

# THE LAWTON CHRISTIAN

The official newsletter of the First Christian Church of Lawton



## A Word From Pastor Amber



I would like to thank everyone who gave me a card or was involved in Pastor's Appreciation Day! It was wonderful and something I did not expect at all. Your outpouring of love to me, from the very start, has helped me to realize that ministry is exactly where I am supposed to be.

We are in a series called *Abide in Me*. Last week started with "Jesus is the Vine". This Sunday, November 12, we will look at "God the Gardener". Then the last two weeks will be "Every Life Produces Fruit", and finally "The Result of Love". Each of these messages will give us an opportunity to connect more in a deeper way.

There are lots of exciting things happening at FCC. If you have not been with us in a while, please consider coming back and worshipping with us. I look forward to seeing you!

# Worship Leaders



## Sunday, November 5

**Elders:** John Adair, Lori Anderson

**Worship Leader:** Kathy Cooper

## Sunday, November 12

**Elders:** Lori Anderson, John Adair

**Worship Leader:** Becky Tannery

## Sunday, November 19

**Elders:** JoJo Aubrey, David Aubrey

**Worship Leader:** Jane Springli

## Sunday, November 26

**Elders:** John Adair, Becky Tannery

**Worship Leader:** Sheila Fountain

## Deacons for November

Patsy Bassel, Brian Birdwell

# November Birthdays



- 11/1 Connie Phillips
- 11/5 Darlene Miller
- 11/6 Coy Citron
- 11/8 Jeanne Jarvis
- 11/9 Piper Saville
- 11/13 Amber Delger
- 11/23 Ursula Asuncion
- 11/25 Joan Van Horn
- 11/28 Helma Blackburn
- 11/29 Ann Werner

# November Anniversary



- 11/15 Bill and Ty Vaughan

# October by the Numbers

October Income to Date (General Fund)	<b>\$ 8,757.44</b>
October Expenses to Date (General Fund)	<b>\$ 15,880.42</b>
Balance Transfers for October from Special to General	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
October Average Sunday In-Person Worship Attendance was	<b>46.</b>
Number of Meals served year-to-date is	<b>2,948</b>
Clothes Closet served	<b>55</b> in October ( <b>445</b> year-to-date)

# Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF is hosting four weeks of holiday fun through the Advent season. See the calendar of events below. Plan to attend as many as you can.

The December 10th potluck will be quite a party! Bring a covered dish of any kind (meat will not be provided).

The mission project for CWF will be a bit different for this holiday season. In order to meet the needs of nursing home residents this summer, we will be collecting items for a Christmas in July celebration.

Food baskets will not be created for this Christmas season.

Stay tuned for more information about Advent.

Jane Springli, CWF President



**Mark your calendars for the 4 Sundays of Advent Activities!**

**Come and join in the Fellowship**

**HOPE---December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Sing Carols and play Trivia Game

Refreshments from 2-3 pm

**JOY---December 10<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Pot Luck Luncheon right after worship  
service

**LOVE---December 17<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Bingo Game with refreshments from 2-3 pm

**PEACE---December 24<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Brunch in the parlor starting 9:30 am

## Meet Teckla Ryans, Our New Church Secretary



I've been a church member for several years, and I want to say that First Christian Church is my "home". I bring with me 31 1/2 years of office experience to this job.

I'm also active in the community as a member of Mountain Metro Ambucs (a civic club).

I'm a widow, and both of my children and grand children live away from Lawton. I LOVE to craft. I hope to serve this church for a long time. It's a privilege to be your new secretary.

## Thank You

Thank you doesn't begin to cover how grateful I am for all the love shown to me since my fall and hip replacement. Once again, our Church Family has poured out an abundance of love for a fellow member.

Love all of you, Janice

## A Note From Piper

It is with bittersweet feelings that I announce that November 10th will be my last day to be your Office Manager at FCC. I have truly enjoyed serving you the past 10 years! It is a difficult life change for me, as my family has been a part of FCC since the 1940s, when my grandparents became members here. Many of our family members were married here, including my parents, John and me, both my sisters, and my daughter. I was born into this church, accepted Christ here when I was 11, was baptized, and was an active member of the youth group. As you can see, FCC and you have been very important to me.

However, it is time for me to move on to a new position of Administrative Assistant in the Cameron University Registrar's Office. I previously worked at Cameron, and I very much enjoyed the learning atmosphere. I will now consider it my call to support the learning and higher education of others. This is a good financial move for my husband and me, as it is a pay increase, and I will have health insurance and retirement contributions paid for by the university.

I hope that you will welcome the new Secretary at FCC, Teckla Ryans, with open arms! She comes to the church office with many years of experience, and I know she will be a great asset here!

First Christian and members will continue to be in my prayers. I will not be far away, and I will think of you often.

Sincerely, Piper Saville



## Agape/Outreach Ministry



**Our Wednesday Agape Meal** is served each week at 5:30 pm, and it is free and open to the public. John Adair leads a Bible Study following the meal at approximately 6:15 pm.



**Our Dannie and Rafie Clothes Closet** is open each Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 5:25 pm prior to the meal. The closet is in need of **winter clothes, blankets, quilts, sweats, jeans, hats, gloves, t-shirts, men's casual shirts, and pillows**. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please make sure all donations are clean and serviceable. For more information regarding the clothes closet, please call the church office or Denise Smith.

## Kathy's White Chicken Chili Recipe

Kathy Cooper kindly shares her delicious recipe for the chili that so many of you enjoyed at the recent FCC Potluck Dinner:

1 medium onion finely chopped and sautéed in olive oil (1 TBS)

add: 1 clove garlic finely diced and cook 1 minute

Then add: 1 tsp oregano, ground cumin, salt, black pepper and stir to make a paste (add more oil if needed). Add 32 oz. chicken broth, 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper and stir

1 4 oz. can green chilies (or roast your own and dice)

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 can white beans (your choice) drained and rinsed

2 cups corn

4 oz. cream cheese and 1/2 to 3/4 c half and half

Add cooked chicken as much as you like

Heat in a pan or put in your slow cooker

Enjoy!



# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5:30 pm Agape Meal 6:15 pm Study 6 pm Choir	2  5:30 pm Elders	3  5 pm Girl Scouts	4  9 am Weight Watchers
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends  10:30 am Worship	6  6 pm Boy Scouts	7  Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant 1 pm CWF Business Mtg.	8  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal 6:15 pm Study 6 pm Choir	9  7 pm Anna Group in the Parlor	10  5 pm Girl Scouts	11 Veterans Day  9 am Weight Watchers
12 Veterans Sunday  10:30 am Worship	13  6 pm Boy Scouts	14  Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant  1pm Ruth Group Eat Out	15  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal 6:15 pm Study 6 pm Choir	16  6:30 pm Board Meeting	17  5 pm Girl Scouts	18  9 am Weight Watchers
19  10:30 am Worship Annual Cong- regational Meeting After Worship	20  6 pm Boy Scouts	21  Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	22  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal 6:15 pm Study 6 pm Choir	23 Thanksgiv- ing Day  Church Office Closed	24  Church Office Closed  5 pm Girl Scouts	25  9 am Weight Watchers
26  10:30 am Worship/	27  6 pm Boy Scouts	28  Noon - Taco Tuesday at Julio's Mexican Restaurant	29  Noon - Book Study At Buffalo Grove 5 pm Clothes Closet Open 5:30 pm Agape Meal 6:15 pm Study 6 pm Choir	30		

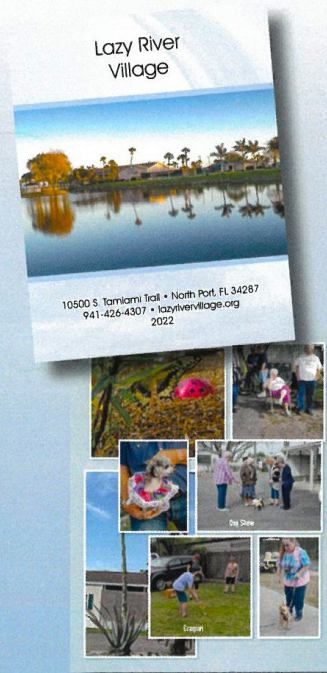


# It's time for our *new directory!*

**Tuesday January 9, 2024**

## *Connections Event*

- Schedule your appointment at our sign-up table at various events or contact your leadership.
- Every household photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory!
- Universal will provide a professional studio right in your community!



*You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.*

Our Community Directory will  
not be complete without you!

**More information to come**

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