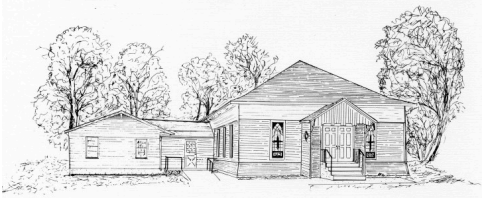




FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

February 2025

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



UPCOMING events

- February 2
Board Meeting 9:30
- February 8
Community Lifeline Distribution
9:45 at Calvary Chapel
- February 9
Valentine's Day Luncheon
- February 10
Women's Bible Study 9:30 and
Lunch 11:00
- February 16 and 23
Week of Compassion
Disciples Mission Fund Offering

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Dear Church Family,

As we step into February, we begin a new sermon series titled "Established", focusing on what it means to build and nurture a lasting relationship with God. Just like any meaningful relationship, our connection with the Lord requires intentional effort—learning to listen, commune with, walk alongside, speak with, and follow His will.

God has given us the incredible gift of eternal life, but He also desires for us to walk closely with Him each day. This journey of faith is not passive; it is an active pursuit of knowing Him more deeply. Throughout this series, we will explore the disciplines and practices that help us establish a firm foundation in Christ. Let us commit to drawing near to God so that our relationship with Him is not only sustained but continually strengthened.

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." – James 4:8

Opportunities to Serve & Celebrate

- ♦ Community Lifeline Center Food Distribution – February 8th

We are seeking volunteers to serve at the Community Lifeline Center Food Distribution on Saturday, February 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering support and nourishment to those in need.

- ♥ Valentine's Day Luncheon – February 9th

Join us for a special time of fellowship, food, and fun at our annual Valentine's Luncheon on Sunday, February 9th. We welcome everyone to enjoy this time together. More details will be shared during Sunday services, but be sure to mark your calendar!

As we grow in our faith and walk with God, let's encourage one another to stay rooted in His Word and love. Whether through worship, service, or fellowship, we pray that this season will deepen our connection to the One who has called us His own.

May we be established in Him—strong in faith, steadfast in love, and committed to following His will in all that we do.

In Christ's Love,
Dr. Damon "Doc" Gardner Sr.
Pastor, First Christian Church of Weston

MEN'S TOOLBOX DEVOTIONAL

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

—Luke 22:31-32

God's man faces responsibility and duty head on. He tackles life's problems instead of running away from them.



We see this principle played out on the Great Plains, in the contrast between the cow and the American bison—North America's largest land animal. Anyone who has spent any time around cattle knows that when a storm hits, they scatter in panic. Bison, on the other hand, will come together as a herd, the females and calves in the middle, the bulls on the outside. But here's the interesting part: the herd will run into the storm. Across the millennia that these great beasts have roamed the Plains, they've learned that the best way to survive a storm is to face it head on as one herd.

When the stress of life starts to drown out joy, or when a crisis hits, do you respond like a cow, or like a buffalo? Facing the storms of life doesn't mean we have to like it. When Jesus was in the Garden and at one of His lowest moments, He said, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done"* (Luke 22:42). Jesus being all man and all God, knew the horror of Roman crucifixion. But instead of running from His destiny, He prayed into the storm. Luke 22:44 says, *"Being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."* Hematohidrosis—sweating blood—is a real but rare condition when a person is under extreme stress.

Jesus' battle with Satan was won in the Garden, not on the Cross. He faced the demons and overcame. We can too. But don't do it alone. Be like the bison: find your herd and run into the storm. Together.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join Us February 10
at 9:30 for our
Women's Bible Study

We will be beginning our study of the Parables on February 10. We will be using the book *Parables* by John MacArthur. Please let Brenda or Karen know if you did not receive a Book. There is an accompanying workbook as well if anyone is interested in using this resource for deeper bible study. We hope to see everyone on **Monday, February 10!**



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Title	Primary Scripture
2/2/2025	Knowing God	John 17:1-3
2/9/2025	Hearing from God	John 10:10-29
2/16/2025	Talking with God	Matthew 6:9
2/23/2025	Serving God	John 13: 1-4



FINANCIAL REPORT - December

Income

Sunday Offerings:	\$5,971.00
Building Fund Offering:	2,610.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	600.00
Special Offering:	50.00
Building Use:	.00
Miscellaneous:	9.33

Total Income: \$9,240.33

Total Expenses: \$8,057.49

Expenses

Salaries:	\$6,606.00
Utilities:	185.01
Supplies & Food:	221.30
Insurance:	.00
Taxes:	.00
Maintenance:	530.00
Council Outreach	93.00
Local Outreach	100.00
Miscellaneous:	322.18



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort: Heather Carter, Jeannie Greenwald, Sandra Zimmerebner, Laura Latham, Janet Rippey, Amy Davey, Blaise Ramer, Tessa Kautz, Vera Gardner, Ann Fleet, Jeff Herzberg, Tralyn Molinar, Paul Zimmerebner, Scooter Cave, Mary Smith, Holly Ferguson, Heather Carter and families.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

First Christian Church will provide volunteers for the CLC Food Distribution on February 8. Please arrive at 9:45. This is a great outreach opportunity to serve our Weston neighbors.



COMMUNITY LIFELINE CENTER

FREE Food Distribution in Weston Texas

**2nd Saturday of the month
10:00am to 12:00pm**

LOCATION:

**Calvary Chapel Honey Creek Church
115 West St in Weston TX**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER DATES

February 8, 2025

June 14, 2025

October 11, 2025

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 Adult Bible Class: 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School: during
 Service

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 achievements, births, awards, or anything
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- 02/15 Karen Chilton
- 02/18 Juliet Dimock
- 02/21 Daniel Tisserand



None



Join us Sunday, February 9

After Morning Services

**Valentine's Day
 Luncheon**



**MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM FOR
FEBRUARY - Macaroni and Cheese**

This month we will collect macaroni and cheese for our Food Pantry item. Items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall. Collected items are being donated to Grace Bridge in Celina.