



Lifting Praise

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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

Consumed By Fire - Higher Places



WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD MONEY?

Upward Look by Jon Forrest

Our attitudes and habits concerning money begin their development in the early years of our lives, often through observing our parents and other adults.

One day a young boy was with his mother at the grocery store and as they were checking out, the cashier handed the boy a candy bar. The little boy's mother said what parents often say: "What do you say to the cashier, son?" The little boy replied, "Charge it!" (Likely, his mom was looking for "thank you")



On another occasion a young girl was with her mother at the ATM and her mother was letting her push the right buttons. When the money was dispensed into the tray, the little girl squealed excitedly, "Look, Mommy, we won!" (We might wish it worked that way!)

The Wall Street Journal published an article with an anonymous quote that defined money as "an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness." The writer might have added that money is also a provoker of covetousness and competition, and it is a wonderful servant but a terrible master.

What the Bible said so long ago is still true: ***The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.*** (1 Timothy 6:10).

Clement of Alexandria, a Christian theologian born in the 2nd century, said: "Wealth is like a viper, which is harmless if a person knows how to take hold of it; but if they do not, it will entwine round his hand and bite him."

Billy Graham said: "If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of his life."

We have been wandering as a church family through a series of messages titled, **A 40 Day Journey to a More Generous Life** with the help of the daily devotions available through our 40 Days App (downloaded free from App Store on your phone using the words **givewithjoy**). We are learning biblical concepts about generosity. The devotions can be read or listened to through audio. The sermons have been explaining ways generous giving may strengthen our financial and spiritual lives.

You know, Jesus talked about money more than any other subject because he saw how our attitude toward material possessions indicate the place God holds in our lives. My father used to say, "If you want to know what a person's priorities are, just take a look at the check register in his checkbook."

Your attitude toward God will guide your use of earthly resources, including money. This Sunday we will continue our series of messages with **Generous Giving... (Part 3) ...Allows You to Bring Order to Your Finances** based on Proverbs 23:4-5; Deuteronomy 14:22-23; Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10-11. Keep praying for God to guide you and direct your stewardship of the material blessing God has provided.

Striving for generous living,
Jon



Wednesday Night Bible Study – Tonight, February 18, 2026

Tonight our adult study will continue the series **World Changing Faith – Lesson 4** based on 1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 3:10. The theme, or principle discussed is: **Follow-up Communication: Spiritual leaders should develop a plan to be in contact with new converts to make sure they are growing spiritually.**

We will look at the necessity of following up on the teaching and training of new Christ Followers as a valuable part of The Great Commission. Come and share in this wonderful edification of believers.

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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 4 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: 2/18 – Hot dogs & chili dogs

2/25 – Nacho Wednesday



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.



FCC Special Easter Choir

Under the direction of Bonetta Hutson, the First Christian Church family will put together a special choir to present the Easter Cantata, **ARISE MY SOUL, HE IS RISEN** on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. **Rehearsals will be at 7:30 in the FCC Worship Center following the Wednesday Night Special studies.**

We are seeking singers, readers and instrumentalists to take part in this exciting musical celebration and ministry. Please come tonight and join in this wonderful production.

→UPDATED LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED←

Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction – February 22

Church family,



Following worship on Sunday, February 22, our youth will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction, and we would love your help in making this event a success.

The dinner and auction support our youth ministry, helping our students grow, serve, and participate in upcoming activities and events. Your generosity truly makes a difference in their lives.

If you are able to donate items for the meal, we are currently in need of: 8 lbs. of salad

Pies for the Auction

Donations may be brought to the church prior to February 22. If you have

questions or would like to help in another way, please feel free to reach out.

If you can donate a pie, cake, or dessert for the auction please contact| text Josh McVey at 575-693-0491

Thank you for continuing to love and support our youth. We look forward to sharing a meal and a great afternoon together!

Joshua David McVey, MA



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting – March 8

Church family,

We're excited to begin planning for **Vacation Bible School**, and we invite anyone interested to join us for a **VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, March 8, immediately following worship**. A **pizza lunch will be provided**.

This year's curriculum is ***Illumination: Shining Light on Who Jesus Really Is***, and we're looking forward to creating a meaningful, fun, and faith-filled experience for our children.

We are seeking volunteers in several areas:

- **Small Group Leaders**
- **Game Hosts**
- **Crafts Team**
- **Registration**
- **Follow-Up & Family Connection**

Whether you can help lead, assist behind the scenes, or simply want to learn more, we would love to have you join us. Many hands make light work—and a big impact.

If you have questions or want to get involved, please plan to attend on **March 8** or reach out to us ahead of time.

We look forward to serving together!

Joshua David McVey, MA



LIFEWISE ACADEMY is seeking table hosts for their annual banquet. Hosts are encouraged to invite guests for the banquet and welcome them to sit at a table provided

for them. Some guests will be seeking table hosts so some may join the host's table without being invited by them. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please speak with Jon Forrest. FCC could use one or two table hosts to represent us. Jon will be out of town during this year's banquet.

Good morning supporters of LifeWise Clovis, NM!

Please see the attached official invite to our 2026 Evening of Impact banquet. We would love to see all of you there! There is no cost to attend, but this is a fundraiser so make sure to



We look forward to your attendance at the
2026 EVENING OF IMPACT

March 10, 2026

Doors Open - 6:30 PM
Dinner & Presentation - 7 PM



The Bistro at Legacy Church

3401 N Norris St
Clovis, NM 88101
East Facing Entrance

Lifewise Academy provides Bible Education to public school students during school hours. Learn more at lifewise.org/program

RSVP to your table host by February 24th

bring your checkbooks. **If you will be attending please RVSP as soon as possible** so we can get an accurate head count for our caterer. God bless you all and thank you for your support of this ministry!

Bryan Davis

Program Director

575-693-4187

lifewise.org/clovisnm

PO Box 35

Clovis, NM 88102



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

Generous Giving... (Part 3)

...Allows You to Bring Order to Your Finances

Proverbs 23:4-5; Deuteronomy 14:22-23; Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10-11

Jon Forrest

February 22, 2026

Welcome

Video – The Power of Giving

Call to Worship

God is Good (All the Time)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 – Jaydin Fenstermaker

Opening Prayer – John Butts

Praise Medley

Celebrate Jesus

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Intercessory Prayer Time

Communion Song

The Wonderful Cross

Tithing Testimony – Keith Risdon

Special Music

Morning Message – Jon Forrest

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Decision Time

I Surrender All

Closing Prayer

Parting Chorus

Victory in Jesus



MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;



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)

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

Kendra Beevers – Health concerns.

Ann Ruth Black – In hospice care. (friends of the Wallace's)

Melanie Black – Taking care of mother. (friend of Wallace's)

Charles Boatman – Hospitalized again at RGH in Portales last weekend.

James Bruffett – Passed away. Please pray for family & friends. (Kristine Bruffett)

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

Mary Yoder Cruz – Tragic death of her son.

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

Beverly Duncan – Hospitalized in Hobbs.

Weldon Embry – In a recovery center. (John Butts)

Steve Fenstermaker – Major abdominal surgery 12/17. Recovering at home. Beginning 6 months of chemo at the end of March.

Rick Fountain – Recovering from heart valve replacement & bypass surgery at home. (Lori Turner)

Coleen Gutierrez & Dan Peck – Personal concerns.

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

Josh Hutson – Personal concerns.

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.

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

JoAnn Love - Very sick, hospitalized in Albuquerque. (Sharon Douglas)

Jon McCormick – Recovering from multiple skin cancer surgeries. (Brenda Knoll)

Lori McGregor – Lupus. (Doug McGregor's daughter-in-law)

Tim Meeks – Has given up all treatments & on hospice. (Bobby Light)

Annabelle Mendez – Cancer. (Bobby Light)

Weston Miller – Having seizures. (Lori Turner)

Ignacio & Blanca Muñoz – Health concerns. (Brother of Joe Muñoz)

Melissa Muñoz – Struggling with cancer (Joe & Ida Munoz's daughter-in-law)

Debbie Murray – Throat cancer. Lost voice box and larynx & now having gall bladder removed. (Bill & Pam Wallace)

Marsha Neill – Leaking fluid from brain through nasal cavity. (Colleen Gutierrez)

Chris Pacheco – Serious cancer. Getting bad. (Margaret McCormick's Nephew)

Ashley Pool – Cancer. (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)

Wilma Sartain – Health concerns

Jody Stanbury – Lupus. (Joy Melton's daughter)

Nancy Steele – Health concerns.

Jessie Strauch – Health concerns. (Jon Forrest)

Dianna Thompson – Automobile accident and has broken wrist. X-rays & treatment still to come.

Ashley Trujillo – Multiple seizures, at covenant in Lubbock. Pray for family. (Bonetta Hutson)

Tim Underwood – Cancer.

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.

Sandra Ward – Recovering from 2nd cataract surgery.

Michael Williams – Waiting for lungs. Staying in Dallas. (Dan Peck)

Janet Winter - Physical issues. (Jon Forrest)

Unspoken request

Persecuted Christians around the world.

Pray for Israel.

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 Beehive retirement home in Portales. (Jon Forrest)

Treva Kline – At Retirement Ranch rm. 305 doing rehab. (Jessie Strauch & Bernice Baker Sister)

Linda Newell – Resident at the Retirement Ranch. (Pat Newell's widow)

Maria Sandoval – Health Concerns room 210 at St. Anthony's

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

► Food Pantry Wish List ◀

**Help Fill Our
Food Pantry**

Our church gave 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

FCC Food Pantry is open to our church members.

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.



February

2 - Donna Whitfield
3 - Jeff Wright
4 - Bill Wallace
7 - David Corbin
16 - Jaxon Forrest
19 - Carissa Loadwick
22 - Rick Lewis
23 - Billy Funk
24 - Jared Reeves



February

7 - Dudley & Barbara Hardin
18 - Bobby & Yvonne 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

February 2026

Adjusted Servant Ministry
This Week:
Scripture Reading: Jaydin Fenstermaker
Opening Prayer: John Butts
Welcome Ministry: Bill Wallace
Communion Prep: Dejon Porter

Upcoming Events

Date: 2/22/26
Time: After morning service
Location: First Christian Church
Description: Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti dinner & Pie Auction

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



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Office hours are Monday-Thursday.

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

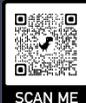
Friday – 9:00AM – 12:00PM

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Sunday Morning

9:30AM - Sunday School for all ages

10:30Am - Teknon

Morning Worship: 10:30am

(Staffed Nursery available for infants through Age 3)

On Site and online @ Facebook Live,

You Tube, FCCCLOVIS app

Sunday Evening

Sunday Night ALIVE

6:30PM - All ages

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

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