

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH –WYLIE, TX 2025

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Pastor's Pen,

I have two themes in mind as we approach the month of September: Participation and planning.

Regarding participation, I have been greatly encouraged by the number within our church family who have accepted the Proverbs August challenge. I have personally completed all 31 chapters as of today, and my prayer is that each of us in the church family will have benefited from exposure to the practical insights and truths found in these chapters. Since the psalmist said God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, I'm confident we will benefit as individuals and the church family from this exercise.

Regarding planning, it's been said that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. My thanks to Bruce Moilon for taking the initiative to engage our church family in strategic planning, specifically with a SWOT analysis. This is something my administration and I and our board did every year at Southeastern Bible College, and I believe we will benefit in terms of the strength of our church family and the impact on our community. It will also help sharpen our focus on our mission, vision and values, and how we are implementing these in our operation.

Bruce has sent out a document explaining what a SWOT analysis is, but let me summarize briefly:

- **Strengths**-what internal aspects of our church do we see as strong and operating effectively.
- **Weaknesses**-what aspects or areas within our church are weak, and need to be strengthened.
- **Opportunities**-what external factors, such as community growth, lend themselves to outreach and church growth.
- **Threats**-external factors that could hinder our church's operation and potential growth.

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Once again, my thanks to all of you who have participated in the Proverbs challenge, and let me extend grace to you if you haven't yet read the 31 chapters in Proverbs, you can likely do so in two hours or less.

And let's take advantage of the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming strategic planning exercise and SWOT analysis, as well as the elder-deacon-officer orientation we have scheduled along with a pizza lunch following the services on September 14.

**Don Hawkins, D. Min.
Pastor**

ENCOURAGEMENT LIVE

Encouragement Live can be heard Saturday at 7:05 PM central time on American Family Radio (90.5 FM) or (www.afr.net) and on www.theworshipchannel.org. Re-broadcast Sunday 9 pm on The Worship Channel.

A worldwide ministry, Encouragement Live is hosted by our Pastor, Don Hawkins, and is currently broadcast from our church. The guests on the show have timely messages for all. The program reaches listeners in 192 countries and is growing.

Our church helps sustain this ministry with prayer and tithes.



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We have a new motto!! Upcoming Events

*First Christian Church **Fall Festival October 11th!** Celebrating Our Past*

Envisioning Our Future

Alive and Well!

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The CMF meets every Tuesday at 1:30. They are enjoying the fellowship and discussion of God's word, current events, and, in general, solving all the world's problems. All men of the church are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will meet Tuesday the **26th @ 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX NEWS

The CWF ladies will once again sponsor the building of shoebox gifts from our FCC Wylie congregation. This year our goal is for our boxes to go to children in nations that are hard to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Every shoebox represents hope! Every item inside is a message that says "You are seen! You are loved - God has a plan for you!" Together, our congregation will be making an eternal difference and it takes all of us giving together and believing together to reach our goal. More info coming soon!

Wednesday online Bible Study with Barbara meets at Noon. Now studying Acts. Zoom ID: 852-1645-6336 Passcode: 620641

SERVING

September 7

Lay Leader Barbara Bates
Elder Shirley O'Dell
Deacon Jan Klein
Scripture Lester Knight

September 14

Lay Leader Jan Klein
Elder Bruce Moilan
Deacon Betty Moilan
Scripture Jax Cantu

September 21

Lay Leader Betty Moilan
Elder Barbara Bates
Deacon Jan Klein
Scripture Jonathan Cantu

September 28

Lay Leader Barbara Bates
Elder Shirley O'Dell
Deacon Betty Moilan
Scripture A B Simmons

If you are unable to serve on the day listed, please make arrangements to switch with someone else.

If you have ever wondered about the roles of Elder and Deacon in our congregation, join us in the Fellowship Hall on **September 14th** right after church. Don will lead a class to acquaint new members about the roles and functions of each position. Lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.

2026 promises to be an exciting year.

Barbara Bates
Board Chair

September donations for Wylie Community Christian Care Center- *Cereal, jelly, pop tarts, pancake mix and syrup*. Wylie Care will start collecting coats & winter items in October.

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Scripture: Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Birthdays</i> Ken Brown 3rd Bobby Ayala 6th Betty Moilan 6th Kathy Hawkins 21st Caleb Casteel 28th Pam Klein 29th						
	1 LABOR DAY 	2 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir	3 12:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir 7 PM Fellowship Dinner	4 10:30 AM FCC Cabinet Meeting	5 10 AM Fitness 6 PM Family Game Night	6 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live AFR 90.5FM
7 8:45 AM OLHF 10 Am OLHF S.S. 9:45 AM FCC Sunday School 10:45 AM FCC Worship	8	9 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir	10 12:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir 7 PM Task Force Meeting	11	12 10 AM Fitness	13 10 AM Crafts & Chat 10:30 AM Outreach 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live AFR 90.5FM
14 8:45 AM OLHF 10 Am OLHF S.S. 9:45 AM FCC Sunday School 10:45 AM FCC Worship FCC Elder/Deacon Training After Service 3:30 Girl Scouts	15	16 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir	17 12:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir	18	19 10 AM Fitness 6 PM Wylie Stars	20 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live AFR 90.5 FM
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