the world up.

Those of us who live most of the year in a dry place know what a gift water is. We do not have to be told that water brings life. We can see it. After a good rain, the land itself becomes a kind of sermon. The ground that looked barren was not as lifeless as it appeared. Seeds were waiting. Roots were deeper than we knew. Life was there, hidden beneath the surface, ready to rise when the water came.

The prophet Isaiah imagined something like this when he wrote, "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Isaiah was speaking hope to people who knew exile, grief, and weariness. He pictured God's salvation not only as an idea in the heart, but as renewal in the whole creation. Dry ground would bloom. Weak hands would be strengthened. Fearful hearts would hear the

words, "Be strong, do not fear."

That is one of the gifts of water in Scripture. It reminds us that God's grace is not abstract. Grace is as real as rain on dry soil. It renews what has become tired. It softens what has become hardened. It brings life where we had begun to assume there could be none.

Living in West Texas may help us hear these promises with a little more clarity. When the Bible speaks of thirst, we understand something of what that means. When it speaks of dry land, we know the look and feel of it. When it promises streams in the desert, we know that is not a small thing. Streams in the desert can flow with shocking fury. Water is gentle enough to refresh the thirsty, but powerful enough to reshape the land. It is the promise of survival, renewal, and joy. It is the promise that God has not forgotten the places that look empty.

Jesus carries this image even further when he speaks of "living water." To the woman at the well, he promises water that becomes "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." She had come to draw ordinary water, as she had done countless times before. But in that ordinary place, in the heat of the day, Jesus met her with mercy and truth. He saw her fully, and he offered her life. That is how grace often comes to us. Not apart from ordinary life, but in the middle of it. At the well. After the rain. In the places where we are tired, thirsty, ashamed, hopeful, or simply going

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about our day. Jesus is not offering an escape from the world. He is offering the presence of God within it: mercy for the weary, hope for the ashamed, belonging for the lonely, life for the thirsty.

Water also reminds us of baptism. In baptism, God meets us with the promise that we belong to Christ. The water does not belong only to the past. It continues to speak over us. It says that grace is deeper than our failures, that new life is possible, and that the Spirit of God is still at work.

That is a good question for us as June begins: where are we thirsty? Where have we grown dry in spirit, in compassion, in hope, in prayer? Where have we mistaken waiting for lifelessness? And where might God already be sending rain? The desert teaches us to pay attention. After a rain, life appears in places we had overlooked. Perhaps the same is true in us. God's Spirit is still renewing, still refreshing, still bringing forth life. The desert blooms. Living water flows. Life is renewed.

See you at the Table,



Recycle your used plastic grocery bags. Bring them to church and place them in the marked container in the Narthex to be used in the food pantry!



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





Rev. Remy Tercero
Associate Minister

Prayer for the Week
Water/Nature

Our God, the creator of all that is beautiful, your presence is alive and well all around us.

Your presence is a hidden stream you hear far off in the distance. We know you are always there. We hear you, we come ever closer with each passing moment.

When we finally experience your presence we realize that it was never a stream we were searching for, but a mighty waterfall.

The waterfall is endless, wide, and powerful. It is the most amazing experience of our lifetimes, God your presence is our everything.

May we be fully engulfed in your love. You created the ocean, and every animal we have yet to discover, your magnificent power is boundless.

This season of change is upon us, and we are ready. We know we will make it through the next storm because our captain has never failed us yet.

Guide us through the waves of change, and we will hold onto you with every fiber of our being.

For you are our present and our future, may we ride forth alongside you knowing we could never slow you down.

It is in your name we pray as a church, amen.

DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF CANNED MEAT.

PLEASE PLACE ALL DONATIONS IN THE RED BUCKETS IN THE NARTHEX.



June 7th

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

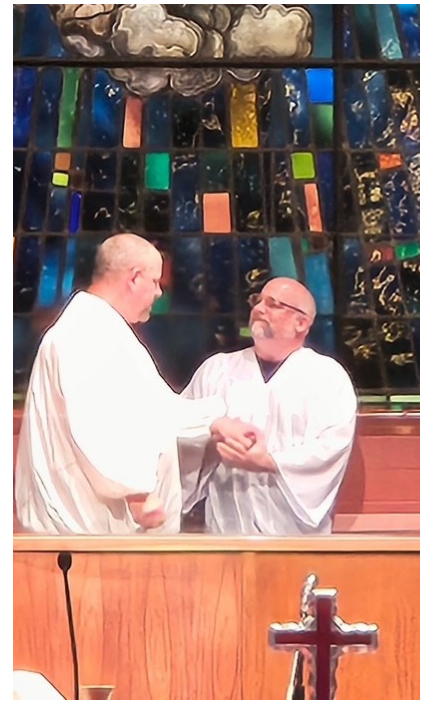


9:30 am Montgomery Room

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11am Sanctuary

Congratulations Kerri Davis, Elias Lopez-Hernandez, Paisley Perley & Shane Perley on Baptism!



New Members

Spartacus, Bonnie, Kerri & Calvin Davis

Welcome, Davis Family! We are so glad to have you as part of the First Christian Church family. It's wonderful to have you with us!



CLC Summer Teachers 2026



Fun at the CLC



Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

Tere Valero
Leona Bowman
Lorenzo Espino
Robby Boyd
Ronny Aaron
Kathe Hepher
Maria & Vinson Cooper
Sandy Faulkner
Bill Boyd
Judy Hunnicutt
Marty Wallace
Bruce Stanley
Chris Huff
Betty Couch
Cinnimon Stanford
Abraham Ortega
Kaylene Burgard
Nancy Stanley
Fred Yates
Pat Marshall
Ginny Estes
Joshua Harrison
Mary Beth Corbett
Linda Taylor
Lisa Craven
Mark Cranford
Cricket Harrison
Fred Schwiening
C.C. Petteway
Pat Chambers
Kathy Landrum
Sheila Crudgington
Gary Thompson

Military

Tyler Brown— *grandson of Lyn Brown*

Families, Friends Beyond FCC

Albert Valero—*husband of Tere Valero*
Sharon Thornton—*mom of Daniel Thornton*
Kylea Slone—*friend of CLC*

Nolan Gandy—*friend of Terry Perry*
Robin Diegan & Jason Diegan—
cousins of Ginny Estes
Amanda Bryant—
friend of Dave & Kathy Cromwell
Amanda Lee—*friend of Janice Ford*
Gary Kennedy—*friends of Lauren & Justin Disney*
Fred Copeland—*father of Lauren Disney*
J.M. Moore — *father of Kathy Landrum*
Oscar Garcia — *brother of Amparo Olguin*

Birthdays

Names in **red** are youth and children

06/05 Danny Estrada
06/06 Charley Wilkinson
06/07 Charlie Morgan
06/08 Maria Cooper
06/13 Barbara Holeva
06/13 **Bryce Kosanke**
06/15 Stephanie Hall
06/16 Diane Faulkner
06/19 Tara Jones
06/20 Traci Hopper
06/22 Simon Crudgington
06/25 Roy Hurst
06/27 Lu Ann Morgan

Anniversaries

06/11 Dave & Kaylene Burgard
06/18 John & Sandra Schnable
06/28 Sandy & Diane Faulkner
06/28 Doug & Sandra Wills



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Vacation Bible School

June 22nd-25th
5:30-8pm

Age 3 yrs old by June 1-completion of 5th grade

First Christian Church
1301 West Louisiana

WHAT'S COOKIN'?



register with QR code