



# FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

March 2026

*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.*

## UPCOMING events

- March 1  
Board Meeting 9:30
  
- March 9  
Women's Bible Study and  
Lunch 9:30/11:00
  
- March 29  
Palm Sunday  
Luncheon and Egg Hunt
  
- April 5 Easter

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## Minister's Message

Recently, just last August, my wife of nearly 55 years now and I sold our favorite house near Weston, TX. We moved 35 miles north in a move to secure and simplify our senior years. We were surprised at the emotional roller coaster this experience was and were shocked at what came a little over a month after moving when we were asked to consider becoming pastors at FCC Weston, a church just over a mile from the house we sold. Here's a timeline from my journal at the time and a bit of the story of our move.



"I Sold Because I am Old!"

7/01/2025 I sold some of my lifelong dreams today. Yesterday, I sold my Hay Budden 153# anvil along with a miner's forge and a farrier's forge that I loved. These, along with my Wilton C2 bullet vice, welding table and stake vice, many blacksmith tongs, hammers and hardy's. Welding tanks and gauges, welder and accessories with grinders and other stuff for my dream blacksmith shop soon will all be... gone! Today, after selling bass amp, acoustic amp, back up Stratocaster already, I am now selling two coveted Leslie speakers, one that I built years ago along with the Roland VK8 that has the sweetest B3 sound both clean and distorted. The sound system, mixing boards, power amps and speakers, 8 Shure 58 mics and 6 Shure 57's are gone already. I will be putting up for consignment my Martin D-41 which is too nice to take out of the house but, I don't need 3 acoustic guitars anymore.

7/08/2025 My one and only life long partner is with me and what a trooper, and ultimate blessing she is in every way in my life!!! She is much tougher than I and yet she is facing these same facts of life. We are together in all this. Letting go of a 600 square foot sewing center for a 12x12 guest bedroom where we are going is a tough squeeze. "Nana, why don't you sell some of these stacks and stacks of quilts instead of giving dozens and dozens of them away?" "They don't want to pay even what the material costs to make them is, much less the hours in each of them. Here you go kids, take what you want and they are now yours, do with them whatever you want!"

7/22/2025 Soon we will move and I gave away my biblical library of reference books that decorated my office for years. Three large truck loads of theological reference books and periodicals accumulated by a couple that never did make that much money and given away to aspiring seekers and decorators as a tribute to what we know so little about... there is so much more! My 52 chev 3100 rat rod went a few years back, along with the Sloan 20ft car hauler. The Harley and the Indian are gone years ago because things like balance and reaction time are not what they used to be.

8/7/2025 After I am done loading up stuff and mowing the pasture one last time I will sell my JohnDeere tractor and all the attachments, take the cow and her calf to the sale barn, give away the mini horse that is a friend like a good old dog (as long as you are the one

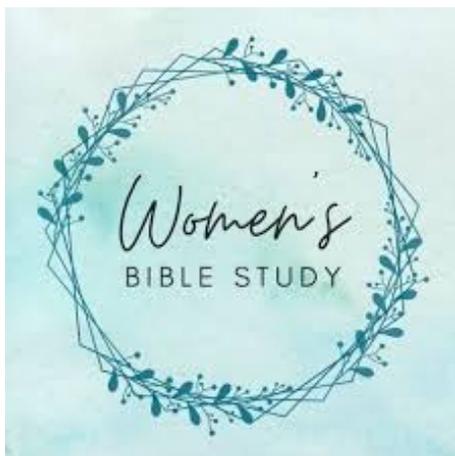
feeding), and sell our 5 acre dream house, pasture, shop, garage, and barn. We put our blood, sweat and tears into making this place a home that our kids and grandkids love coming to nearly every Sunday for lunches, talks and loads of fun. I know they will always remember us in this place! And, I do love them all... always!

I will cry when we finally leave this place to downsize and retire to something much smaller and manageable, but this will always be home in this physical life. We tried to make a place for family and for strangers to experience one love. We tried to carve out a little piece of heaven here on earth for our own and for others to enjoy. Like the sad but eventual death of our parents, everyone faces this funeral of dreams. Everybody says goodbye to their stuff. Granted, these fantasies that live in our head and heart are but part of the death of the earthly, cultural and personal treasures that are part of the external image that often goes long before we pass. But these things were worth loving while we were here, and willfully letting them go is part of the preparation for what is to come. The good things to come! What really matters and remains are: The people helped and encouraged, the lessons learned, and the prayers invested; the Truth sought after, the things given away, and the time invested in great relationships; the wisdom gained and shared to a listening ear, the love experienced, and the blessings recalled; the betrayals forgotten, all battles over, and all enemies forgiven and now made friends; the loved ones remembered regularly, projects winding down, still finding time to help others, peace settling in, sunsets enjoyed, nostalgia, reminiscing, reflecting, and focusing on the journey inward and the age, make that the ages, to come. There are eternal things and forever-people in this earthly journey that are so worth loving and more satisfying to love, and some of them... even love you back! Paul said: "The things that were gained to me... these I have counted loss... for Christ." As stated, He, Jesus, is not the only reason we got rid of our "things" and yet He is with us and in the whole process. I wish I could say like Paul that it was all "... for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord, that I have suffered the loss of all things,..." but, that could well be the outcome of all of our whole journey and time here on earth.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Coming up this month, we will be looking at Chapter 4 *This Old (Family) Man, Covenant with Abram*. This is the next step in our journey of discovering how the events we read about in the Bible are *Woven* together to tell God's story and His love for us. Make plans to join us!

*March 9, 2026 at 9:30 with lunch to follow.*



**BABY SHOWER FOR DANIELLE AND COLTEN RAPER**

On Saturday, February 7, a baby shower for Danielle and Colten was held at the home of Sue Mitlyng. Many women from the congregation and other friends were in attendance. Danielle received many generous gifts of clothes, toys, bedding and other baby gear.



**VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON**



**FINANCIAL REPORT - January**

**Income**

Sunday Offerings:	\$15,135.00
Building Fund Offering:	100.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	.00
Special Offering:	.00
Building Use:	100 .00
Interest:	340.92
Miscellaneous:	43.82

**Total Income: \$15,719.74**

**Total Expenses: \$ 6,155.85**

**Expenses**

Salaries:	\$5,036.00
Utilities:	633.91
Supplies & Food:	234.67
Insurance:	.00
Taxes:	40.08
Maintenance:	211.19
Miscellaneous:	.00
Council Outreach	.00
Local Outreach:	100.00

**MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM FOR MARCH - Canned Vegetables**



This month we will collect canned vegetables for our Food Pantry item. Items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall or as you enter the sanctuary. Collected items are being donated to Grace Bridge in Celina. **Thanks** to those who are so generous in their support of this program.

*You are invited  
to celebrate God's greatest gift this Easter season!*

*March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday Service at 11:00 am  
Luncheon following service and Children's Egg Hunt*

*April 5 2026  
Easter Service at 11:00 am*



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Sunday Service - 11 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School: during  
 Service

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**Newsletter Information Needed**

To make the newsletter more personal,  
 please send pictures or information on  
 achievements, births, awards, or anything  
 else of interest to Karen Chilton at  
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03/16 Ivy and Laura Latham  
 03/28 David and Holly Ferguson



03/07 David Ferguson  
 03/10 Yvonne Heistand  
 03/26 Amy Davey  
 03/27 Cade Ferguson



Please keep the following in your  
 prayers for strength, healing and  
 comfort:

- Heather Carter
- Sandra Zimmerebner,
- Tessa Kautz
- Scott Franklin
- Janet Rippy and family
- Les Massey
- Jeannie Greenwald
- Mike McGarrah
- Amy Davey
- Cameron Dimock
- Barbara and Joe Underwood

Jesus said to her.....

**I AM**  
 the Resurrection  
 and the Life  
 he who believes in Me  
 will live even if he dies

John 11-25  
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