

# First Christian Church

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## April Newsletter

Over a hundred years of serving Christ in the Hill Country.

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## Connected and plugged into Hope

**Life is extremely challenging. We face discouragements as we deal with family issues, conflict, and try to figure out faith in the midst of it all.**



That is why FCC has created a six-week experience designed to give you hope and the confidence to believe, "I con-du-it." These experiences are designed to connect you to others who are experiencing similar life challenges and foster hope in the midst of whatever you are working through. Our goal is to see everyone affiliated with FCC participate in this hope encounter. Connection groups are forming at various locations and times throughout the week from May 8 through June 12. Pick up a copy of "Hope, One Way," and start reading it today!

### Connect to a Hope Group

Today in the foyer you will find the book, "Hope, One Way" and have the opportunity to plug into or form a hope group. If you have further questions you can write Hope on the tear-off at the bottom of the bulletin with your contact information or text HOPE to 4887486.

### To our Family at FCCK—

Jay & Chad  
Kim & Rita  
Darla & Crew

To everyone that prayed with us and for us...

Your love, support and many kindnesses during Mom's illness, death and service overwhelmed us in the best of ways. You are our rock and our safe place as we seek God's love and grace. Thank you for being there.

Love,  
*Charles & Jodette Weikel*

### Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you and your church family for the incredible gift. Each day our teachers and staff give so much to our children. It seems the need is greater than ever before and sometimes it almost feels overwhelming. We are given strength in knowing we are not alone in our effort to help our youth. From your church we feel the power of prayer and generosity of giving. We are all thankful to have First Christian Church as our neighbor, friends, and family.

Thank you for all of the assistance

you continue to provide. We will use the funds to enrich the lives of our children.

Again, thank you so much for sharing the love of God with us.

Sincerely,  
*Buck Thompson*

Principal, Fred H. Tally Elementary School

*(Editor's Note—this is a thank you from Tally Elementary School for funds (\$3000) that our church family sent the school for its 2011 Wish List )*

# How healthy is our church?

**JOE MCKAY**  
Treasurer

I have been a member of the Christian Church for over 60 years and have served on several boards in varying capacities, the last two and a half years as your treasurer, which has been both rewarding and trying. Trying? Yes, trying. Why? Because I have the stewardship responsibility for the fiscal well being (health) of the church.

One of the most difficult tasks of the treasurer's job is talking about money, especially in the bad economic times that our church, our members, the city, state and nation are facing. Many are without work and most of us have had to make adjustments to our budgets. For those reasons, I'm not going to talk

about money, but just state a couple of facts. (NIV)

The congregation approved a budget for the 2011 fiscal year for \$352,031 which requires receipts of \$6770 for each of the 52 weeks in 2011. Our actual amount for the first two months of the year has averaged \$5445, which equates to a short fall of \$16,316 for the first two months of this budget year.

In closing, I leave you with the words from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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**AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
189**

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## First Fruits Ministry-CAM

**RITA GEOFFRION** Donations of food, clothing, and personal items to The Kerr County Area Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) are used to provide temporary help to those in need. The "CAM Wish List" for this month includes:

- Clothing for adults and children
- All larger size clothing.
- Baby diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6.
- Blankets and towels
- Toiletries, and
- Non-perishable foods, especially Spam, Stew, Tuna, & other canned meats

Please keep these items in mind when prayerfully considering your First Fruits gift!

Place your donations in the wooden box in the front hall of the church. Remember, "First Sunday - First Fruits."

### China Missions in your home

Open your home and hearts to 2-6 students from China for two weeks. Adopt them as one of your own. Greet them at SAT airport.

What you will do as a host family:

- In a very natural way, share what it means to be an American and a follower of Jesus Christ;
- Take them to church and to youth group activities;
- Provide a place to sleep (bed, hide-a-bed, roll-away, couch, futon, etc.);
- Provide breakfast and dinner on weekdays;
- Provide all meals on the weekend; except planned outings.
- Arrange for them on Monday through Saturday to arrive at Comfort HS between 8:00am and 8:30am and be picked up between 5:30pm and 6:00pm – OR – sign up for the bus route.

Dates: July19-Aug2, 2011

Ages: Students → 12 yrs. – 17 yrs.  
Adults → 20 yrs. – 50 yrs.

True Cultural Exchange  
(Reciprocal Hospitality)

- If you host a student or an adult, you are eligible to be hosted in China.
- For only the cost of your plane fare, you (plus spouse and children) can spend up to two weeks in China.
- The participant you host will host you. They will pick you up from the airport, provide your meals and lodging, and show you some of the major sites in China.



Call Verne or Marcia Wortman at 210-322-3511 with your interest or pick up a registration brochure from an usher or the church office.

### OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Actual income through February 28, 2011	\$43,558.89
Actual expenses through February 28, 2011	<u>\$59,875.20</u>
NET	(\$16,316.31)

# Chicktime



“We come together where the need is greatest... to places that care for abandoned, neglected, and almost forgotten children. These children are the next generation, we hope to ignite in them the courage to find their passion and make their life count.”

—Chick Time website



The ladies from Chicktime and two leaders from Hill Country Youth Ranch (HCYR) spoke to the Women’s Link group on Sunday, March 27 about helping a Chicktime chapter serve the HCYR. Chicktime groups spend time with underprivileged, abused and abandoned children and show them that someone out there cares for them. For more information or to get involved with Chicktime, see Jeanette Ricks or go to <http://www.chicktime.org/home.html>.



## Bazaar Workdays

We are getting with it for the BAZAAR at Friday’s craft workdays! We are still helping to save the planet by repurposing items. Items needed include men’s blazers and suit jackets, paper towel tubes, wine corks, pint and jelly jars, mattress pads, buttons, ribbon and fabrics and any and ALL eager, helping hands! Remember you’re welcome to join us at ANY time on Friday! We work from around 9 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided at noon for only \$3.00. That’s the best deal in town! Please come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and creativity!

## “First Ladies” Luncheon

A single women’s group will meet every Sunday after second service. If you’re looking to have good food, fun and fellowship, come join us every Sunday in April at Cracker Barrel.

We’ll see you there between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. We’ll meet at a different restaurant each month. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Women’s Ministries

Lord, we come to you through Jesus’ name, and we pray that if your servants are wanting to serve you, they will call us.

### Women’s Ministries Coordinator

**Jeanette Ricks**  
830-895-2738

*Romans 12:11*  
*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

### Women’s Ministries Chaplain

**Amy Dozier**  
830-895-0950

*1 Peter 4:10*  
*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.*

### Women’s Ministries Treasurer

**Jeanne Green**  
830-896-0991

*Matthew 25:40*  
*The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’*

### Women’s Birthday Luncheon

The next birthday luncheon will be held Friday, March 25 at noon at a location yet to be determined for those ladies whose birthdays fall in February and March. Bring a funny card and a white elephant give and enjoy the food and fellowship!

### Thursday Bible Study

The group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, and now there is a men’s prayer group meeting at the same time! The Bible Study Conference

fee begins at 9 a.m. and the Bible Study is from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

We are studying “Esther: It’s Tough being a Woman” by Beth Moore will begin. It is an in-depth and personal study about Esther’s story of trial and deliverance.

All are encouraged to come. For more information, contact Rudy Shepherd at 896-5482.

### Flower Ministry

Dianne Rees 367-7914 or Rudy Shepherd 830-896-5482

*Luke 12:27* “Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these”.

and Jodette Weikel (895-3405) take flowers to Plaza on the River.

Volunteers, who usually go in pairs, will distribute the flowers during their visits. A chat, a smile, some caring and a prayer can go a long way to making our brothers and sisters in Christ feel His love and the love of their church.

On Mondays from 9:30-noon, the flowers that are used at Sunday services are made into individual bouquets which are then distributed to church members who are not able to be with us for the above reasons.

On Tuesdays, Chuck

and Jodette Weikel (895-3405) take flowers to Plaza on the River.

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### Did you know?

Disciples Women’s Voice is a newsletter that is full of useful and interesting information concerning women’s ministries. It can be found at [www.discipleswomen.org](http://www.discipleswomen.org).

## April Anniversaries

April 5  
Frank & Jean Harding  
April 8  
Louis & Joy Schwartz  
April 24  
Mike & Judy Bolton  
April 28  
Russell & Bennie Long  
April 30  
Walter & Linda Jeffers



## April Birthdays



April 2 Zane Wheat	April 19 John Chamberlin	April 25 Janet Menn
April 3 Bill Nelms	Darla Morey	April 27 David Gaither
April 6 Amalia Sanchez	April 21 Howard Green	April 28 Mitchell McElhaney
April 9 Karen Rector	Kate Stone	
April 13 Clovis Epps	April 23 Ethan Ruetz	
April 14 Drew McKinney	Jean Harding	
April 15 Stanley Linney	April 24 Sue Clark Abe Dozier	

Thanks to Kay Steffey for sending out the wonderful birthday and anniversary cards!

## April Monthly Events

**First Fruits Ministry**  
Remember, "First Sunday, First Fruits!"

**Angel Food Distribution**

The last day for orders is Sunday, April 10. Distribution is Saturday, April 23, from 9-11 a.m. Please don't be late and remember to bring your receipt! Remember, volunteers are always needed the day before distribution and that morning to help set up!

**Easter Cantata**  
Sunday, April 17 during the 11 a.m. service.

**Maunday Thursday Communion Service**  
Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Easter Sunrise Communion Service**  
Easter Sunday, April 24 at 7 am.

**Church Office Closed**  
Monday, April 25

Please welcome these New Members that have joined us in fellowship:

Joined 2/20/11:  
Claire Nelms  
125 Homestead  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 895-4512

Joined 2/27/11:  
Elijah Flores  
906 Junction Highway #B  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 792-4449 ext. B

## Weekly Church Events in April

**Monday:**  
**Women's Prayer Group**  
8 a.m. every Monday in the Cry Room.

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Boy Scout Troop 1**  
Monday at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:**  
**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
Held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the church at 6:30 p.m. Led by Wiley Rains, they are currently

studying "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado.

**Wednesday:**  
**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Fellowship Meal**  
5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please sign up in the lobby for a head count.

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
6 p.m. in the choir room.

**CYF**  
6 p.m. in the Youth Sunday School room.

**Spanish Language Worship**  
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Choir Practice**  
7 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Thursday**  
**Men's Prayer Group**  
First and third Thursdays of the month. Arrive at 9 a.m. for coffee.

**Ladies' Bible Study**  
First and third Thursdays of the month. Arrive at 9 a.m. for coffee.

**CiCi's Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. at CiCi's Pizza. Everyone is welcome to come!

**Praise Team Practice**  
7 p.m. in the sanctuary

**Friday**  
**Angel Food Setup-**

9 a.m. on the Friday before Angel Food Distribution

**Crafting Workday**  
Fridays from 9:30-3:30. Lunch is provided at a cost of \$3.

**Journey To Freedom**  
Noon in the Builders Classroom

**Classic Movie Night**  
Fridays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Prayer Chain**  
Dianne Rees at 367-7914.

**Church Communication Prayer Chain**  
Rosemary Faris at rfaris1@stx.rr.com

**FOURTH QUARTER  
2011 OUTREACH**

Church Finance Council	
Christmas	411.00
Week of Compassion	265.00
Bluebonnet Area of the Christian Church	
Bluebonnet Area	2364.96
Disciples Conference Center	770.01
New Church Development	770.01
Disciples Mission Fund	770.01
Inman Christian Center	828.00
Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries	500.01
New Hope Counseling Center	300.00
CAM	300.00
Partners in Ministry	300.00
Christian Women's Job Corp.	300.00
Salvation Army	300.00
Angel Food Ministry	5264.00
Scholarship Fund	794.00
Pastor's Emergency Assistance Fund	7595.38
<b>TOTAL GIVING — 1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,829.38</b>

**FIRST QUARTER 2011 MEMORIALS**

**In Honor Of**

Travis Smith	Donald Johnson
John Byrd	Darlene Weikel
Betty Bumgarner	Wayne Hayes
Dale Bishop	Lucille Johnston
Lou Brach	

**Fourth Quarter Memorials  
Given Total:  
\$935.00**

**1st & 3rd Thursday  
Ladies' Bible Study**

We now are studying "Meeting the Spirit" by Douglas Connelly, a Life-guide Bible Study. It has 10 sessions and we are studying Session 2 on April 7. All are welcome to join us at 9 a.m. for coffee, and study from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*Rudy Shepherd*

**Technology  
Update**

First, our photo albums have now been completely refreshed with 125 new individual/family photos.

Second, our website ([www.trustandgo.com](http://www.trustandgo.com)) continues to attract more than 50 percent new viewers with up to 100 page views per day. This means that our message is getting out to members of our community who are looking for a rewarding church experience. The new photo albums, recorded sermons and daily devotional videos were the most viewed last month. Please check us out and help publicize your church events.

Last, the monthly newsletters are now available for access when you're out of town. They are now archived under the Resources tab for everyone to view. Remember that you can access all of these plus the current, on-line calendar and prayer requests with just a click of your mouse!

**Classic Movie Night**

Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. a movie night is held in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend and the movie and refreshments will be provided.

Join us as we enjoy a classic movie from the golden years of film!

Call Amanda Jones at (325) 212-5976 for more information. Childcare can be provided if needed, but please call by the preceding Monday so it can be arranged.

**April 1-** *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*, starring Gary Cooper & Jean Arthur.

**April 8-** *True Grit*, starring John Wayne.

**April 15-** *Ocean's 11*, starring Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin

**April 22-** *Flight of the Phoenix*, starring James Stewart.

**April 29-** *The Parent Trap*, starring Hayley Mills & Maureen O'Hara.