The Church Visitor

November 2026

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Schedule

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Staff

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Rusty Writes...



Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. But, in a world of soaring prices, the threat of global war, and a country that seems hopelessly divided, many people may wonder if there's really anything to be thankful for. Of course, I believe there is and it might help put things into perspective to re-read the story of Terry Fox I shared many years ago. Fox was a Canadian distance runner who started a run from one side of Canada to the other in an effort to raise money for cancer research. Each day, he ran the equivalent of a marathon, roughly 26 miles. This, in and of itself, was an amazing feat, but what made it even more amazing was that Fox ran every mile *on one leg*. Fox's own cancer forced doctors to amputate his right leg just above the knee in order to save his life so Fox ran with a prosthetic leg. As he ran across his country, reporters would often put and ask Terry how his run for cancer was going and, exhausted and losing valuable strength, Terry would say, "I don't know about tomorrow, but God gave me another day, and I'm thankful for each day I'm alive."

Sadly, Fox's cancer consumed his body and he did not live to complete his mission. But, while his remarkable story is inspiring for many people, it is also convicting for many of us. I mean, think about it… how many of us actually have the same thankful attitude and joy for life as a terminally ill amputee named Terry Fox? Unfortunately, many people might say, "No, life is really hard and seems to be getting harder every day, so I can't find any reason to be thankful." If you feel this way, perhaps you should remember the words of a well-known lesson called "I'm Thankful for…" This little gem shows up in mass e-mails and on Facebook every once in a while but, especially at this time of year, it serves as a stark reminder that, though we may being going through a difficult times, we still have so much for which we can be thankful. It reads in part:

I am thankful for...

...the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

...the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

...the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

...lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

...my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.

...the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

1 Thessalonians 5 reminds us to "Give thanks in *all* circumstances." Now, that doesn't mean "all circumstances" will be pleasant. It means that, in *everything*, we can often find a reason to be thankful. Keeping this in mind, I wish you all a happy and joyful Thanksgiving and may your messes be many, may your clothes be too snug, and may your alarms be noisy.

Peace and Presence,

Rusty

Trunk or Treat

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's trunk or treat the best one ever. We had well over 250 kids come out to join the fun and with the fire engine, the bounce house, face painting, candy and games, a good time was had by all. We can't wait until next year.











Thanksgiving Feast- November 22

Can you believe it? Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away!! Our Thanksgiving feast will be on Sunday, November 22, right after worship.

Once again, the turkey and ham will be provided, but we're asking the rest of the congregation to sign up to bring sides and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer over the next few Sundays so be thinking about what you can share as we celebrate.

Connection & Engagement

The purpose of resurrecting our newsletter is to connect and engage our church family, there is always information to share and opportunities to lend a hand and the newsletter is a great way to inform and invite visitors to join us. We will continuously seek ways to improve each newsletter and your suggestions on how to do so are appreciated. Our newsletter is bi monthly, the next issue will be released June 15th.

We are in the process of updating our directory. Please send any updated information to

coordinator@fcc-cc.org.

Terry Klinger & Angela Armstrong

First Christian Church

Corpus Christi, Texas

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

What We Believe:

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God
and Savior of the world.
Our mission is to share His love, grace, and hope with *everyone*.

Our Spirit:

We seek to grow together in faith and love, guided by this truth:
In Essentials — Unity
In Non-Essentials — Liberty
In All Things — Love

Join Us!

Experience uplifting worship, inspiring messages,
and a welcoming community.
Whether you're new to faith or searching for a church home —
there's a place for you here!

Welcome to Our Family

SUNDAY SERVCE
10:30AM

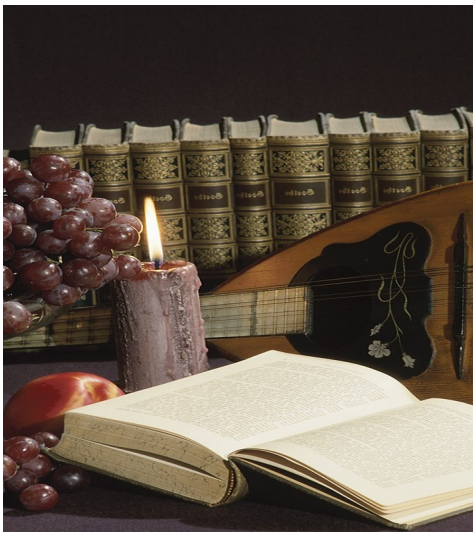
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Ministry Council

LOOKING TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP?

"At the Ministry Council (MC) meeting of Wednesday, August 19, I announced the formation of a Nominating Committee for the church year beginning January 1, 2027. The committee will be chaired by Immediate Past Chairwoman, **Molly Bates**. The committee's role is to present a slate of new officers and council members for both our "At Large" members and "Members by Position". (NOTE: for more details on the make-up of the MC, please see a more complete reporting of last Wednesday's council meeting by Vice-Chair, Michael Kirkham found elsewhere in this newsletter.) Molly's committee will be gathering names of candidates for the various positions during September and October, present the new slate to the November 18 (current) MC meeting for approval, and in December to you, the congregation, for your approval.

We will be filling positions for terms of 1 – 2 – and 3 years. If you are approached by a nominating committee member, please give their request prayerful consideration. According to our Constitution (Chartered in 1928, and Amended in 1996), *the Purpose of our church is to proclaim the Gospel, to provide Fellowship opportunities and to Serve the communities of which it is a part.* We have been truly blessed not only with God's minister/teacher/leaders in the pulpit and lecturn, but also with lay-leadership from the pews. To paraphrase a familiar quote, "It takes a village to raise and keep a church". Prayers for your encouragement and support in our efforts will be much appreciated; thank you.



Rick Ott,

Chair, Ministry Council

Ministry Council

IT'S "LEADERSHIP SEASON" AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH…

… the time when we identify and elect the members of the Class of 2027 Leaders for our Church. We are a congregationally governed body (the CHURCH BOARD), established to promote the work of the Church in the Spirit of Christ, and to advance His Kingdom, by proclaiming the Gospel, provide Fellowship opportunities, and to serve the communities of which we are a part. Our Church Board is also known as the MINISTRY COUNCIL. The Members-by-Election are selected from members of our congregation at the annual election (December, 2026) to fill expired terms or thereafter appointed by the Ministry Council to fill a vacancy. The Members-by-Election include the Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Functional Committee (Ministry) Chairmen, and At Large Executive Council Members.

We will be filling positions for terms of 1 – 2 – and 3 years. If you are approached by a Nominating Committee member (Chaired by Molly Bates), please give their request prayerful consideration. We have been truly blessed, not only by Rev. Rusty and Rev. Kelle, and a History of outstanding Clergy, but by decades of lay-leadership from the pews. If you receive a "call", I hope you will respond in the AFFIRMATIVE. Want to help? Pray for OUR success, and be a part of it. Thanks for listening.

Rick Ott

Chair, Ministry Council

Elders

My family has been attending First Christian Church for nearly 20 years now. During all these years, I heard about "Elders" but never knew what they did or their role in the church. I really thought they were older members that just took on a role of leadership in the church. In 2025, when I was asked to take on a role as an Elder, my first thought was --am I really that old? I had lots of questions for a very wise Rick Ott. I took a lot of time to reflect if I was ready for this role. As I received more information, I just put my faith in God that He knew my strengths and weaknesses and would put me where I was needed. At the first Elders meeting, I was gifted with resources, books and prayers to help me serve during services. I learned that I would help shepherd a few church members in their walk of faith and be a person from church to whom they could reach out in their time of need or if they just needed a person to talk to. I would be able to meet people who I may otherwise never know. Each Sunday that I am called to serve, I rely on God to share the prayers and meditations of my heart, as simple as they may sometimes be, because I am a simple person but always learning.

Krishna Morgenroth

Your Elders are here to assist in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to call upon them when necessary.

The Artisans of Corpus Christi

Anyone is welcome to join us at

6:00 pm on November 2

9:30 am on November 9

6:00 pm November 16

9:30 am November 23

6:00 pm November 30

In the room next to the parlor kitchen. Bring something from home to work on if you like as we chat about life.

Contact Debbie Brooker for more information at 361 8775085.



If you enjoy having refreshments on Sunday morning, then please consider signing up to provide a sweet for the table



The sign up sheet is on the same table as the coffee. Thank you!

Join us for fellowship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Atrium.

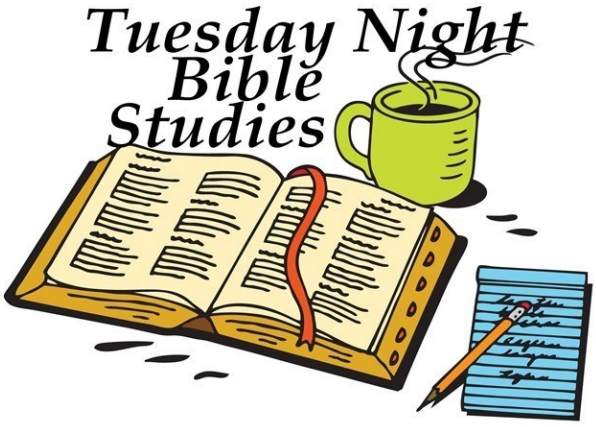
Heart & Soul Resale Shop

Next Serving Date:

November 14th

If you have any questions contact Mike Kirkham,

Heart & Soul Coordinator



6:30 pm in the Parlor

Join us via Zoom

Call the church office for the link!

Refreshments are served during

Bible study.

NOVEMBER

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CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Stewardship Season

Prayerfully consider your annual pledge

Time
Share your hours in service and fellowship

Talent
Offer your gifts and skills to our ministries

Treasure
Give faithfully in support of our mission

It's not too early to begin planning this important pledge.

Welcome New Staff Member

We welcome Angela Armstrong as our new Coordinator.

If you stop by the church offices, be sure and say hello and introduce yourself.



Welcome New Family Members

Steve & Terry Prizer

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