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Fall Is Better Together

There are certain signs that fall is coming. The mornings begin to feel a little

different. School supplies reappear in every aisle. Calendars start filling up. And for my family this year, there is a brand-new sign of the season: Friday Night Lights.

Layne has started high school, and she is part of her school's dance team, which means our family will be spending plenty of Friday nights under the stadium lights, cheering for the Midland High Bulldogs. Now, I want to be very clear: as pastor, I maintain complete pastoral neutrality toward all of our wonderful local high schools. On Sunday mornings, my support is equally distributed throughout the Permian Basin.

Friday night may be another matter. If you happen to hear me yelling O.Y.B.!, well...what happens under the Friday night lights stays under the Friday night lights.

One of the things I love most about this season is the way fall draws people back together. Stadiums fill, families reconnect after summer travel, and school routines begin again. We gather around tables, at practices, at games, and in all kinds of ordinary places where relationships are formed and strengthened. The same is true in the church.

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. Jesus calls us into a community where we worship together, eat together, serve together, laugh together, carry one another's burdens, and learn to recognize the presence of God in one another. Our fall calendar at First Christian

Church is full of opportunities to do exactly that. We'll begin with Fall Fest on Sunday, September 13, immediately following worship. We'll gather for a potluck luncheon, and the church will provide fried chicken, drinks, dessert, and—by popular demand, or at least by pastoral decree—my secret Summer Recipe Jambalaya. Everyone else is invited to bring a favorite side dish or main dish to share, so that together we can fill the tables, fill the plates, and make room for one another.

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to be lived alone.**

After lunch, we'll head out to the church front yard, where tents will be set up along with a petting zoo, horse rides, a bounce house, cornhole, and more dessert. The afternoon is being planned with every generation of our church family in mind, simply so we can enjoy being together. Invite a friend, bring a neighbor, and come ready to have some fun.

And Fall Fest is only the beginning. There are many more opportunities for connection this season.

Our 40+ Fellowship has planned social outings to local restaurants as well as a pottery night, reminding us that fellowship does not always require a formal program. Sometimes Christian community looks like sharing a meal, trying something new, telling stories, and making friendships that carry into the rest of life. Parent Connect dinners are also restarting, offering support and encouragement for families who have children with a disability. Churches are

at their best when people know they do not have to carry life's joys, challenges, questions, and responsibilities by themselves. These dinners are one way we can create that kind of space for families in our congregation and community, and Rev. Tercero is coordinating those gatherings.

This fall also gives us an important opportunity to serve beyond the walls of the church through the Special Olympics, October 8–10. I hope many members of First Christian Church will volunteer. Service is not simply something Christians do because the church needs help; we serve because Jesus teaches us to see every person as someone deeply loved by God. When we give our time, encouragement, energy, and attention to others, we practice the kind of kingdom life Jesus proclaimed.

And our children and youth ministries have restarted on Sunday afternoons, giving our youngest disciples opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, ask questions, and discover that they have an important place in the life and ministry of the church right now.

When I look at everything happening this fall, I see more than a calendar full of programs. I see opportunities to become the church God is calling us to be.

God forms us through all of it: around tables, in the church yard, at restaurants, over pottery, while supporting parents, serving athletes, teaching children, encouraging teenagers, and worshiping together on Sunday mornings.

So as schedules fill and the pace of fall picks up, make room for something more than activity. Make room for community, for service, for friendship, and for the people you already know as well as the people you have not met yet.

Because wherever God's people gather in love, welcome one another with joy, and offer themselves in service, something of God's kingdom becomes visible among us.

And that is something worth cheering for—even louder than Friday night football.

See you at the Table,




Join Cub Scouts
MEETINGS START AUGUST 25, 2026

Adventure, Friendship, Fun!

SCOUTING BUILDS CONFIDENCE FOR LIFE!

EXPLORE
LEARN
GROW

CUB SCOUTS
★ **PACK 67** ★

Meets in the Family Life Center (Michigan and GSt)
1301 W Louisiana Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

DO YOUR BEST

Pack 67 ★ Boys & Girls K-5th grade ★ Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm ★ First Christian Church

Jessica Little | Cubmaster | 281-979-7945 | buffalostrailpack67@gmail.com



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!

KIDSGROW@FCC

We are in our Second Week of our series called "In The Beginning." We are reading Genesis and learning all about The Creation! Last week, kids had a lot of fun with building blocks, and we have more surprises in store! They won't want to miss!

August 23:

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:00am in the Kid Cave (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

Sunday Evening Meeting: dismissed

August 30:

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:00am in the Kid Cave (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

Sunday Evening Meeting: Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm in the Kid Cave (1st grade - 5th grade)

PreK meets for Sunday School once a month, next door from the Kid Cave, during Sunday School (Sundays at 10:00am). 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds learn a Bible lesson and make crafts. Our next meeting will be on September 6th.

God is good! See you all in the Kid Cave!

Tamara



YOUTHGROW@FCC

Youth made a scrabble board out of their names tonight, reiterating our lesson about being uniquely made in the image of God and respecting each other.





Rev. Remy Tercero
Associate Minister

New Programming Coming this Fall

This fall we have many exciting opportunities for ministry. Our Fall and Advent season is

the busiest time of year here at First Christian Church and as a staff we are ready!

Inclusion Ministry

Parent Connect and Buddies

It is important to First Christian Church that all of God's children are accepted at his church. For years now we have made the commitment to help families, with a family member with a disability, in every way that we can.

We accept these families into worship, and we have a buddy system in place that allows for their family member with a disability to be paired up with someone throughout our Sunday morning activities, so that they will be able to be included in everything they would like to participate in.

For the rest of the family we are starting back up our monthly Parent Connect dinners so that they may be given the opportunity to connect with other families with similar experiences.

If you would like to either participate in this ministry as a participant or a volunteer please let me know by texting or calling me. My phone number will be at the bottom of this article.

We are also blessed with the opportunity to volunteer for the Special Olympics going on in our area from October 8-10. Reach out to me for a link to sign up.

Young Adults

Monthly Gatherings and an Upcoming Book Club

If you or anyone you know are in their 20's and 30's then we have a handful of fun opportunities coming up. We will have Young Adult Social Gatherings in September, November and December and have a Book Club in October.

In the book club, we together choose a book to divide into three sections that we will get together to go over three weeks in a row.

Please reach out if you would like to learn more.

May God guide our ministries this Fall and may he also guide your heart into deciding which ministry is right for you.

Rev. Remy Tercero
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Promotion Sunday



Thank You FCC for helping us reach our goal and raised \$9910 to support Long, Burnet, Henderson, Jones and Rusk Elementaries.





Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

Tommy Hawkins
Kathe Hepfer
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
Cinnimon Stanford
Abraham Ortega
Kaylene Burgard
Nancy Stanley
Fred Yates
Pat Marshall
Ginny Estes
Mary Beth Corbett
Linda Taylor
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

Nieta Stephenson—
mother of Mike Stephenson & Michele Hepfer
Pamela Flores—sister of Jeweli Flores
Nickie Oppermann—*Friend of Burgards*

Family of Ed Scott

Isacc Bailey & Victims of June 12th shootings
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

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
08/25 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



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FALL FEST September 13, 2026

Horse
Rides!

Face
Painting!

Fun
Games!

Petting
Zoo!

Balloon
Animals!

Food and
Treats!

Sunday School: 10am
Worship Service: 11am
Lunch and Festival:
immediately following in
Gym ~12:00-2:30pm
1301 W. Louisiana Ave.

