

FCC GUIDE

TO SEASONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

self-care
SUMMER

MAY through AUGUST 2026

Fellowship Events | Worship Themes
Service Opportunities | Groups | & More!

Welcome to the Season!

from your SMT

Dear Church,

As the days grow longer and the rhythm of summer begins to settle in, we invite you into a season that feels a little lighter and a little slower. In the midst of vacations, family gatherings, and changing routines, this summer offers us something deeply needed: an opportunity to **care for our souls** with intention. Self-care is often misunderstood as indulgence, but at its heart, it is an act of stewardship for the lives God has entrusted to us: our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. This is not stepping away from our faith, but stepping deeper into it.

This season, we encourage you to embrace a rhythm of **sacred rest and renewal**. Make space for quiet moments with God. Reconnect with the practices that restore your spirit (whether that's time in Scripture, prayer, meaningful conversations, or simply sitting in stillness and gratitude). Allow yourself to **be refreshed**, not rushed.

Our hope is that this Summer Ministry Guide serves not as a list of obligations, but as an invitation to engage in ways that bring life, joy, and spiritual nourishment. Each opportunity is designed to support you in caring for your whole self while staying connected to community and to Christ.

May this summer be one where you breathe deeply, live fully, and draw closer to the One who restores your soul.

With grace & peace,

Your Summer 2026 Seasonal Ministry Team:

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Sermon Themes *for the season*



Hello, My Name is... Names of God

Although Christianity is a mono-theistic religion worshiping one God, our God is known by many names. What do these many names tell us about the character of the divine?

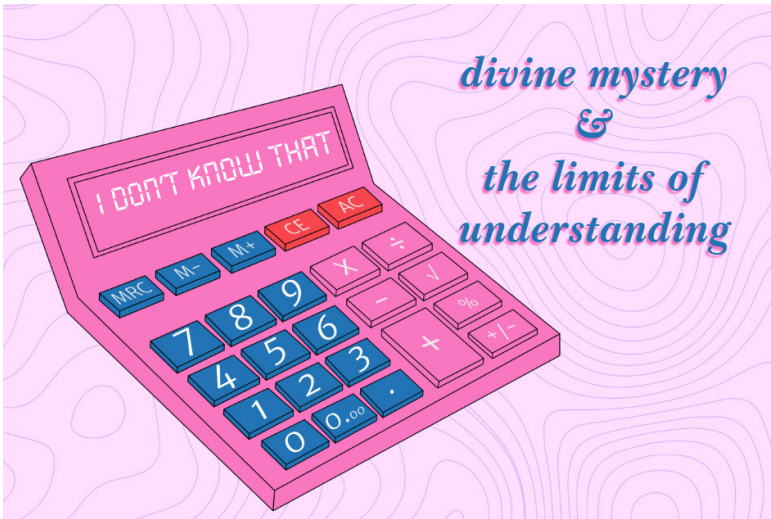
The stories of scripture reveal a variety of ways we come to know these names: through sacred revelation, through teachings, and through those who name God from their experiences. How do YOU call God?



Light-Hearted God's Sense of Humor

There are some places where the scriptures are just....funny! Let's take a look at a few of these, and consider ways that our senses of humor just might be God-Given.

Particularly in the midst of difficult and trying times in our world, can we connect to others who found a little levity?



I Don't Know That... **Divine Mystery & the Limits of Understanding**

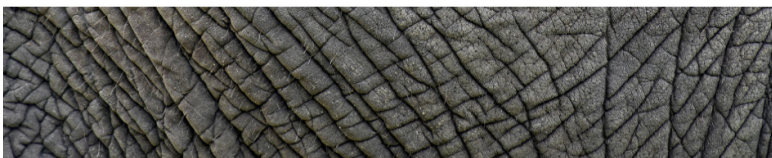
Duane Smith, a friend of FCC who passed away earlier this year, was well known for saying “I Don't Know That...”

There's a lot of wisdom in admitting what we don't know, and the Bible contains untold examples of Divine Mystery.

What does scripture say to do when the “answer” is beyond knowing?



scar tissue **Holy Perspectives on Trauma & Healing**



Scar Tissue **Holy Perspectives on Trauma & Healing**

We live in a world where suffering exists, and where beloved children of God experience various physical and mental traumas.

Where in scripture do we see these stories told? What does our Bible have to say about the many varied pathways to healing?

What does it mean to be a wounded healer?

Seasonal Special Events

Each season, we tend to try some new and creative events designed by our Seasonal Ministry Team.



WORLD LABYRINTH DAY SUNSET CELEBRATION

Join us for an evening of music, poetry and more as we transform FCC into a “Coffee House.”

REMEMBER & HONOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Sunday before Memorial Day is also Pentecost Sunday.

At 10AM, between worship services, FCC will host a special commemoration of Memorial Day in the Gym with our very own Gail Joyce as the featured speaker. We will not be having Sunday School that day, so that all who wish to attend are able.



ANNUAL LADIES TEA WITH A ZEN SPA THEME

Our Annual Ladies Tea will be Saturday, June 6th from 2PM to 4PM.

Be sure to RSVP, because you won't want to miss this special "Zen Spa" experience!

All Ages invited!



INDEPENDENCE DAY LIFE TOGETHER

On Saturday, July 4th, let's celebrate together!

We will enjoy some BBQ and watch the Granbury fireworks from the church.

A TASTE OF FCC VOLUNTEER FAIR

Explore the variety of ways you are invited to serve with and within those in First Christian Church.

We will host a 'Volunteer Fair' on August 2nd featuring small bites alongside a wide array of ministry opportunities.



Scholarship Season *with FCC*

One of the longest-running ministries of First Christian Church of Granbury is our Scholarship ministry.

We have an annual luncheon to fundraise for this impactful ministry. The team fries fish and hushpuppies to serve along with some fresh mac & cheese, sides and chicken tenders.

Each year, this luncheon welcomes a speaker, and this year we will hear from our own Dr. Scott Myers. In addition to his work as a beloved local veterinarian, he is an accomplished artist most well known for sculpting the bronze busts for the NFL Hall of Fame. He is also a fabulous speaker, so you are in for a treat!

On Scholarship Sunday, we will have our “normal” two worship services at 9AM and 11AM, as well as Sunday School (and FCC 101!) between at 10AM, but we encourage everyone to stay for the luncheon!

the Travis & Mary Duncan Memorial

Fish Fry & Luncheon

*benefiting the Scholarship Ministry of
First Christian Church of Granbury, TX*

*Sunday
May 17th
12:00PM*

FEATURING: DR. SCOTT MYERS

Vacation Bible School *with FCC*

One of the highlights of the Summer Season is Vacation Bible School, often abbreviated “VBS.” We invite all children through 5th grade to participate in fun & games, songs, lessons, crafts and snacks around a theme. This year, we are calling our VBS “Lionheart” and we will study the book of Daniel in a medieval castle themed setting.

In addition to programming Thursday, Friday & Saturday for our kids & families, we will have a “Very Big Sunday” worship service at 11AM on July 26th, where our kids will share some of the things they’ve learned throughout the week. There will also be a simple (non-VBS) worship service at 9AM that morning.

After worship, there is an all-church lunch, and we will have outdoor fun activities set up for the kids (and kids at heart)!

Talk to Pastor Emily about ways to serve to support this adventure!



LIONHEART
THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Thursday
July 23

Friday
July 24

Saturday
July 25

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

VERY BIG SUNDAY
JULY 26TH

with Lunch & Games to follow

WORSHIP SERVICE 11AM

FCC 101 *a 4-week series for newcomers*

The FCC Staff and Wayfinding Team have designed a 4-week program to help newcomers learn more about the church and find your place and ministry with us. We call it “FCC 101,” and it happens three times per year, in January, May, and September.

Here are the basic details for the May session:

When: Sundays in May, 10 AM

Where: FCC Room 1

Who: Designed for newcomers, but everyone is welcome!



Session 1 (May 3): FCC’s Story & Mission - Who are We?

Session 2 (May 10): How FCC Works, and How You Fit In

Session 3 (May 17): Resources for Growing in Faith and Understanding

Session 4 (May 31): Finding Your Ministry With Us

Let’s Go to Lunch!

Dutch Treat!



It’s become quite the tradition for us to all gather about once a month (usually at Panchito’s on Weatherford Highway) for some tasty Tex-Mex with our church family.

We usually get there at about 12:30PM after the 11AM worship service concludes. Hope you will join us!

This season, we’ll go to lunch together on:

sunday
JUNE
14th

sunday
JULY
12th

sunday
AUG
9th

Pack the Pantry

This season,
our Pack the
Pantry Sunday
dates are:



the Angelita Best Food Pantry
@ La Reunión

sunday
MAY
31st

sunday
JUNE
28th

sunday
JULY
26th

sunday
AUG
30th

FCC has a long history of supporting the Anjelita Best Food Pantry located in Oak Trail Shores at La Reunión. The last Sunday of each month, we collect food donations which we deliver to the food pantry. These items are delivered to the pantry the following Thursday, so you can bring items early in the week if you can't bring them Sunday. You can find the running list here, in our newsletter, or available in the gathering area of the church.

This is an extremely important ministry that feeds many individuals and families who do not have the means to buy groceries. This is a clear, practical way to offer Christ into our world. We hope that you might consider bringing along a copy of the Pantry Shopping List on your next grocery run!

We also have opportunities for volunteers to transport the groceries and/or to distribute them to families. Read more about this in our directory of ministry opportunities at the end of this guide!

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Dried pinto beans
- Canned tuna
- Hot and cold cereal
- Canned soup
- Canned corn
- Canned fruit
- Ramen noodles
- Instant potatoes
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Box Hamburger or Tuna Helper
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Powdered Milk

Summer Fun *for FCC youth & students*

In addition to Sunday School during the 10 o'clock hour on Sundays, our summers are a busy time for FCC's Students!

We have mission trips planned for Chi-Rho (6th-8th) graders and CYF students (9th-12th grade) as well as a variety of summer camp offerings at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX.

There will also be a few special events planned for the summer, so keep an ear out to hear from Pastor Austin!

LET'S GO TO CAMP AT DISCIPLES CROSSING!

We support and attend Disciples Crossing Camp in the beautiful piney woods of Athens, Texas.

Registrations for Summer Camps are open now! Talk to Emily or Austin, or check out <https://disciplescrossing.org/>.



SUMMER CAMP 2026 Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas

GRAND CAMP May 22-24	FAMILY CAMP May 29-31
CYF 9th-12th	June 15-20
JYF 3rd-5th	June 22-26
CHI-RHO 3rd-5th	June 22-27
GENESIS 1st-3rd	6/28 - 7/1

Mission Trips *for youth & students*

LET'S GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!

FOR 9TH-12TH GRADERS
JUNE 6TH THROUGH 12TH

Our CYF (9th-12th grade) Students will be traveling to Washington DC along with Rush Creek Christian Church and FCC Arlington. This trip will be focused on inner city social support and services. We will likely be working with food banks, parks services, senior care programs, and other various non-profits. We will also be spending time together in reflection and touring the sites of DC!

Registration Cost for the Trip is \$600 which will include everything for the trip except spending money. This means it will cover airfare, transportation, housing, meals, and activities for the week. If finances are a question for you, please reach out to the FCC office for resources. We want all of our High School students to have the opportunity to go on this trip!

We will take the Bus On Saturday, June 6th to FCC Arlington where we will stay the night for an early morning flight on the 7th. We will spend the week in DC and then make our way home late Friday the 12th. Lodging will be at the Washington Seminar Center and Transportation in DC will be via City Transit Systems (Bus, and Rail) Meals will be a mixture of out on the town and eating in at the Center. We will be spending time touring the Smithsonian's, The Capital buildings, The Holocaust Museum, and the Arlington Memorial.

This is sure to be an amazing, eye opening trip! We hope your student will join us!

LET'S GO TO OKLAHOMA CITY!

FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS
JUNE 6TH THROUGH 12TH

Chi Rho Mission Trip is July 14th-17th. We will be joining Rush Creek CC and FCC Arlington Chi Rho groups for a week of service in Oklahoma City!

This trip will consist of a focus on food bank service, inner city houseless ministry, worship and community building, and lots of fun!

Cost of the week is \$300. Please make a \$50 deposit by May 1st to secure your students' spot on the trip. Final payment will be due July 1st. If you have any financial concerns, please reach out to Pastor Austin for Scholarship Opportunities.

Want to Know More?

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Our website online is the best source of ministries in the church at any time. You can also ask any member of our Wayfinding team about various ministry opportunities to get involved!

Check out fccgranbury.org/ministry-database

CALL (OR STOP BY) THE CHURCH OFFICE

Our church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 5. We love to see new faces around the office.

You can also schedule a meeting with a Pastor during those hours.

WANT TO CONTACT A CHURCH MEMBER?

You can get a copy of the directory at the church in the narthex or in the office. There is also a reasonably updated version on the church website (fccgranbury.org, under resources).

You can download a printable version or access Breeze where you can view an online and always up-to-date directory.

Contact the church office for the password if you need access.