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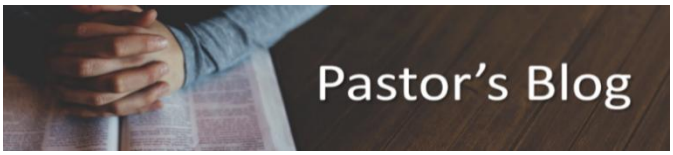
November 11, 2026



Lifting Praise is the weekly newsletter designed to help you stay connected and informed about everything happening with the First Christian Church family.

Song of the Week

We The Kingdom - Heaven Here I Come





SELF CONTROL

The Upward Look, by Jon Forrest

Sir Edmund Hillary, who was the first man to conquer Mount Everest was asked by an interviewer about his passions for climbing mountains. He gave this reply: "It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves."

Peter the Great of Russia is quoted as saying, "I have been able to conquer an empire, but I have not been able to conquer myself."

Hugo Grotius, the Dutch Jurist and scholar said, "A man cannot govern a nation if he cannot govern a city, he cannot govern a city if he cannot govern himself, and he cannot govern himself unless his passions are subject to reason."

Proverbs says, ***"Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control".*** (Proverbs 25:28)

This Sunday we will continue with part 4 of our series of messages titled **Fan Into Flame the Gift of God** based on 2 Timothy 1:6-7, surrounding verses and Romans 12:1-3 with a message titled **How's Your State of Mind?** The gift of God, the Holy Spirit, gives us boldness, love and self discipline which is also called a sound mind. Without the Spirit, such control is impossible. I hope you will come Sunday and look at this valuable asset God has for us that will make us happier and more successful in life.

Living by his control,
Jon



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – Tonight, November 11th

Tonight we continue our series of study called **Famous Last Words with Lesson 10, Jesus' Love in Action**, based on John 17:1-23. We will explore the theme: As believers, we are to do all we can to maintain the spirit of love and unity in our churches in order to demonstrate to the world that Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God.

How will people know that Jesus really is who he claimed to be. How can we explain him to them? Here is how, He takes people from every race, creed, background, culture and every kind of family and bring them together as one body unified in love and purpose. Come see how this can b and how you are a part of this miraculous evidence of Christ's deity and authority. We will see you there at 6:15.

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WNS
5:30 - 6:05 - meal
6:15 - 7:15 – Bible study
Nursery - pre k
Elementary age children (K-5) Bible Bunch
"The Immortals" Middle & High school ages
Adults Bible Study Lead by Pastor, Jon Forrest.

We have 5 outstanding cooking teams that will bring us simple, yet delicious meals that will be available from 5:30 to 6:05PM. We still encourage $2 per person donations to offset the cost, but there is never a charge.
Menu:
11/11 – Hot dogs & chili dogs
11/18 – Chili & cornbread



CHRISTMAS CANTATA Rehearsals on Wednesday

Wednesday Nights will be rehearsal for our special choir. We will begin at 7:30pm, right after WNS concludes. Singers and readers will meet in the worship center to rehearse GLORIOUS NIGHT…When Christ was Born. Bonetta Hutson has agreed to direct this wonderful musical of Worship and Praise that should inspire all who get to experience it.

Even if you haven't already signed up to sing, you are still welcome to participate. However, the sooner you can let Bonetta know, the sooner we can have your music ready for rehearsals. This is scheduled for Presentation on Sunday Morning, December 20th.



Who's Ready for a Loaded Baked Potato - Support Celebrate Recovery!

We're cooking up something delicious and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Join us for our Celebrate Recovery Potato Bake Fundraiser! For just $10 per plate, you'll enjoy a delicious loaded baked potato with your favorite toppings, plus dessert.

Every order helps support the Celebrate Recovery ministry.

Place your order TODAY!

Thank You for supporting us. Every plate makes a difference, and we appreciate your support!

Order forms are available on the resource table. Payments can be given to Bonetta Hutson.



Board Meeting
Monday November 16 at 6:00PM



The FCC Women's Council will be preparing
Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 10 families in our community.

We still need 1 – Turkey & 5 Turkey broths

We are asking for nominations of families who may be in need of a Thanksgiving basket, as well as donations of the items needed to prepare the baskets.

There will be a sign-up sheet for nominations and a separate sign-up sheet for items needed. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us bless 10 families this Thanksgiving!

Last day for donations is 11/18

Pick-up for boxes will be Thursday November 19h from 2PM-3PM

❤️ **A HUGE thank you from The Women's Council & Phyllis Davidson for everyone's generosity!** ❤️



Bring a basket Full of Fun!

Please drop off your items on Sunday as early as 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Include your basket's theme and content/type of baked goods and your name.
Sheets with suggested starting bids will be placed with each item. Auction will begin shortly after morning service
Proceeds will be used for New Mexico Christian Children's Home Christmas Party.
Information available on table in the hallway.



Community Pre-Thanksgiving Service, Thursday, November 19

On the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving, The Clovis Christian Ministerial Alliance will join congregations from across our community in a unified time of giving Thanks to our God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will join hands at Living Stones Nazarene Church (1800 N. Norris St.) that evening at 6:00. Congregation from across our area, including First Christian Church will share special music, dramatic presentations and other gifts of their talents to make this a very special time of worship. Plan to join us in this very special gathering with other Christ followers we know.



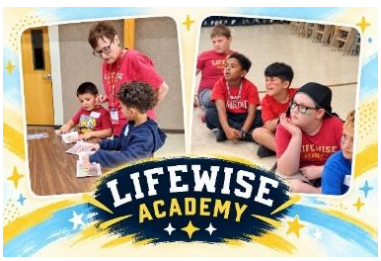
A Helping Hand

Our Church has incontinence briefs for anyone who may be in need.
(Attends Underwear size XL)
We understand this is a personal matter, and we want everyone to feel comfortable and respected.
If you or a family member could benefit from this resource, please see Dianna Thompson.
All inquiries will be handled with care & discretion.
We're here to help, because caring for one another is what church family is all about

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LIFEWISE CLOVIS NM

CLASSES



Right now we are learning all about the Israelite Judges. Our memory verse is Isaiah 33:22 "The LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our Lawgiver, the LORD is our King. He will save us."

Needs Request

We are quickly adding more LifeWise classes to reach more public-school students with the gospel of Jesus Christ! That means we need more volunteers. Please consider giving an hour of your time once a week to this mission! **Go to LifeWise.org/Clovis and click "Join The Team"!**

Donate to support LifeWise Academy Clovis safely and securely by clicking below. 100% of your donation goes to the spread of the gospel right here in Clovis!

Donate today! Go to https://lifewise.org/program/3500570-clovis/



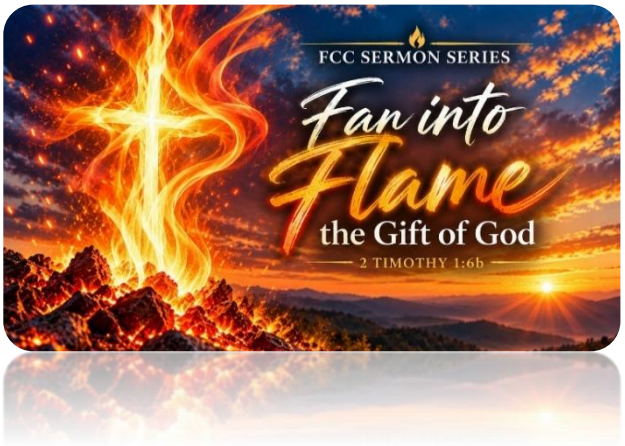
Natividad "Joe" Munoz Jr. passed on October 28, 2026, at the age of 84.

Visitation will be held at Sunset North Funeral Home, 910 N Loop 1604 E., San Antonio, Texas 78232, on November 23, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Sunset North Funeral Home, 910 N Loop 1604 E., San Antonio, Texas 78232, on November 23, 2026, beginning at 12:00 pm.

A Graveside Service will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78209, on November 23, 2026, beginning at 1:45 pm.

Order of Service



Welcome
Video – *You Are Not Alone*
Call to Worship
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
Scripture Reading – Romans 12:1-3 – Faith Elswick
Opening Prayer – Doug McGregor
Praise Medley
Living Hope
Seek Ye First
Intercessory Prayer Time
Communion Song
Victory in Jesus
Communion Time
Special Music –
Morning Message – Jon Forrest
Fan Into Flame the Gift of God (Part 4)
How's Your State of Mind?
2 Timothy 1:6-7 & Romans 12:1-3
Decision Song
Turn Your Eyes/We Lift Our Eyes
Closing Prayer
Parting Chorus – Give Thanks

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 25:28 – Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.



Communion at Home
If you find yourself homebound and in need of being served the Lord's Supper on Sundays, please contact the church with a request that someone come and serve you. If you just need communion supplies so you can participate during communion service online, please let us know and we can provide disposable communion cups like the ones we use at church.



Prayer Requests

ATTENTION: Please let us know if there are any changes, removals or updates before Friday every week.

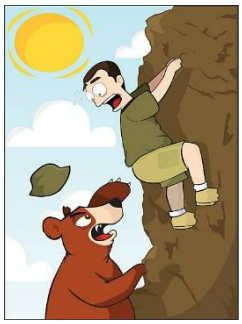
Dave Bailey – Home. Going on hospice. (Jay McGregor's Uncle)
Paula Baker – In ICU in Lubbock. (Gary Baker's SIL)
Kendra Beevers – Health concerns. Seeing a specialist
Christian Bernal – Custody battle. (Carla Hammar)
Charles Boatman – Health concerns.
Mike & Ella Boyles – She has pneumonia & heart issues. Is doing cardiac rehab. (Dianna Boatman)
Buster – Recovering at home from injuries. (Yvonne Light's Grandson)
Cervantes Family – Personal concerns.
Kelly Cook – Melanoma.
Megan Curtis – Throat cancer out-patient at M.D. Anderson. (Judy Baskett's granddaughter)
Gina Dorazio – Heart problems. (Melody Lewis)
Jessica Fox – Personal concerns.
Jim Fulingham – Stage 4 rectal cancer. Josh Hutson's uncle. (Bonetta Hutson)
Sharon Garcia – Under hospice care. (Dianna Boatman)
Kyle Gerzon – Recovering at home from brain surgery.
Coleen Gutierrez & Dan Peck – Personal concerns.
Tony Hallock – Kidney cancer. Having surgery to remove left kidney on Dec. 3 in Alb. (Jon Forrest)
Mike Hamilton – Health concerns.
Carla Hammar – Health concerns
Wilma & Wayne Hammar – Wilma has aggressive breast cancer. (Carla Hammar)
Barbara Hill – Having serious heart problems & Parkinsons. (Doug McGregor)
Kathyrin Hussey – Personal concerns.
Josh Hutson – Personal concerns.
Gwenth Judah – 25 yr. old with stage 4 cancer. (Dianna Boatman)
Brenda Knoll – Health concerns, upcoming appointments.
Kori Koren – MS, multiple falls & injuries. (Judy Baskett)
Cody & Selena Kroeker – She has Thyroid cancer & expecting a new baby. (Dianna Boatman)
David Lawson Sr. – Serious health concerns. (Gena Wilkerson)
Bobby Light – Pray for family & health. (Yvonne Light)
Vida Linton – Personal concerns. (Dear friend of Jessie Strauch)
Lori McGregor – Lupus. (Doug McGregor's daughter-in-law)
Darren Muñoz – Personal concerns. (Bobby Light's grandson)
Ignacio & Blanca Muñoz – Health concerns. (Brother of Joe Muñoz)
Ida Muñoz – Joe passed away 10/28. Please pray for family & friends. 💔
Melissa Muñoz – Struggling with cancer (Joe & Ida Munoz's daughter-in-law)
Jessica Musick – Serious health concerns. (Bonetta Hutson)
Marsha Neill – Leaking fluid from brain through nasal cavity. (Colleen Gutierrez)
Chris Pacheco – Serious cancer. Getting bad. (Margaret McCormick's Nephew)
Ashley Pool – Health & lost son in an auto accident. (Melody Lewis)
Allan Potter – Prostate cancer. (Doug McGregor)
Dan Quillen – Medical issues. (Sharon Douglas)
Kimberly Reed – Hospitalized with blood clots. (Dianna Boatman)
Tim Romero – Tim had a major stroke & is paralyzed. Suffering with daily struggles. (Son of Ida & Joe Muñoz)
Wilma Sartain – Asks for healing prayers. (Bonetta Hutson)
Everett Steele – Passed away 10/28, arrangements pending. Pray for family & friends.
Nancy Steele – Health concerns.
Trey Steele – Personal concerns. (Jessie Strauch)
Jessie Strauch – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)
Javon Turnbow – Family issues & traveling. (Melanie Turbow)
Ashley Trujillo – Multiple seizures. Pray for family. (Bonetta Hutson)
Jim Tulett – Now at Coronado Care Ctr. in Portales with 2 hairline fractures.
Jaden Waltz – Recovering from serious burns and dealing with college life in Socorro.

Janet Winter - Physical issues. (Jon Forrest)
James Wright – Diagnosed with cancer. (Jeff Wright's father) (Wright/Douglas families)
Wright Family – Multiple health & personal concerns.
Ruthie Yarbrough – Pain.
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Persecuted Christians around the world.
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Please pray for our Home Bound
Billie Aucutt – Hospice care. (Jon Forrest)
Tony Epps – At Caprock Nursing & Rehab Ctr. in Borger TX. (Jon Forrest)
Maxine Hinderlite – Health concerns at Wheatfields (Bonetta Hutson)
Casey Henry – Now residing at Farwell Care & Rehabilitation Ctr. (Jon Forrest)
Treva Kline – At Wheatfields rm. 109. (Jessie Strauch & Bernice Baker Sister)
Linda Newell – Resident at the Retirement Ranch. (Pat Newell's widow)
Pat Weekley – Home on hospice care.

Military Personnel & Families, First Responders & Our Nation

Please let us know if there are any changes, removals
or updates before Thursday at noon every week.
You can select the "CONNECT WITH US" tab in your APP
& go to "EMAIL/QUESTIONS/PRAYER CHANGES"
or call the church at 575-763-7113 or email at fcc@plateautel.net

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Bearly Christian

A man went on a nature walk. A bear began to chase him, so he climbed a tree.
As he was climbing, he slipped down into the bear's arms.
He prayed, "Lord let this be a Christian bear." The bear said, "Lord, thank you for this food."
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The AMAZING things you can do with the APP!!
You can view the Upcoming Events, View the Newsletter, Prayer Request, listen to the audio Bible
And SO MUCH MORE!! Download the FREE APP TODAY!!!



Live and in Person!!

Sunday Morning Services
9:30 - Sunday School: all ages (on-site only)
(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)
10:30 - Teknon (on site only)
10:30AM - Morning Services
(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)

Additional Blessings of Streaming FCC Services
If you miss our morning Worship Services or want to see them again, they are all stored on the FCC YouTube Channel and on our website, www.fccclovis.com under the tab named Media and on your phone with the FCC app.
Our Wednesday Night Bible Studies are in person or on Facebook Live and can be viewed later on the FCC Facebook page once you have joined the church's Facebook page by liking it so you can see it live or go back and review it at a later date.

You can also download the app on your Roku tv,

Google Tv, Fire Tv and Apple tv!!
Just search for FCCCLOVIS in the APP Store.
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors,
to worship with us at one of these venues!



Tithes and offerings to FCC can be given by clicking “Give” link on our website www.fccclovis.com and on the FCC app on your phone. There is also an offering box in the foyer for checks and cash (i.e. offering envelopes). Another way to give is to come by the church building and drop off tithes Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM.
We can also pick it up if you can't leave your home.
Just give us a call at 575-763-7113.

Thank you for your generous heart! ♥

A Reminder to Church Members
All current board reports are available.
in the hot file in the church lobby.
Newly posted are the 2025 990 IRS reports
& the updated church bylaws.



November

10 - Faith Elswick
10 - Kimberly Wright
12 - Karlee Wheatley
13 - Rich Davidson
14 - Mary Yoder-Cruz
14 - Margaret McCormick
14 - Nicholas Tackitt
20 - Josh Hutson



November

7 - John & Sherry Butts
14 - Rich & Phyllis Davidson

Please let us know if there are any birthdays or anniversaries we need to add or have missed. Thank you.
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November 2026

Servant Ministry
This Week:
Scripture Reading: Faith Elswick
Opening Prayer: Doug McGregor
Welcome Ministry: Manny White
Communion Prep: Pam Wallace

Upcoming Events!

November

Date: 11/14/26
Time: 1:00PM Pick Up
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Celebrate Recovery
Potato Bake Fundraiser

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Date: 11/15/26
Time: Shortly before Sunday School
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Silent Auction

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Date: 11/16/26
Time: 6:00PM
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Board Meeting

December



Date: 12/7/26
Time: 6:00PM
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Women's Christmas Party

Lead Pastor
Jon Forrest
Elders
J.D. Hileman
Keith Risdon
Trustees
Gary Baker
Jerry Elliott
J.D. Hileman
Church Secretary
Hope Peña
Nursery Attendant
Sharon Douglas
Kimberly Wright

Associate Pastor
Joshua McVey
Deacons
Gus Acosta
Gary Baker
Jerry Elliott
Clark Elswick
Steve Fenstermaker
Andrew Forrest
Doug McGregor
Treasurer
Keith Risdon
Assistant Treasurer
Tiffany Forrest

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Sunday Morning
9:30AM - Sunday School for all ages
10:30Am - Teknon
Morning Worship: 10:30am
(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)
On Site and online at Facebook Live, You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

Tuesday Nights
Celebrate Recovery
5:00 – 5:45 – Light Meal
6:00 – 7:30 – Groups Meet

Wednesday
Wednesday Night Special
WNS
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