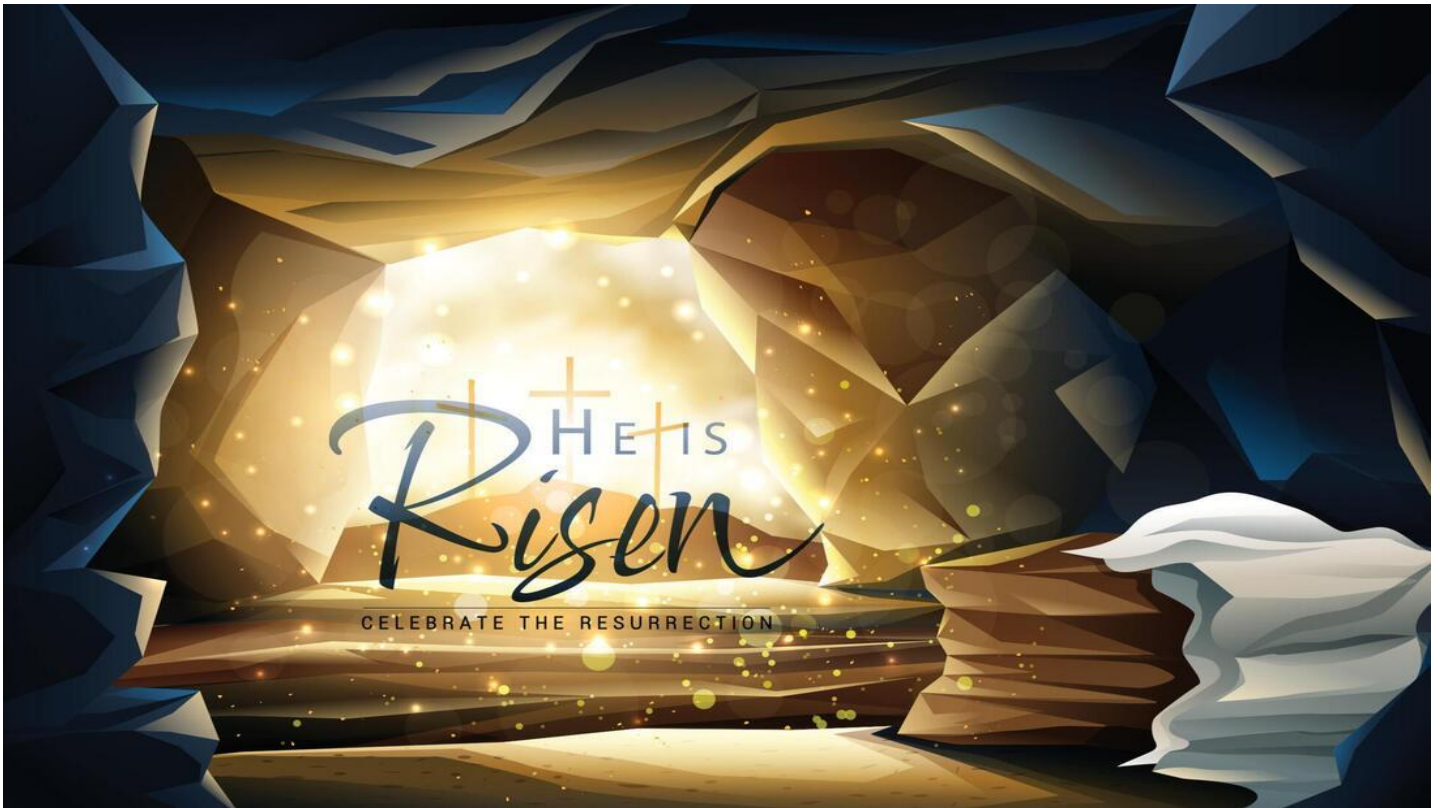




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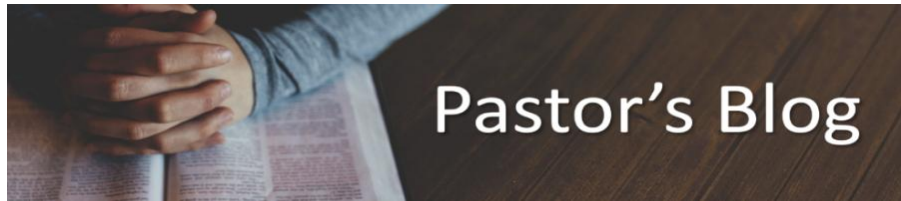
April 1, 2026



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

Cade Thompson - That's What The Cross Is For



FISH OR TALK?

Upward Look by Jon Forrest

A Fish and Game Warden had a friend who was quite the fisherman. The friend would go fishing almost every day. Day in and day out he came back in a very short time from his day on the lake having caught his limit. The Warden's curiosity grew, but he didn't want his friend to think he suspected anything was wrong so he asked his friend if he could go fishing with him. The man was happy to bring him along. Once the boat had come to rest and the anchor dropped the Warden began to bait a hook while the friend reached into a box under his seat. He pulled out a stick of dynamite, lit the fuse and handed it to the Warden saying, "Just toss this out a ways and you'll get more fish than you can imagine." The Warden was shocked and said, "I can't do that. It's illegal!"



As the fuse had almost burned down, the friend replied, "Well, are you gonna' fish or just talk!"

A lot of people claim to know about the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, but for some reason they have never claimed the explosive power that is the Resurrection. Jesus said, ***Because I live, you also will live.***

-John 14:19.

The Apostle Paul claimed this incredible power which made a powerful difference in his life every day. The power had changed him from a persecutor of Christ Followers to a passionate missionary for Christ. He was a man of dynamic faith and testimony. In Philippians 3:10-11 he wrote, ***"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."***

When you think about the "Easter Story" do you consider it to be nothing more than just a "really nice story"? Do you take comfort in knowing Jesus is no longer in the grave? Or have you been empowered by receiving all that God has for you through such an amazing, game changing, event in your own life?

Are you gonna fish or just talk?

This Sunday is **Resurrection Sunday!** Great celebrations will go on at FCC and in the homes of our church family members. But I can't wait to bring you a message at the 8:00AM **Sunrise Celebration** that I have titled, **"Explode Into Life"** from Philippians 3:10-14. We will talk about how Christ's Resurrection in yours and my lives can bring dynamic power to our lives for every day. Plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors to this potentially life empowering day. I'm also Excited about the very special Gospel presentation that will be presented at 10:30AM by our Resurrection Choir titled, **ARISE MY SOUL, HE IS RISEN!** This is the first Cantata we have had in many years. God has worked in the writers of this presentation and in the members of this choir for the presentation. Plan to celebrate our Explosive Jesus!

Empowered by him,
Jon



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – April 1

Tonight we continue our study of Paul’s first letter to the church in Thessalonica. The title of the study is **World Changing Faith**. This will be lesson 10 and is taken from **1 Thessalonians 5:12-15**. We will look at the importance of our relationships in the church and how they relate to our spiritual growth and maturity. You will be blessed by this practical application of Scripture to everyday life and to our spiritual growth.

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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:

4/1 – Hot dogs & chili dogs

4/8 – Nacho Wednesday



Volunteer

We will need a few men volunteers at 7:00AM to help prepare breakfast.

Please see Keith. Thank you



Resurrection Sunday Schedule

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) this year will be April 5th. 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



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 placing offerings daily 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 began on March 5.

Donation Request
Your help is greatly appreciated



Hygiene Kits Update!

We are holding an Assembly Line Event next month, April 6th. A collection bucket is under the FCC instructional table. It's suggested to bring in a multi-pack of any requested items. Content lists are on the main table. Please join us to put the hygiene kits together!

Male

- 1 toothbrush & toothpaste
- 1 razor & shaving cream
- 1 antiperspirant
- 1 comb
- 1 body lotion
- 1 shampoo & conditioner
- 1 Kleenex
- 1 dental floss

Female

- 1 toothbrush & toothpaste
- 1 razor & shaving cream
- 1 antiperspirant
- 1 comb
- 1 body lotion
- 1 shampoo & conditioner
- 1 wipes & Kleenex
- 3 tampons & 4 Kotex pads
- 1 dental floss



Women's Council Meeting

Women's Council Meeting
Monday April 6 at 6:00PM

SAVE THE DATE!!

First Christian Church VBS 2026

Lifeway
SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS
ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12

June 8-12 6:00-8:00 pm



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

Sunrise Service

Welcome

Call to Worship

Because He Lives

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-7 - Jaxon Forrest

Opening Prayer – Jim Hileman

Special Music – “Rise Again” - Jon Forrest

Worship Medley

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

He Lives

Special Music - Via Dolorosa - Bonetta Hutson

Morning Message – Jon Forrest

Explode into Life

Philippians 3:10-14

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

Christ Arose

Resurrection Service

Welcome

Call to Worship

Celebrate Jesus

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-9 - Sam Hussey

Opening Prayer - Doug McGregor

Resurrection Day Cantata

Special FCC Choir - Arise My Soul, He Is Risen

Decision Song

I Surrender All

30 Pieces of Silver Offering of Love to Jesus

Benediction

Parting Chorus

Because He Lives





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)

Gary Baker – Recovering from elbow surgery. (Bernice Baker)

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

Kendra Beevers – Health concerns.

Charles Boatman - Home from hospital & recovering.

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

Nov'Ely, Wes'son & E'Mahni Davila & their mother Samantha - Loss of their father on 4/1. (Hope Peña's grandchildren & daughter)

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 Farwell Care & Rehabilitation Ctr.. (Lori Turner)

Coleen Gutierrez & Dan Peck – Personal concerns.

Carla Hammar – Health concerns.

Wilma & Wayne Hammar – Wilma has aggressive breast cancer. (Carla Hammar)

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.

Tiffany Lindley – 7-month-old baby with Bronchitis. (Bonetta Hutson)

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)

Kaylea McKnight – Young woman had stroke & blood infections & clots in Lubbock TX hospital. (daughter of a friend of Doug McGregor)

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 an 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)

Laurie S. – Recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Lobectomy scheduled for April. (Dianna Thompson's sister)

Wilma Sartain – Health concerns.

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)

Ruthie Yarbrough – Bronchitis. (Bonetta Hutson)

Unspoken request

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Unrest worldwide

Persecuted Christians around the world.

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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 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)

Fred Strauch – Numerous health issues. Now home. In hospice care. (Jessie Strauch)

Don Sweet – At Retirement Ranch. (uncle to Beverly Duncan)

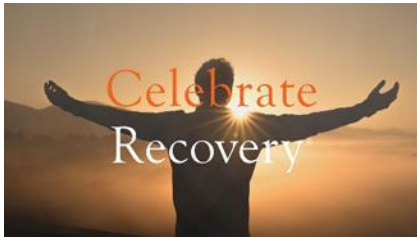
Everett Steel –. Home. (brother of Jessie Strauch and Bernice Baker)

Pat Weekley – At home.

Military Personnel & Families, First Responders & Our Nation

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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



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



► 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

Please see Jon Forrest or Dianna Thompson for a food box
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.fcccloviss.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.fcccloviss.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.



April

2 - Gus Acosta
7 - Ziya Wright
9 - McKenzie White



April

4 - Oscar & Hope Peña
4 - Kevin & Gena Wilkerson

11 - Cleo Romary
13 - Lori Turner
16 - Cindy Shaughnessy
16 - Ashley White
18 - Hali Jo Weekley Embry
23 - Bobby Light

Please let us know if there are any birthdays or anniversaries we need to add or have missed. Thank you.
You can call the church at 575-763-7113 or email at fcc@plateautel.net

April 2026

Adjusted Servant Ministry

This Week:

Scripture Reading: Jaxon Forrest/Sam Hussey

Opening Prayer: Jim Hileman/Doug McGregor

Welcome Ministry: Bill Wallace

Communion Prep: Debbie Hudson

Upcoming Events

April

Date: 4/6/26

Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Women's Council Meeting

Date: 4/5/26

Time: 8:00AM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Sunrise Service

Date: 4/20/26

Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church

Description: Board Meeting

Lead Pastor

Jon Forrest

Elders

J.D. Hileman

Keith Risdon

Trustees

J.D. Hileman

Gary Bake

Joe Muñoz

Church Secretary

Hope Peña

Nursery Attendant

Sharon Douglas

Kimberly Wright

Associate Pastor

Joshua McVey

Deacons

Gua Acosta

Gary Baker

Jerry Elliott

Clark Elswick

Andrew Forrest

Doug McGregor

Treasure

Keith Risdon

Assistant Treasurer

Tiffany Forrest



Sunday Morning

9:30AM - Sunday School for all ages

10:30Am - Teknon

Morning Worship: 10:30am

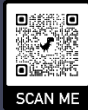
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Tuesday Nights

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

