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All Access: Making Room for Every Gift

Years ago, my sister came to visit for a couple of weeks and wanted to sing with me in church. My sister is deaf, so this required a little imagination. I cobbled together something very simple: I sang while she signed. There was nothing elaborate about it, and I certainly wasn't expecting people to mention it a year later.

But they did. People told me it was the most moving experience they had ever had in church. That humbled me, partly because I realized we could have been doing this for years. My sister had a gift to share, and I had a fairly limited imagination about how she could share it. She was ready. I was the one who needed to discover what was possible.

I think about that when I consider our inclusion ministry at First Christian Church. Our mission is to "love God and everyone, grow as faithful disciples, and serve together." Every part of that mission belongs to every person, no matter their ability or disability. Everyone can receive love, grow in faith, and bring something to our shared life that the rest of us need.

FCC Midland has a long tradition of making space for everyone. Over the years, children and young people have found a welcoming community here after other churches told their families they could not participate fully. I wish I were exaggerating, but I am not. Imagine gathering the courage to ask whether your child can belong, only to discover that the welcome has conditions your child cannot meet.

We want families to encounter a different answer here, and we have a history of putting that answer into practice. Our church helped launch SHARE, which began as a church respite ministry supporting families of children with disabilities. Our Children's Learning Center continues that commitment as one of the few programs in Midland offering an inclusive classroom experience for children with learning differences.

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Rev. Remy Tercero coordinates our ministry with people with disabilities of all ages, supporting parents and families and helping develop plans for meaningful participation. Part of that work is discovering each person's gifts and making room for those gifts to bless the congregation. We all need care, and we all have something to give. The words "serve together" invite us to expect both.

There is a beautiful moment in Matthew's Gospel that is easy to miss amid the commotion of Jesus overturning tables in the Temple. Matthew tells us that people who were blind or unable to walk came to Jesus inside the Temple, and he healed them (Matthew 21:14). Right there, in the place of worship, Jesus attended to the people before him. Their lives and needs belonged within the life of God's house.

For us, making room means paying attention to the actual person in front of us. What helps this child participate? What does this family need? What does this person enjoy doing, and how might that become a gift shared with others?

Those questions move us toward a welcome people can experience.

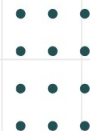
Right now, Remy is looking for a few more volunteers for our “buddy” system. A buddy is an adult who gives personal attention to a child with a disability, helping the child participate in group activities while offering individual attention when needed. Sometimes the difference between sitting on the sidelines and joining the fun is having someone nearby who cares enough to help.

You do not need advanced skills to begin. Mostly, you need a caring heart, a willingness to learn, and a desire to see all of God’s children enjoy the blessing of community. Talk with Remy about what being a buddy could look like for you.

I still remember standing beside my sister as we shared that song. I had thought about how to make the experience work for her, and then she helped make it meaningful for everyone else. I wonder how many other gifts are waiting for us to make a little room.

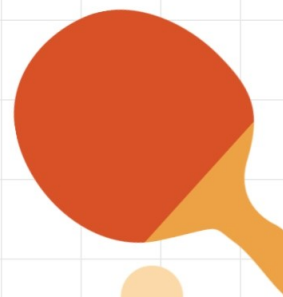
“All access” is a good way to describe the church we are called to become: a community where everyone has room to love, grow, and serve—and where we keep discovering how much God has given us through one another.

See you at the Table,



VOLUNTEER WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

OCTOBER 8-10
LINK TO REGISTRATION BELOW



November 1st All Saints' Day



For more than a thousand years, the church has observed the first Sunday in November as *All Saints' Day*. It is a day to pause and remember the Saints of the church who have died and gone to the Lord before us. First Christian Church has designated the first Sunday of November, which is November 1st, as *All Saints' Sunday*. On this day, in worship, we will be recognizing those Saints who have died since last November. According to the church's records, this year's saints are: **Gary Arnet, Imadel Bachus, Sharae Buskirk, Betty Couch, Billy Shan Cumba, Michael Harrison, Tommy Hawkins, Margy House, Laurie Fulton, Ken Sneed, Joy Singelton, Pat Stailey and J Ray Stewart.**

If you would like to add a loved one's name to the list to remember, please call the church office at 432-682-2541. We would love to show your loved one's picture during our time of remembrance. Please bring a picture (hard copy or email a digital version to jflores@fccmidland.org) to the church office by October 26th.

Birth Announcement



Grace Elizabeth Coffman

Born 9/28. 3 pm

8 lbs 9 oz & 20.5in long

Proud parents are

Katie & Chaney Coffman!

Excited Siblings are

Alice & James Coffman!

Proud grandparents are

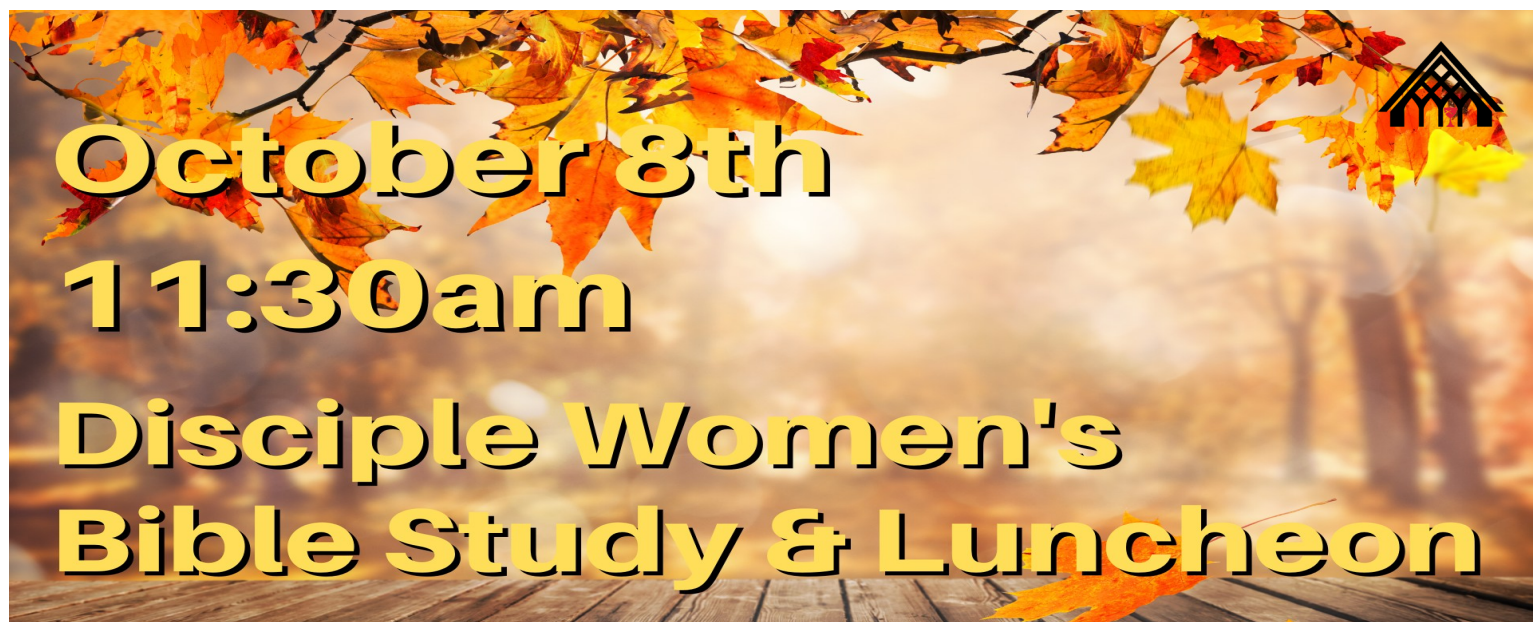
Jill & Joe Wright!

Congratulations to the

Coffman & Wright Families!

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

*It's a
girl*



October 8th
11:30am
Disciple Women's
Bible Study & Luncheon



40+ Fellowship
Get Together
The Pottery
October 17th • 6:30–8:30 PM
RSVP Lauren Disney • 432-664-4674



Join us
CHILDREN & YOUTH
EVENING PROGRAMS
4:30–6pm

 YOUTHGROW@FCC  KIDSGROW@FCC



Rev. Remy Tercero
Associate Minister

Inclusion Ministry

First Christian Church has a rich and beautiful history involving Inclusion Ministry.

For years, as a Christ body we have decided that the table is welcome to all of God's children no matter their ability.

Now moving into 2027 we plan to do even more in regards to Inclusion Ministry. We have Parent Connect dinner in place, so that once a month families with a member with a disability are welcome to have dinner together and relate to one another's struggles.

Every Sunday morning we have an Inclusion Buddy trained to accompany their Buddy throughout the Sunday morning activities so that they can feel fully included.

As a church, we live like Jesus when we accept every single person. Jesus holds every breath of life as precious in his arms, and at First Christian Church we will continue to do the same.

We will create new connections and help those families already connected, feel at home as they grow in their faith alongside everyone else.

Reach out to me as soon as possible if you are interested in helping in any capacity with inclusion ministry. I will put my cell phone at the bottom of this article, please give my number to a family you feel would enjoy being a part of our Inclusion Ministry.

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Gifts Given
Memorial Fund
In Memory of
Peggy Jones

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



**Prayer List**

Those in need of prayer:

Lily Disney
 Craig Carnahan
 Tommy Hawkins
 Kathe Hepfer
 Tere Valero
 Leona Bowman
 Lorenzo Espino
 Ronny Aaron
 Kathe Hepher
 Sandy Faulkner
 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

Emily Alcorn—
daughter of Rob & Becky Montgomery
 Kylie Perley
 -Maria & Vinson Cooper

Robby Boyd
 Nieta Stephenson—
mother of Mike Stephenson & Michele Hepfer
 Pamela Flores—sister of Jeweli Flores
 Nickie Oppermann—*Friend of Burgards*
 Family of Ed Scott
 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

10/12 Austella Berry

10/23 Meta Jones

10/23 Evelyn Martinez

10/31 Peggy Davis

10/31 Kristen Hepfer

Anniversaries

10/17 Jimmy & Leslie Vines

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Dedication Of Children

October 18, 2026

...That I May Walk With God In The Light Of Life. Ps 56:13



11am
Worship

Please call David
at church office
if you would like to
participate.