

# Holy Week *Stations of Remembrance*

**Apr. 14-17: 10 am-1pm & 3-6 pm**

Our Journey of Remembering continues during Holy Week as we invite our church community and the wider community beyond to join us in experiencing and rediscovering "the you that was never lost" with Stations of Remembrance.

We will have seven stations located throughout the main floor with inspirational decorations, messages, and activities to lead you through your personal meditation journey at your own pace during the set times Monday through Thursday during Holy Week. Pick up a map to begin your experience and take your time going through each station. Stations include:

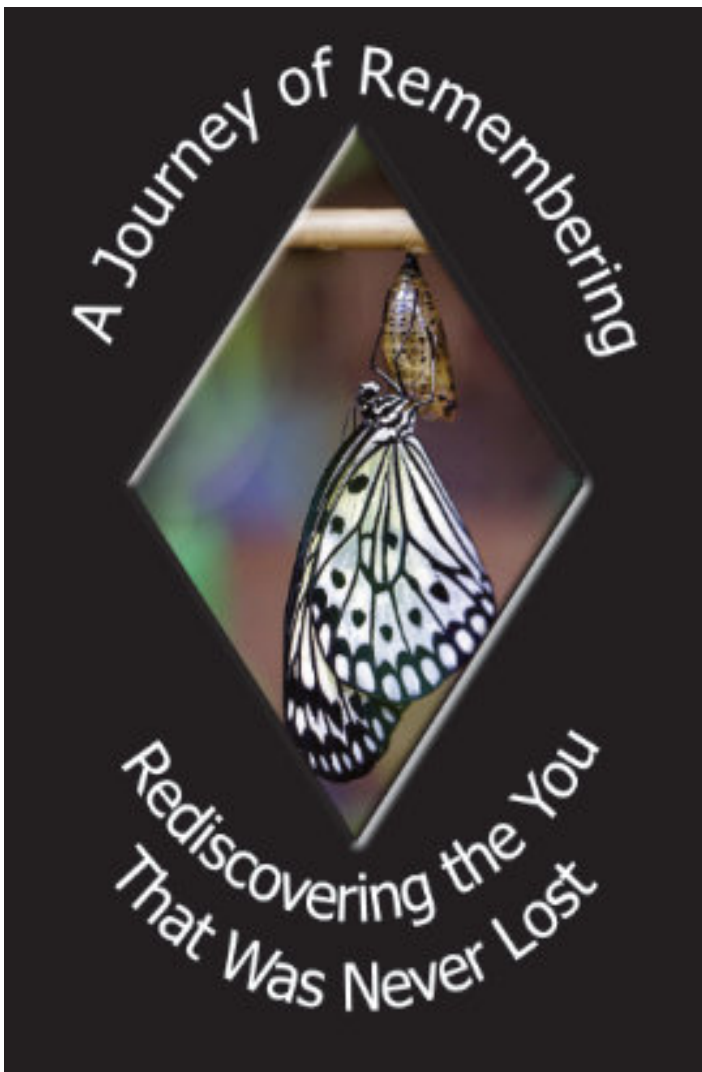
1. Pause, finding the sacred stillness
2. Receive, tuning into the station that is you
3. Afraid, questioning everything
4. Who's that, recognizing your transformation
5. Bridging, bringing the sacred to the secular
6. Release, merging what was with what is
7. Resurrection, remembering the fullest expression of you

Experience this journey of remembering and rediscover the you that was never lost.

## Good Friday: *The History, The Story, The Experience*

**Apr. 18: 7 pm**

Encounter the story of Good Friday through sight and sound as we gather for a storytelling experience, followed by a time of led meditation and quiet in preparation of the Risen Christ.



# Welcome Home



## Sunday Mornings

**Last Supper Leftovers  
Sunday School Class**  
9 a.m. Room 106

**Children's Sunday School  
(K-4th Grade)**  
**Youth Sunday School  
(5th - 12th)**  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
Downstairs

**10:30 a.m.**  
**Service in the Sanctuary**

## Monthly Worship Attendance

Mar. 16 .....64      Mar. 30 .....53  
Mar. 23 .....32      Apr. 6 .....34

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## Keeping in touch with our church families

### Our Community Prayer List...

JoAnn Nanninga  
Maddie Kauffman  
Emily McLain  
Sue & John Schenkel  
Karla Parman

Linda Davison  
Kathy Jackson  
Jody T.  
Steve & Heather F.  
Joyce Davison



## Welcome...

We welcome Diva Gnaana Deepika Mukku into fellowship with First Christian Church.

Deepika is a recent Northwest graduate and has been attending and volunteering at FCC for two years. We are happy to welcome her into our FCC family.



## 2025 Dates and Hostesses

Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group,  
Meets on the first Monday of the month  
At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
unless otherwise noted

### Please contact hostesses to RSVP

May 5	Donna Rickman	Aug. 4	Karen Brown
Jun. 2	Betty Praiswater	Sep. 1	Carol Peters
Jul. 7	Lenda Kling	Oct. 6	
		Nov. 3	

## Our Staff

**Gina Johnson**  
Senior Pastor

**Anita Dew**  
Organist

**Virginia Ripple**  
Office Administrator

**Pat Immel**  
Technical Director

**Deena Poynter**  
Music Director

**Peggy Dowis**  
Custodian

# Pastor's Pen

*A message from my heart to yours*



There's a short line at the end of Jesus' parable in Luke 5 that has really got me thinking. After talking about the new wine needing new wine skins, He says, "And no one, after drinking old wine, wants the new, for they say, 'the old is better.'" That is a line that gets me. Because I've lived in that space of continuing with the old wine. I've felt the temptation to reach for what's familiar, even when I know something inside of me has shifted.

For me, this journey of becoming didn't begin with a clear direction. It began with a stirring inside me. It was almost that feeling of my shoe being too tight but loving my pair of shoes so much that I didn't want to take it off. However I knew this wasn't right. In late 2021, I began to sense that I wasn't quite me and it was evident for some time. I had become blinded by the roles and deafened by the noise that I wasn't aligned with my spirit. Then, wow, a shift hit me in the face and I couldn't avoid what I was feeling anymore. My son attempted to end his life. That moment was everything all at once in a very unique way. I felt disappointment in myself, fear of not being able to provide what he needs and a heart ache because my little guy was feeling so challenged. This event also served as a spiritual reckoning. I couldn't ignore the beckoning anymore. This was a surface shattering moment that allowed something deeper to rise up and more intentional transformation to begin.

In early 2022, I began seeking more intentionally through stillness, prayer, and release. It wasn't that I suddenly knew all the answers. I didn't. I had to move on faith and trust. There were moments that were painful and sudden that affected all those around me. There were moments that felt revitalizing, like remembering a version of myself I hadn't seen in so many years. It was at this time that I knew I had changed. No more trying to pour new wine into old skins. This was a tough lesson for those around me as they experienced that I no longer fit that container and the effect it had on them. There were moments in which they recognized I was happier, healthier, and owning my wholeness but it didn't make it easy.

That's what Jesus was saying. Not just that new wine needs a new container, but that most people will try to convince themselves the old is better for them or the ones they know because that's what they have always known. I couldn't do that. I felt the weight of watching us all shift, some with resistance, some with anger, and some silently. I didn't blame anyone for what was happening and I knew that in the end the transformation would produce a butterfly. I am "new wine" and I am learning to build a life that can hold the sacred truth of who I'm becoming.

So, I want to invite you to take a look at your own life. Where have you been tempted to keep drinking the old wine, simply because it's easier than facing the unknown? Transformation doesn't happen all at once and that's okay because the journey is amazing. Are you ready to stretch and be poured into a container that is fit to hold you? Give yourself permission to be "new wine!" You don't have to pretend or compromise being the fullest expression of you. Jesus didn't.

Chillin' in My New Skins,

*Gina* ♥

# Prepare for Growth:

## Nursery & Children's Ministry

Although we've made several invitations, only two volunteers have responded so far. We're incredibly grateful for them and we still need more support to keep these vital ministries ready and available. We don't currently have regular nursery or children's Sunday School attendance, however having these spaces staffed is an act of faith. We are believing that families will come and that we'll be ready to welcome them with open arms.

We're asking for volunteers to join a simple rotation. Your "yes" helps us prepare for the growth we're planning for. Let's step into that future together.



## Annual Northwest Football

### Spring Clean-up

Evening of Thursday,  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Northwest Football Team will be raking yards for Senior Citizens free of charge.

**Call Chad Bostwick**  
**660-254-6293**

## Church Growth

Month	Points
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### March Highlights

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| • Worship attendance                     | 400 |
| • Social Media comments/reactions/shares | 362 |
| • Event attendance                       | 294 |
| • Worship volunteers                     | 164 |
| • Giving/Tithing in-person               | 126 |
| • New Web visitors                       | 125 |

**Total Month's Points** **1849**



## Seeing Our Stewardship

March 2025

### General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	16,598.15
Income	\$	17,004.85
Expenses	\$	16,752.66
Ending Balance	\$	16,850.34

### Missions

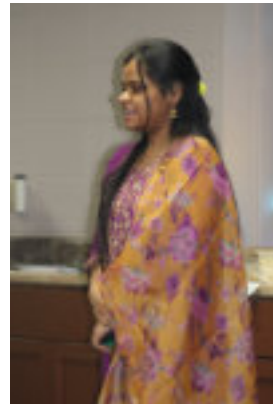
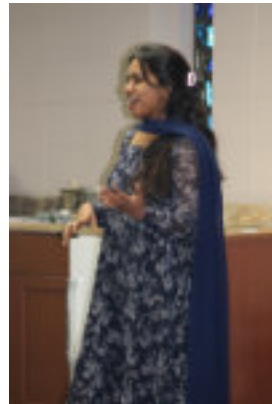
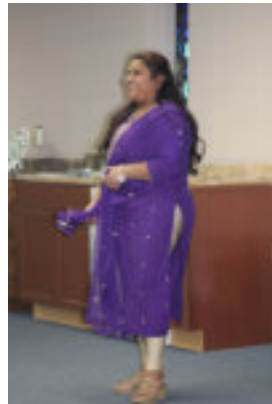
Beginning Balance	\$	6,426.25
Income	\$	429.60
Expenses	\$	1,011.66
Ending Balance	\$	5,844.19



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com/upcoming-  
events

# Graduates' Sunday





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Return Service Requested

## start your journey with us

*Holy Week:  
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*Easter Sunday Breakfast  
Apr 20 9 am*

*Easter Sunday Celebration  
Apr 20 10:30 am*

## Looking Ahead...

**April 14-17:** Holy Week: Stations of Remembrance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-6 p.m.

**April 20:** Easter Breakfast, 9 a.m.  
Easter Service, 10:30 a.m.

**April 21:** Easter Monday, Office Closed

## Praise Team Feedback Request

Our Praise Team will be taking a break for the next several months. This pause is due to scheduling challenges and a need for additional musicians to support the team.

We're grateful for the time and energy our team has given, and this break is simply a chance to rest and reassess. In the meantime, we'd love your feedback—how has the Praise Team impacted you, and what would you like to see moving forward?



**Office Closed**  
**Monday, Apr. 21**  
**for Easter**