



## Lifting Praise

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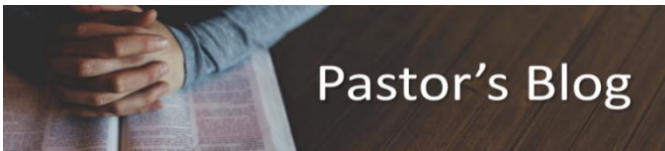
September 30, 2026



**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

CAIN - My Victory's Coming



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Upward Look, by Jon Forrest

I want you to put on your thinking cap. Without the use of Google or any of your computerized devices name the five richest people in the world. Now, name the last 5 actors to win the academy award for best actor. Next, name the last 5 Heisman Trophy Award winners. Say the names of 5 Nobel Prize winners. It's not easy, is it? Let's try something else. Name your 3 most influential schoolteachers. Name the person or people who led you to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Speaking allowed the three most important people in your life.



Now, that was easier, wasn't it? Why, because the people who matter most to an individual's life are not always the wealthiest, smartest, most athletic or even the most famous. The ones we remember most are the ones who made a difference in our lives. They are the ones who taught us something, who poured their lives into ours, your parents, your teachers, your friends, your pastors and others have helped you to grow up, to become better parents, friends and contributors to society.

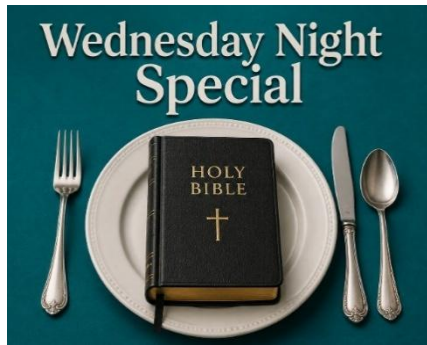
God is not looking for the smartest, richest, most famous people to accomplish his work. He is seeking people who are willing to give their lives away. He seeks people who are committed to him and to reach others with his message. He's scanning the world, seeking people who will love God and others more than themselves. He is trying to find people who are willing to be the last and will put others first.

Jesus said, ***"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*** Mark 9:35. When you are a dedicated church member, an outwardly focused Christian, you will make a difference in the lives of people around you. You will give parts and sometimes all of yourself to the people in the church family and to people who are outside of Christ, seeking true meaning for life. You can not only make a difference; you can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. What difference are you making in the lives of others? Those differences will create memories for a lifetime and even for eternity. Is there anyone who, when asked how they got to heaven, will say you showed them the way.

This Sunday we will conclude our series of messages titled **The Dedicated Church Member; an Outwardly Focused Christian**, with a message titled, **"I Can and Will Make a Difference"** based again, at least in part, on 1 Corinthians 12 & Ephesians 4:11-16. Let's join together and share the difference Jesus wants each of his children to make. Are you making a difference that will last?

Striving with you to make a difference,  
Jon

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## Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – Tonight, September 30

Tonight we will continue our series of studies titled, Famous Last Words with Lesson 4, Cure for a Troubled Heart based on John14:1-14. Even though our modern technology has developed time saving and productivity helping devices and programs, it seems as though stress, frustration and heartache are rampant in our culture. Jesus frequently told us not to let our hearts be troubled or to not allow fear to overcome our lives. I hope you will come and see what Jesus' answer is for troubled hearts. We will look forward to seeing you then. Our study will take place in the Sunshine Classroom at First Christian Church of Clovis at 6:15, right after our 5:30 dinner

Everyone is welcome to this mid-week re-charge for spiritual batteries.  
Find out what makes Wednesday Nights so Special.

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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:

9/30 – Smothered Burritos

10/7 – Hot dogs & Chili dogs

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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA



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.



Dear Church Family,

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is coming up on **October 31, 6 pm - 8 pm**, and we are looking forward to welcoming children and families from our church and community for a fun and safe evening together!

We need your help filling our trunks with plenty of candy. We are asking members of the congregation to consider donating **individually wrapped candy** for the event. **We are also looking for volunteers to open and decorate their trunks for the event.** If you would like to pass out candy with us, please contact Josh: [joshm@mesalands.edu](mailto:joshm@mesalands.edu)

A **candy donation bin** will be available at the church building. Simply bring your donations and place them in the bin any time before Trunk or Treat. Every bag helps and allows us to show generosity and hospitality to the families who join us.

Trunk or Treat is more than handing out candy. It is an opportunity to open our doors, build relationships with families in our community, and let children know that they are welcomed and loved.

Thank you for continually supporting our children and youth ministries and for helping make events like this possible. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to a wonderful Trunk or Treat!

Blessings, Joshua McVey



**Women's Council Meeting**  
**Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**  
**Nominations for Officers**



**St. Bernard Farms Family Night!**

Join us for a fun evening together at **St. Bernard Farms** on **Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.!**

This is a family event for our entire church! Come enjoy the corn maze, pumpkin patch, and other fall activities while spending a great evening together as a church family.

**Admission is FREE!** Please meet us at the entrance at **6:00 p.m.**, where Joshua will cover admission for everyone. **Individual attractions and activities inside the farm are at each family's expense.**

Bring the kids and come ready for an evening of fall fun, laughter, and time together. This is a great opportunity for our church community to enjoy being together as families and make some wonderful memories.

**Saturday, October 17 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Bernard Farms**

We hope to see you there!



There will be a 2026 concealed weapon Refresher Course for anyone licensed in 2024.

**DATES ARE PENDING AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.**

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Also, a course will be available for those needing to renew their license or acquire a FIRST-time license. Contact Jim Hileman

# Silent Auction

Help Make a Difference!

## Sunday November 15th

Please bring a Basket Full of Fun! ♥  
Baked goods are welcome!

Take Me Home! ♥




Include your basket's theme, content / type of baked goods and your name. ♥

Drop off your items as early as 8:00 a.m. Sunday to Fellowship Hall. ♥

Sheets with a suggested starting bid will be placed at each item. ♥

Auction will begin shortly after morning service. ♥

Proceeds will be used for NM Christian Children's Home Christmas party. ♥

♥ ➤ *Let's Bless the Children Together!* ➤ ♥

Contact a member of your Women's Council with questions.



### 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 – Contend**  
**Call to Worship**  
*The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built)*  
**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 4:11-16 – Andy Fenstermaker  
**Opening Prayer** – Doug McGregor  
**Praise Medley**  
*Hymn of Heaven*  
*It Was Finished Upon that Cross*  
**Intercessory Prayer**  
**Communion Song**  
*In Christ Alone*  
**Communion Time**  
**Special Music** – “How Beautiful” – Cheryl Forrest  
**Morning Message** – Jon Forrest  
**The Dedicated Church Member;**  
**Outwardly Focused Christians**  
*I Can and Will Make a Difference*  
 1 Corinthians 12 & Ephesians 4:11-16  
**Decision Time**  
*O Come to the Altar*  
**Parting Chorus** – Be Glorified



## MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 12:12 – Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

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## Prayer Requests

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

**Bernice Baker** – Improved, but still in some pain. More dr. appointments coming.

**Beverly B.** – Multiple lumps in pelvis. (Kimberly Wright)

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

**Kendra Beevers** – Health concerns.

**Christian Bernal** – Custody battle. (Carla Hammar)

**Charles Boatman** – Health concerns.

**Mike & Ella Boyles** – She has pneumonia & heart issues. (Dianna Boatman)

**Buster** – Recovering at home from injuries. (Yvonne Light's Grandson)

**Sean Conrad** – TDY Airforce. Pray for family.

**Kelly Cook** – Melanoma.

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

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

**Dorothy Dudley** – Fell & is sore. (Pam Wallace)

**Steve Fenstermaker** – Improved.

**Sharon Garcia** – Under hospice care. (Dianna Boatman)

**Ruby Gonzales** – Health issues. (Bonetta Hutson)

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

**Tony Hallack** – Kidney cancer. (Jon Forrest)

**Mike Hamilton** – Health concerns.

**Carla Hammar** – On going medical issues.

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

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

**Kathyrin Hussey** – Personal concerns.

**Samuel Hussey** – Football injury. (Bonetta Hutson)

**Josh Hutson** – Personal concerns.

**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. (Yvonne Light)

**Vida Linton** – Personal concerns. (Dear friend of Jessie Strauch)

**Susie Maestas** – Prayer for her family as she has passed away Thursday morning. (Bonetta Hutson)

**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)

**Joe & Ida Muñoz** – Joe is on hospice in San Antonio, TX.

**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 & living arrangement situation. (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** – Health concerns. Family care at home. (brother of Colleen Gutierrez)

**Tim Romero** – Tim had a major stroke & is paralyzed. Suffering with daily struggles. (Son of Ida & Joe Muñoz)

**Juan Saiz** – Passed away. Pray for family & friends. (Brother-in-law of Billy Funk)  
**Wilma Sartain** – Asks for healing prayers. (Bonetta Hutson)  
**Nancy Steele** – Health concerns.  
**Trey Steele** – Personal concerns. (Jessie Strauch)  
**Jessie Strauch** – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)  
**Ashley Trujillo** – Multiple seizures. Pray for family. (Bonetta Hutson)  
**Jim Tulett** – Now at Coronado Care Ctr. in Portales with 2 hairline fractures.  
**Rachel Wallace** – Recovering from surgery. (Bonetta Hutson)  
**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)  
**Kimberly Wright** – 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)  
**Fred Strauch** – Numerous health issues. Now home. In hospice care. (Jessie Strauch)  
**Everett Steel** – Home. (brother of Jessie Strauch and Bernice Baker)  
**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](mailto:fcc@plateautel.net)

**Food Pantry Needs**

FCC prepares food boxes for our community & church members.  
We need a variety of non-perishables items.  
Expiration dates of a year or more are requested

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

- \*Fruits - canned individual or family size
- \*Vegetables - canned potatoes, mashed potatoes
- \*Meats - canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, chili with beans or not
- \*Soups - all varieties
- \*Macaroni & cheese
- \*Pastas - all varieties
- \*Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes
- \*Rice/Beans - dry or canned
- \*Peanut butter, jam or jelly.
- \*Crackers - individual sleeves

Please remember all food needs to be in sealed packages.  
You can pick up a list of items needed from the entry table & resource table.  
Thanks for your generosity toward those in need.

Please see Jon or Dianna Thompson if you are in need of a food box. Thank you.



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

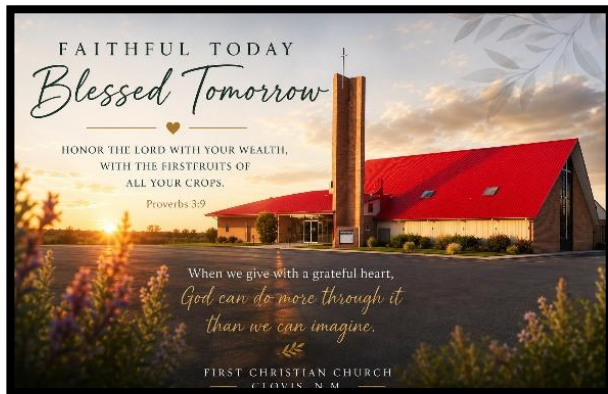
If you miss our morning Worship Services or want to see them again, they are all stored on the FCC YouTube Channel and on our website, [www.fccclovis.com](http://www.fccclovis.com) under the tab named Media and on your phone with the FCC app.

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.



## October

3 - Jaden Waltz  
3 - Ashleigh Tackitt  
5 - Mike Hamilton  
6 - Nettie Thompson  
8 - Kevin Wilkerson  
9 - Andrew Fenstermaker  
12 - Fred Strauch  
15 - Ida Muñoz  
17 - Jonnie Loadwick  
18 - Lali Ramirez  
23 - Shannon Reeves  
27 - Kendra Beevers  
31 - Yvonne Light



## October

7 - Gary & Bernice Baker  
15 - Michael & Cindy Shaughnessy

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

Adjusted Servant Ministry  
This Week:

Scripture Reading: Andy Fenstermaker  
Opening Prayer: Doug McGregor  
**Welcome Ministry:** Bill Wallace  
Communion Prep: Carla Hammar

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## Upcoming Events!

### October

Date: 10/5/26  
Time: 6:00PM  
Location: First Christian Church  
Description: Women's Council Meeting

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Date: **10/12/26**  
Time: 6:00PM  
Location: First Christian Church  
Description: Board Meeting

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Date: 10/17/26  
Time: 7:00  
Location: 849 NM-77, Clovis, NM 88101  
Description: Corn Maze & Haunted House

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Date: 10/31/26  
Time: 6PM – 8PM  
Location: First Christian Church  
Description: Trunk or Treat

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**Lead Pastor**

Jon Forrest

**Elders**

J.D. Hileman

Keith Risdon

**Trustees**

J.D. Hileman

Gary Baker

Joe Muñoz

**Church Secretary**

Hope Peña

**Nursery Attendant**

Sharon Douglas

Kimberly Wright

**Associate Pastor**

Joshua McVey

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Gus Acosta

Gary Baker

Jerry Elliott

Clark Elswick

Steve Fenstermaker

Andrew Forrest

Doug McGregor

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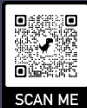
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infants through Age 3)

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

5:30 - 6:05 - meal

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