



## Lifting Praise

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**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 - Don't Let The Darkness



## A MATTER OF SUBMISSION

Upward Look by Jon Forrest

A family living out on the prairie had a buggy with a well-trained horse to pull it. The horse followed every command it was given. But one day someone came up with the brilliant idea to train a mule to pull that buggy. The man who was training the mule had a bull whip and knew how to use it. When that mule was hooked up to the buggy, he began to kick. The owners thought that bull whip would teach him otherwise. So, the more he kicked, the more they whipped. And the more they whipped, the more he kicked. It went on for hours. At the end of the day, the mule had learned nothing. The buggy had been kicked to pieces. Are you like the horse or the mule? That mule was not meek. The horse was just as powerful, but he was meek.



When we are meek in spirit, God can direct us and use us. There were two fundamental differences between the horse and the mule. The horse trusted his master; the mule did not. The horse was submitted to his master; the mule was not.

Ephesians 3:20 says, ***Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,***

When we are fully submitted to Jesus, he can empower us to do amazing things for him.

This Sunday Josh will be delivering a message to the FCC family titled, Strength Under Control based on Matthew 5:5. Plan to be there and be given this special message Jesus shared in his Sermon on the Mount.

Striving to be under His control,  
Jon



### Wednesday Night Bible Study – Tonight, March 11, 2026

Tonight, Bonetta Hutson will bring her gifted teaching skills to lead our Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study. She will lead the 8<sup>th</sup> lesson in our World Changing Faith series. It is titled, **The Hope of the Resurrection** based on 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18. This is one of Paul's most passionate subjects to teach. You will be blessed by this powerful lesson.

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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: 3/11 – Baked Chicken

3/18 – No WNS/Spring Break

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No WNS Wednesday March 18th



### Board Meeting

Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

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### 30 Pieces of Silver Offering of Love Began on March 5th

Every year the First Christian Church family participates in a special tribute to God's Love and sacrifice for us through His Son Jesus Christ. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. In our desire to demonstrate our loyalty and love to Christ we prepare, in families and as individuals, for what we call "30 Pieces of Silver Offering of Love" for Jesus. 30 days prior to Resurrection (Easter) Sunday we begin praying and daily placing offering in a special bag, provided by the church.

On Resurrection Sunday, toward the close of the service the church family is invited to come to the front of the worship center with the offering that has been prepared. Together they lay it at the foot of the cross. This is not our regular Sunday offering. It is an over and above gift. Some people place coins, others cash and some write checks for this offering. It is up to the individual or family how they choose to participate.

Each year this offering goes to a special project. This year it will be used to add additional lighting for safety and security in the front of our building.

Please be in prayer concerning how God can lead and bless your life through this special offering of love for Him. Preparation of our hearts for this offering has begun on March 5.

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### FCC Special Easter Choir

Under the direction of Bonetta Hutson, the First Christian Church family will put together a special choir to present the Easter Cantata, *ARISE MY SOUL, HE IS RISEN* on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. **Rehearsals will be at 7:30 in the FCC Worship Center following the Wednesday Night Special studies.**

We are seeking singers, readers and instrumentalists to take part in this exciting musical celebration and ministry. Please come tonight and join in this wonderful production.

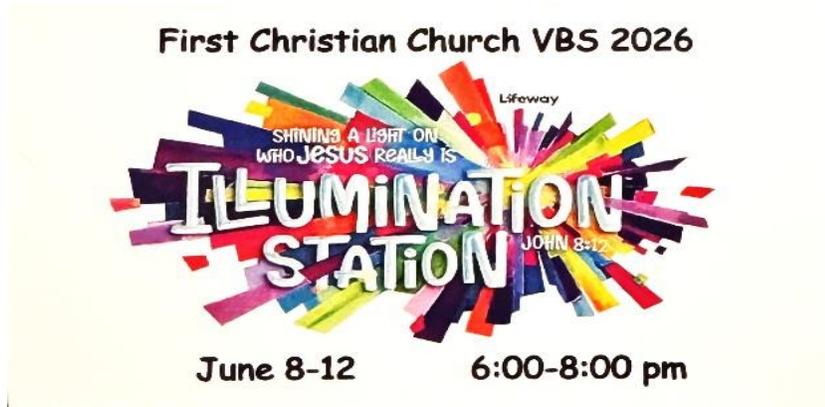
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### Resurrection Sunday Schedule

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) this year will be April 5<sup>th</sup>. First Christian Church will run a special schedule that day.

- 8:00AM – Sunrise Service
  - 8:45AM – Sunrise Breakfast
  - 10:30AM – Main Worship Service  
(includes Easter Cantata & 30 Pieces of Silver Love Offering to Jesus)
- There will be no Sunday School or Evening Service



### Celebrate Recovery Is Here!

The First Christian Church family has welcomed a new ministry as a part of our Outreach. Celebrate Recovery, which is a nationwide and local ministry reaches out to people to help them overcome their "Hurts, Habits & Hangups" through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

This ministry has already been functioning in Clovis for a number of years in different locations. Our own Bonetta Hutson and Ashley White are part of the leadership team. **The group will meet on Tuesday Evenings, with a light dinner from 5:00-5:45 and a program from 6:00 to 7:30.**

You are invited to attend and gain what you can from this ministry. It is not just for people with official addictions. It is designed to help build people's relationship with Christ and improve their discipleship



### 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.

# Order of Service

## Strength Under Control

Matthew 5:5

Josh McVey

March 15, 2026

Welcome

Video –

Call to Worship

Here I Am to Worship

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:57-68 – David Elswick

Opening Prayer – Jim Hileman

Praise Medley

Greater

I Am

Intercessory Prayer Time

Communion Song

I Can Only Imagine

Special Music – Alabaster Box – Bonetta Hutson

Morning Message – Joshua Forrest

Strength Under Control

Matthew 5:5

Decision Time

One As You Are

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

Jesus is the Answer



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## MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 16:32 – Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

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## Prayer Requests

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

**Gus Acosta** – Recovering from foot surgery.

**Amber Anderson** – Reoccurrence of cancer & other health issues. (Kendra Beevers)

**Jerry Bailey** – Heart attack. (Dan Peck)

**Kristen Baker** – Tumor to be removed soon. Then pathology report. (Bernice Baker)

**Kendra Beevers** – Health concerns.

**Christine Calcao** – Breast cancer. (Rick & Melody Lewis' niece)

**Gina Dorazio** – Heart problems. (Rick & Melody Lewis)

**Steve Fenstermaker** – Beginning 6 months of chemo at the end of March.

**Rick Fountain** – Recovering from heart valve replacement & bypass surgery at home. (Lori Turner)

**Coleen Gutierrez & Dan Peck** – Personal concerns.

**Barbara Hill** – Having serious heart problems. (Doug McGregor)

**Patricia Hill** – Continuous recovery from stroke. (John Butts)

**Josh Hutson** – Personal concerns.

**Denise Keywood** – Health issues. (Brenda's daughter)

**Kori Koren** – MS, multiple falls & injuries. (Judy Baskett)

**David Lawson Sr.** – Serious health concerns. (Gena Wilkerson)

**Bobby Light** – Pray for family. (Yvonne Light)

**Yvonne Light** – Health concerns.  
**Vida Linton** – Personal concerns. (Dear friend of Jessie Strauch)  
**Jon McCormick** – Recovering from multiple skin cancer surgeries. (Brenda Knoll)  
**Lori McGregor** – Lupus. (Doug McGregor's daughter-in-law)  
**Weston Miller** – Having seizures. (Lori Turner)  
**Nicole Monopoly** – health concerns.  
**Ignacio & Blanca Muñoz** – Health concerns. (Brother of Joe Muñoz)  
**Melissa Muñoz** – Struggling with cancer (Joe & Ida Munoz's daughter-in-law)  
**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 a auto accident. (Rick & Melody Lewis)  
**Allan Potter** – Prostate cancer. (Doug McGregor)  
**Lee Potter** – Hospitalized & not doing well. (Colleen Gutierrez)  
**Kimberly Reed** – Brain bleed. (Jim Hileman)  
**David Renteria & wife** – He suffered a massive stroke and is paralyzed on one side. Now home in Ruidoso. (Doug McGregor)  
**Heath & Samantha Rohr** – Heath is deployed.  
**James Romero** - Hospitalized in San Antonio TX with severe pancreatitis. (Joe & Ida Muñoz' son)  
**Tim Romero** – Prayers for medical and mental condition. He is having a severe problem with memory issues & clinical depression. (Son of Ida & Joe Muñoz)  
**Wilma Sartain** – Health concerns.  
**Gerald Sena** – Passed away. Please pray for family & friends. (Sarah Sena's husband)  
**Jody Stanbury** – Lupus. (Joy Melton's daughter)  
**Nancy Steele** – Health concerns.  
**Jessie Strauch** – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)  
**Dianna Thompson** – Still recovering from two fractures in her arm.  
**Ashley Trujillo** – Multiple seizures, at covenant in Lubbock. Pray for family. (Bonetta Hutson)  
**Frank Vace** - Cancer. (Brenda Knoll)  
**Jaden Waltz** – UMC Lubbock hospital with severe burns & multiple surgeries. Prayers for Andrew & Tiffany Forrest & family. Jon & Cheryl Forrest, Shannon & Jared Reeves & family. Oma Sharon Douglas & Titi Kimberly & Jeff & family.  
**Michael Williams** – Waiting for lungs. Staying in Dallas. (Dan Peck)  
**Janet Winter** - Physical issues. (Jon Forrest)  
**Unspoken request**

**Persecuted Christians around the world.**  
**Pray for Israel.**

**Please pray for our Home Bound**

**Billie Aucutt** – Now home. (Jon Forrest)  
**Bill Gaedke** –At daughter's home in Rio Rancho.  
**Casey Henry** – Now residing at Beehive retirement home in Portales. (Jon Forrest)  
**Treva Kline** – At Wheatfields rm. 109.. (Jessie Strauch & Bernice Baker Sister)  
**Linda Newell** – Resident at the Retirement Ranch. (Pat Newell's widow)  
**Maria Sandoval** – Health Concerns room 210 at St. Anthony's  
**Fred Strauch** – Numerous health issues. Now home. In hospice care. (Jessie Strauch)  
**Don Sweet** – At Retirement Ranch. (uncle to Beverly Duncan)  
**Everett Steel** –. Home. (brother of Jessie Strauch and Bernice Baker)  
**Pat Weekley** – At home.

**Military Personnel & Families, First Responders & Our Nation**

Please let us know if there are any changes, removals  
or updates before Friday 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](mailto:fcc@plateautel.net)

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## Help Fill Our Food Pantry

### ► Food Pantry Wish List ◀

Our church has given food boxes to a couple of families in the community earlier this month!

**We are experiencing a major depletion and desperately need your help in filling the shelves.**

Proteins, veggies, fruit, tomato/spaghetti sauce, soups, and mac & cheese dinners would be great.

We have a good amount of ramen and spaghetti pasta, thank you!

Expiration dates of at least a year or more are requested. Please, no perishables.

**We are in need of the following:**

**Canned fruits, family-sized or individual – applesauce, pears, peaches, fruit cocktail**

**Canned vegetables - carrots, potatoes, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables**

**Canned meats – chicken, tuna, Spam, salmon, chili with beans & without**

**Macaroni and cheese dinners (no milk or margarine needed)**

**Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes**

**Soups, canned – tomato, chicken noodle, beef & vegetables, chicken broth**

**Beans - canned or dry; baked beans, pinto, etc.**

**Shelf stable milk, powdered milk**

**Peanut Butter, jam or jelly**

**Saltine crackers**

FCC Food Pantry is open to our church members.

We will share whatever comes in.

Thanks for your generosity toward those in need!



### 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](http://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

**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](http://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.**



## March

4 - Lisa Townsley  
4 - Beth Blair  
5 - Joe Muñoz  
6 - Kaiah Fair-Carpenter  
6 - Jeremy Fleury  
7 - Shilo Hawkins  
7 - Jan Jameson  
8- Keith Risdon  
9 - Melody Lewis  
11 - Rebekah Allen  
14 - Dianna Boatman  
15 - Anna Jenkins  
16 - Jayden Fenstermaker  
19 - Lennox Reeves  
19 - Jody Self  
19 - Rosie Sims  
19 - Ezra Lovett  
20 - Dominic White  
21 - Bernice Baker  
22 - Barbara Hardin  
24 - Wilma Sartain  
26 - Austin Hawkins  
26 - Dylan Hawkins  
28 - Dorothy Dudley  
29 - Justin Hawkins



## March

No anniversaries

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

Adjusted Servant Ministry

This Week:

Scripture Reading: David Elswick

Opening Prayer: Jim Hileman

**Welcome Ministry:** Bill Wallace

Communion Prep: Sharon Douglas

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## Upcoming Events

Date: 3/16/26

Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Board Meeting

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### Lead Pastor

Jon Forrest

### Elders

### Associate Pastor

Joshua McVey

### Deacons

J.D. Hileman  
Keith Risdon

**Trustees**

J.D. Hileman

Gary Bake

Joe Muñoz

**Church Secretary**

Hope Peña

**Nursery Attendant**

Sharon Douglas

Kimberly Wright

Gua Acosta

Gary Baker

Jerry Elliott

Clark Elswick

Andrew Forrest

Doug McGregor

**Treasure**

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 @ Facebook Live,

You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

**Sunday Evening**

Sunday Night ALIVE

6:30PM - All ages

**Tuesday Nights**

Celebrate Recovery

5:00 – 5:45 – Light Meal

6:00 – 7:30 – Groups Meet

**Wednesday**

Wednesday Night Special

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

