

First Christian Church  
Stephenville



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# The Lampstand



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## COMING UP

Lunar New Year Party, Jan 25,  
3:00 pm  
CMF Sat, Feb 1 @ 8:30 am  
First Fruits Sunday, Feb 2  
First Sunday Luncheon, Feb 2  
CWF Meeting, Feb 5 @ 10:00 am  
Elders & Board Meeting, Feb 9  
Senior Saints on Tuesdays

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello Church.

Hope this letter finds you, your family, and loved ones happy & healthy new year. So far January, we have talked about our faith journey in 2020 as a loving Christian. Do you have a list of resolutions for 2020? There is an old Irish proverb that says, “*Tus maith leath na hoibre.*” “A good beginning is half the work.” There seems to be a wisdom here, when one considers all the considerations, hesitation, and uncertainty that can claim our hearts for such a long time before the actual act of beginning happens.

Have you ever thought about a list of good new year’s resolutions for FCC? Like other churches, FCC may have weaknesses and failures in some areas. What the weaknesses and failures are in the FCC? How do you view are the weaknesses and failures? Yes, we might not have enough young families. Yes, we might not have enough youth or college students. Yes, we might not have many people like other megachurches. However, I believe that FCC has a real fellowship, “Koinonia,” which is the most important thing. I like to call it as “life together.” The loving Christian’s fellowship will be shown and revealed through life together by breaking your life and by sharing your life. I invite you to put this principal, “life together,” as your first resolution for a Christian life in 2020.

I would like to share this poem from John O’Donohue, because it tells us about how we build and rebuild the FCC as a loving Christian Community in 2020.

### “For a New Home”

May this house shelter your life.  
When you come in home here,  
May all the weight of the world  
Fall from your shoulders.

May your heart be tranquil here,  
Blessed by peace the world cannot give.

May this home be a lucky place,  
Where the graces your life desires  
Always find the pathway to your door.

May nothing destructive  
Ever cross your threshold.

May this be a safe place  
Full of understanding and acceptance,  
Where you can be as you are,  
Without the need of any mask,  
Of pretense or image.

May this home be a place of discovery,  
Where the possibilities that sleep  
In the clay of your soul can emerge  
To deepen and refine your vision  
For all that is yet to come to birth.

— Pastor KJ



*Come feast upon God's Word*

## WEDNESDAYS @ FCC

Wednesday are a great opportunity for our church family to gather for physical and spiritual nourishment. We will offer a time of intercessory prayer, a meal, and a time to get into God's Word. Here is the schedule:

<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Ladies, Inc. Classroom</b>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	<b>Ladies, Inc. Classroom</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

**You are welcome at any or all Wednesday night activities.**



*You're Invited!*

Don't miss the  
**First Sunday  
Luncheon** after church  
on February 2nd. Bring a  
dish and join us!  
See you there!

There are a few Sundays  
that are in need of a  
host. It's an easy job and  
lots of help is available.  
The sign-up sheet is back  
by the kitchen.



## Lunar New Year

Celebrate the  
Lunar New Year at  
3:00 pm  
on January 25, 2020  
at FCC. There will be  
traditional Korean  
games and food.  
Please bring 'Texas'  
food to share, and  
enjoy some fun and  
fellowship.

## Giving Tree, a Huge Success!



The Giving Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall was loaded with warm winter accessories when the holidays ended. There were 3 stocking caps, 14 pairs of gloves, 28 pairs of socks, plus 18 fleece blankets!! The adult sizes were donated to the Stephenville Police Department for the homeless and the children's sizes and designs were delivered to Child Protective Services. All the donations were very gratefully received. Shop the after-Christmas sales now for bargains for next year's tree.

## First Sunday Luncheon Update

This year at each First Sunday Luncheon the birthdays for that month will be celebrated. If your birthday falls in the current month, you will be honored by being served first and eating with your family at a specially decorated table. Come have fun, eat good food, and celebrate each others births.

## We Have a Winner!

A drawing for the wooden bench was had on January 19th... and the winner was Cindy Martin!! Thanks to all who participated! Total raised was \$320, which was given to the Bradshaw family.



The Choices Clinic "Change for Life" campaign is happening again this year. Choices is a Christian ministry dedicated to preserving the value of human life by providing abortion alternatives, practical assistance, and education to the Cross Timbers Area.

If you wish to donate, pick up a baby bottle at the front desk, fill it with coins, bills, or a check and return it to the church by Sunday, March 1st.

## 2020 Experience

## "It's Real"

You are invited to participate in a unique event taking place this coming July on the campus of Texas Christian University (TCU). The 2020 Experience, is a one time, historical gathering where the National Convocation, North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD), and the Obra Hispana of the Christian Church, will come together to celebrate their biennial sessions together under the theme "It's Real" and the scripture of Revelation 7:9-17. Mark your calendars!

## Food Closet



This month we need:

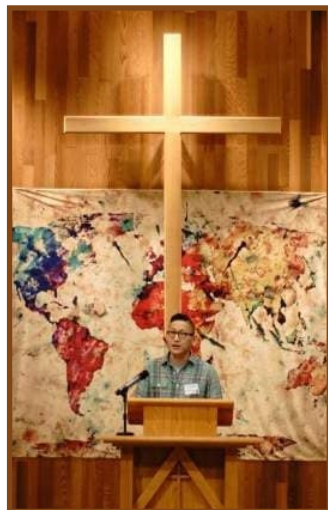
- tuna
- peanut butter
- jelly or honey

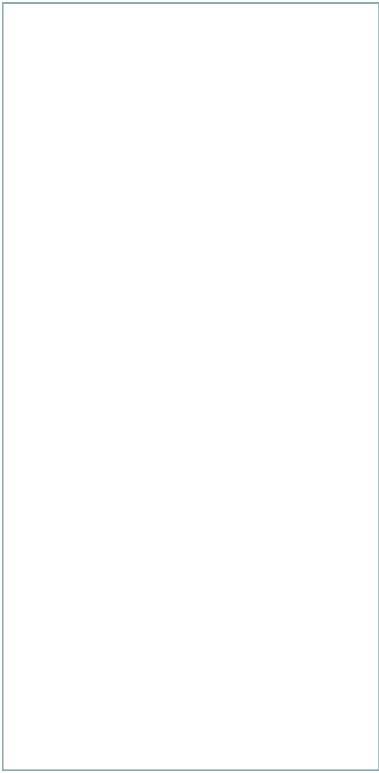
All other food items are also welcome! Thank you for your support!

# The 15th Korean Disciples Convocation

The Mission of KDC: We join with other Disciples in the total mission of the church, to recognize and promote the gifts and presence of Korean Disciples in the life and work of the Church.

Pastor KJ recently attended the 2020 Convocation of KDC in Seattle, Washington at the First Christian Church of Kent. He was elected secretary for the coming year. FCC Stephenville is fortunate to be well represented at KDC.





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