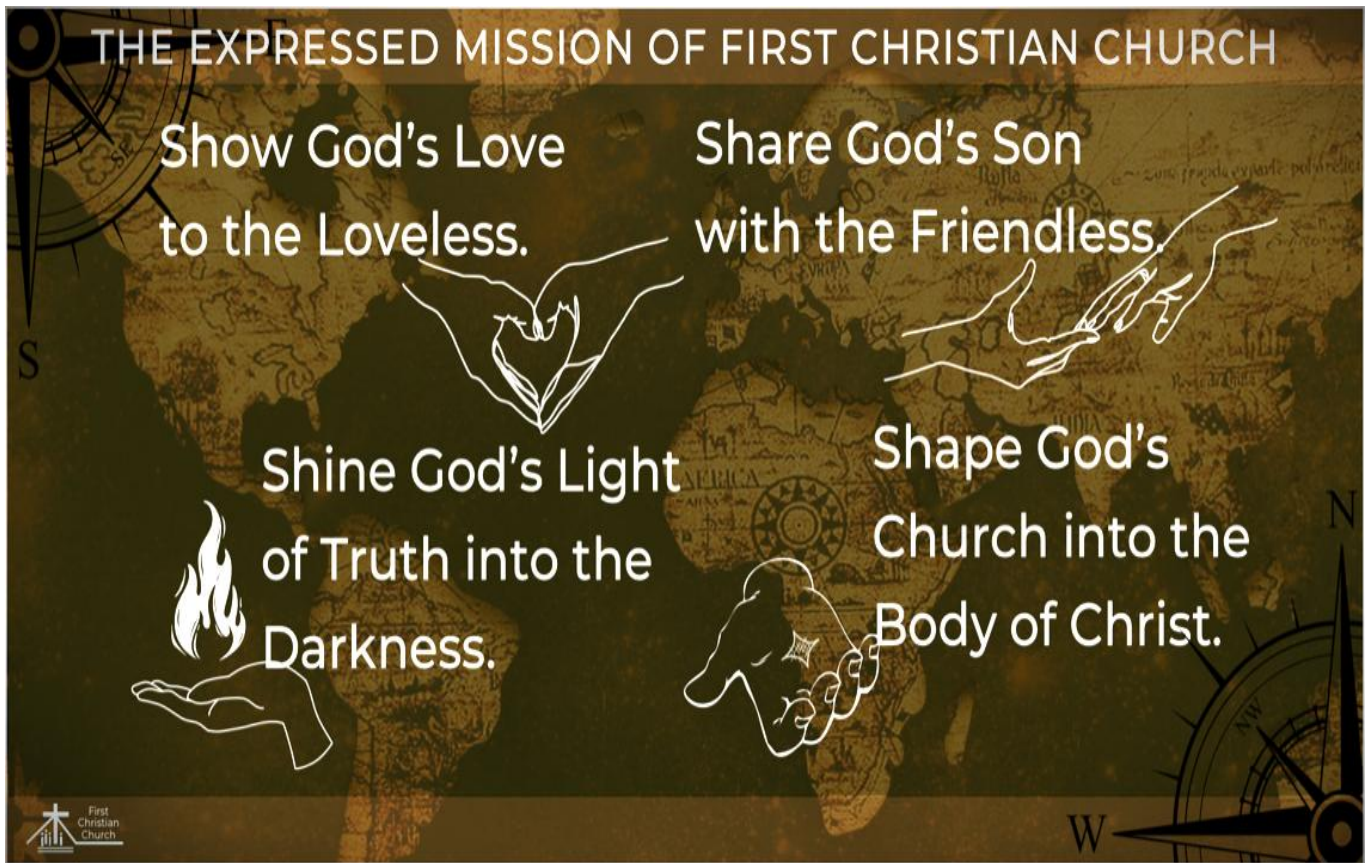




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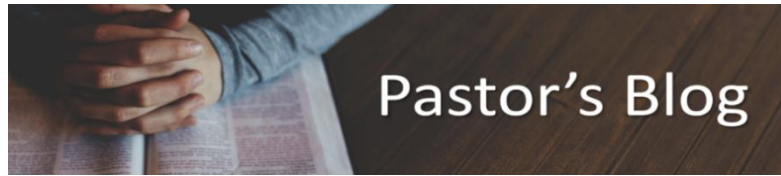
June 3, 2026



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

Danny Gokey - God's Not



CAN ONE PIG START A WAR?

The Upward Look, by Jon Forrest

Many people believe that one person cannot truly make a difference. Yet, history teaches us better.

The story is told that in days past the state of Rhode Island was electing a state legislature. There was a thrifty Federalist farmer who started for the polls late in the afternoon, and on the way, he heard the squealing of a pig. He looked around to see the pig with its head caught in the mesh of an old wire fence. The farmer knew that hogs would often kill and eat a trapped pig. So the farmer stopped, rescued the pig, and was too late to cast his vote.

Now the story gets interesting. The Federalist farmer was too late to vote, and the election was decided by one vote in favor of the democrats. "IF" the farmer had voted, the Democrat would not have been elected.



But the irony does not stop here. In those days, the legislature selected the person who would be the US Senator for the state. By a one-vote margin, a democrat was sent to the Senate from Rhode Island. When arriving at the US Senate, the motion was placed forth about going to war with England, which passed by one democratic vote. You still with me?

Following this train of thought, the Revolutionary War was fought because in Rhode Island, a pig got caught in a fence. Whether all of this story is true or not is certainly debatable, but parts of it are entirely accurate. In American history, more than that you care to count, ONE VOTE--one person--made a tremendous difference.

(adapted from a sermon by Jerry Watts)

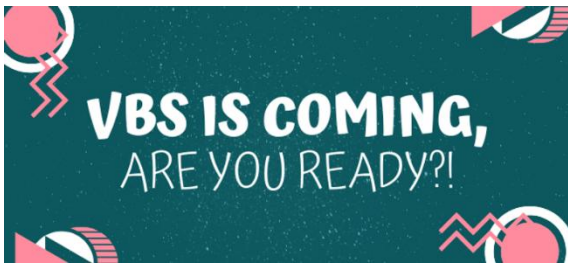
When we search the Bible, we find a multitude of stories about how one individual made a world changing difference simply because of the relationship that person had with God. Honestly, the illustration above seems incredible, but this Sunday, we will look at a man whose very existence combined with his righteous life and obedience rocked the entire population of the world. In fact, if it weren't for the man Noah, there might not be a human population in existence today. This Sunday we will continue our **BUT GOD!** series a message titled, **But Noah!** Based on Genesis 6:1-9:17. I hope you will join us in this exciting reminder of how you can make a difference for the Kingdom of God and in the world around you.

Striving to make a difference,
Jon



Wednesday Night Special

will be on summer break and resume in September



SAY YES TO VBS!!!!

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Title: Illumination Station; Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is
Ages 4 yrs. - 5th Grade

Scan the QR code!!



There are several ways to sign up for VBS. You can go to fccclovis.com under "Events", in the app under "This Week" or scan the QR code on the posters that hung in the church.



MOUNTAIN VIEW
Christian Camp

Registration is now open for our 2026 camp sessions.

At MVCC, campers encounter God through creation, Christ-centered teaching, and authentic relationships with college-age staff. Through fun, friendship, and mentorship, faith comes alive and lives are transformed for God's glory.

Join us for a Christ-centered summer where campers grow in faith, build friendships and have a whole lot of fun.

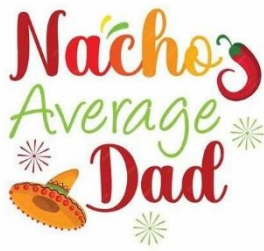
Any questions about camp info such as medication, snacks, cell phones can be found on the website:
<https://www.mountainviewcamp.org/copy-of-camp-info>

GO TO <https://www.mountainviewcamp.org/camper-registration-form> TO REGISTER.

WEEK IS 6/21-27

ENTER DISCOUNT CODE: FCCCLOVIS

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AFTER FATHER'S DAY MEAL



Father's Day Fiesta - Mexican Stack Up

Sunday, June 21st (after morning service)

All are invited to attend - Prizes for each father - No dining cost

Volunteers requested for kitchen ~ Sign-up Sheet on resource table

Questions? Volunteering? Contact Dianna Thompson 575.693.2181



Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Mothers' Day through Fathers' Day

You will be able to pick up your Baby Bottle to collect money from Sunday May 10th through Fathers' Day for the Clovis/Portales Pregnancy Resource Center. The PRC assists parents, especially those with unplanned or even unwanted pregnancies, to find the best way to deal with their crisis. They give counselling to mothers and fathers to find options that will save the life of their baby and resolve their dilemma. They teach parenting classes and provide numerous ways to support the pre-natal needs of mothers.

Please share this great fundraising process.

If you make out a check, please make to PRC not to the church.

Sign-up sheet available. Please print your name and number of bottles you are taking.

When you return the bottle/s fill out the date returned.

Return date: Sunday June 21st



Loss of FCC Resources

First Christian Church Food Pantry, hygiene kits, and other resources are available to all church members and community families. We need to keep track of items coming in and donations being shared. Items taken has reduced our ability to help essential services. Please contact: Jon Forrest 575.749.2534 or Dianna Thompson 575.693.2181 or FCC office as assistance is needed.

♥ Women's Council Summer Calendar 2026 ♥

June 21st – Father's Day Fiesta – Mexican Stack Up

July 11th – Scrumptious Tea Party 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tea is Best When Shared with a Friend!

August 1st – Creating Bows for Daffodil Days!

Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., restaurant TBD

September 7th – Women's Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Details / updates / RSVPs will be announced – All events @ FCC unless noted.

All women attending FCC are welcome! (16 years and older)



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

Welcome

Video – Two By Two – Noah and the Ark

Call to Worship

Cry of My Heart

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:5-8 – McKenzie White

Opening Prayer – Bill Wallace

Praise Medley

Hymn of Heaven

How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art

Intercessory Prayer

Communion Song

There Is a Redeemer

Communion Time

Special Music –

Morning Message – Jon Forrest

BUT GOD!

But Noah!

Genesis 6:1-9:17

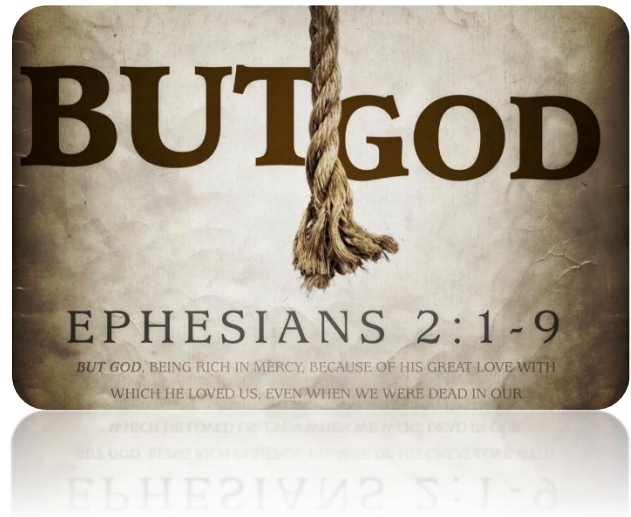
Decision Time

Victory in Jesus

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

Lord Be Glorified



MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 6:8 – But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.



Prayer Requests

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

Amber Anderson – Cancer moved into her brain. (Kendra Beevers)

Jerry Bailey – Heart attack. (Dan Peck)

Kristen Baker – Recovering from major surgery. (Bernice Baker)

Kendra Beevers – Health concerns.

Christian Bernal – No weight bearing on leg for several weeks. (Carla Hammar)

Charles Boatman – Recovering at home.

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

Carmen Cerny – Cancer numbers are rising again. (Bonetta Hutson)

Megan Curtis – Throat cancer at M.D. Anderson. (Judy Baskett's granddaughter)

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

Amy Encinias – Sores from auto-immune disease. (Ruthie Yarbrough)

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

Jim Forrest – Health concerns. (Jon's brother)

Tara Gagner – Recovering from major heart surgery. (Dan & Coleen's niece)
Coleen Gutierrez & Dan Peck – Personal concerns.
Carla Hammar – Recovering at home..
Wilma & Wayne Hammar – Wilma has aggressive breast cancer. (Carla Hammar)
Barbara Hill – Having serious heart problems & Parkinsons. (Doug McGregor)
Bonetta Hutson – Eye surgery coming June 8th.
Josh Hutson – Personal concerns.
Kori Koren – MS, multiple falls & injuries. (Judy Baskett)
David Lawson Sr. – Serious health concerns. (Gena Wilkerson)
Rick Lewis – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)
Bobby Light – Pray for family. (Yvonne Light)
Yvonne Light – Health concerns.
Vida Linton – Personal concerns. (Dear friend of Jessie Strauch)
Lori McGregor – Lupus. (Doug McGregor's daughter-in-law)
Nicole Monopoly – Personal concerns.
Ignacio & Blanca Muñoz – Health concerns. (Brother of Joe Muñoz)
Joe Muñoz – Health concerns.
Melissa Muñoz – Struggling with cancer (Joe & Ida Munoz's daughter-in-law)
Marsha Neill – Leaking fluid from brain through nasal cavity. (Colleen Gutierrez)
Joyce Norman – Health. (Bonetta Hutson)
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)
James Romero - James is now home fighting a pancreatitis infection and home health is vital to his recovery. Unfortunately, he has not returned to work because of the weakness caused by this illness. (Joe & Ida Muñoz' son)
Tim Romero – Tim had a major stroke four years ago that left him paralyzed on the entire left side of his body. This has caused him daily struggles as he strives to live. He does have days of depression and does isolate himself because of problems in communicating with others. (Son of Ida & Joe Muñoz)
Wilma Sartain – Health concerns.
Jody Stanbury – Lupus. (Joy Melton's daughter)
Nancy Steele – Health concerns.
Jessie Strauch – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)
Ashley Trujillo – Multiple seizures, at covenant in Lubbock. Pray for family. (Bonetta Hutson)
Diana Trujillo – Father AT Clovis Health Care & Rehab. leg amputated below the knee. (Bonetta Hutson)
Sherry Weekley-Butts – Rt Knee placement (John Butts).
Gena Wilkerson – Hand surgery on May 29.
Janet Winter - Physical issues. (Jon Forrest)
Ruthie Yarbrough – Dr. visits & tests this week.

Unspoken request

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Prayers for a successful VBS June 8-12

Unrest worldwide

Persecuted Christians around the world.

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Please pray for our Home Bound

Billie Aucutt – Now home. (Jon Forrest)
Rick Fountain – Coronado Care Center – Portales. (Mary Yoder-Cruz)
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)
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 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

Since the beginning of 2026, Rapha staff in Cambodia have been working to support refugees displaced by the border crisis between Cambodia and Thailand. In partnership with our partners at International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES), Rapha's staff distributed food, supplies and baby formula to 500 families in January.



Now, our staff is undertaking a two-month project to support 375 refugee families staying at refugee camps nearby our campus in Siem Reap, Cambodia. We will supply food and medical supplies to families and provide training for parents on the impacts of trauma on children, preventing abuse and coping with stress. The children will spend time with our staff learning Bible stories and engaging in play therapy activities.

Our hearts have broken for the families in Cambodia impacted by this crisis. Rapha International continues to receive new opportunities to serve vulnerable children and families and is grateful for the opportunity to partner with IDES in this effort.

Thank you for coming alongside families during this critical time of need. Together, we can protect this vulnerable community and make a difference for one child, one family and one community at a time.

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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

**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.



June

1 - Bonetta Hutson
5 - Clark Elswick
9 - Joy Melton
13 - Dianna Thompson
15 - Yvonne Elswick
25 - Brenda Knoll
27 - Carla Hammar
27 Andrew Forrest
28 - Judy Baskett
28 - Drew Waltz
29 - Annette Tyler

June

2 - Wayne & Rebekah Allen
14 - Rick & Melody Lewis
16 - Charles & Dianna Boatman
22 - Joe & Heather Farley

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

Adjusted Servant Ministry
This Week:
Scripture Reading: McKenzie White
Opening Prayer: Bill Wallace
Welcome Ministry: Bill Wallace
Communion Prep: Alice Elliott

Upcoming Events

June

Date: 6/8/26 - 6/12/26
Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM
Location: First Christian Church
Description: VBS - Illumination

Date: 6/21/26
Time: After morning service
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Father's Day Fiesta!

Date: 6/21/26
Time: After lunch
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Leaving for Mountain View Christian Camp

Date: 6/22/26
Time: 6:00PM

Location: First Christian Church
Description: Board Meeting

Lead Pastor

Jon Forrest

Elders

J.D. Hileman

Keith Risdon

Trustees

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Gary Bake

Joe Muñoz

Church Secretary

Hope Peña

Nursery Attendant

Sharon Douglas

Kimberly Wright

Associate Pastor

Joshua McVey

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Morning Worship: 10:30am

(Staffed Nursery available for
infants through Age 3)

On Site and online @ Facebook Live,

You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

Tuesday Nights

Celebrate Recovery

5:00 – 5:45 – Light Meal

6:00 – 7:30 – Groups Meet

Wednesday

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