

# FCC GUIDE

## TO SEASONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



**WINTER & LENT 2024**

Life Together | Service Opportunities  
Small Groups | & More!



# **WELCOME TO THE SEASON!**

*from your SMT*

At FCC, we've worked hard to create a loving place for all people through our core values of Relationship, Discipleship, Dignity, and Humility as well as our vision of being a church Coming Alive In Christ together. We lean into these ideals in new and exciting ways every season through our Seasonal Ministry Teams (SMT). This team is re-created every 4 months with a new lay leader and new members, inviting more people to contribute to the life and program of the church. The team works with a ministerial staff member to create a seasonal calendar filled with meaningful opportunities for service, worship, study, fellowship and fun.

The Winter/Lent SMT is proud to share with you our vision for the upcoming season. As we live together through this holy time, we pray that you will encounter the Spirit of Christ in new and transformative ways!

With love from your Seasonal Ministry Team,

Megan Haynes (chair)  
Levi Jolly  
Ellen Bonesteel  
Sarah Ramsey  
Paul Alvarez  
Katie Bintz  
Gavin Bintz  
Maislie Haynes  
Emily Newby (Ministerial Staff Rep)

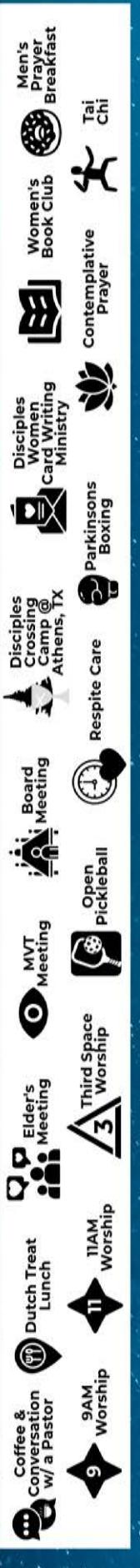
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Icons representing various events and activities:

- Clock: Youth Lock-In @ Rush Creek
- Brunch: Board Brunch
- Mountain: MVT RETREAT
- Lotus: OMVT RETREAT
- People: LIFE TOGETHER
- Speaker: ELDER's RETREAT
- Clock: JYF RETREAT
- Worship: Worship
- Flower: JYF



FEBRUARY 2024

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PALM SUNDAY		Stations of the Cross		GOOD FRIDAY			
31 EASTER SUNDAY		Worship @ SUNRISE   9AM   11AM		10AM EGG HUNT			
<b>MARCH 2024</b>							

Family Camp-In

## 31 EASTER SUNDAY

### Worship @ SUNRISE | 9AM | 11AM

### 10AM EGG HUNT

-  Coffee & Conversation w/ a Pastor
-  Dutch Treat Lunch
-  Elder's Meeting
-  MVT Meeting
-  Third Space Worship
-  9AM Worship
-  11AM Worship
-  Open Pickleball
-  Respite Care
-  Board Meeting
-  Disciples Crossing Camp @ Athens, Tx
-  Disciples Women's Card Writing Ministry
-  Parkinsons Boxing
-  Women's Book Club
-  Men's Prayer Breakfast
-  Tai Chi
-  Contemplative Prayer

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APRIL 2024

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- Elder's Meeting
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- Disciples Crossing Camp @ Athens, TX
- Open Pickleball
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# SERMON THEMES *for the season*



## January 7 - January 21

"Divine Compass: Navigating Life's Journey with Spiritual Discernment" will study the ways we make decisions and how we can seek God's hopes through spiritual discernment. What is discernment and how is it different than regular decision making? How do we build our personal discernment processes? How do we go deeper and discern together in community?



## January 28 - February 11

What does the Bible have to say about the living water of Christ? How do we remember our baptisms?

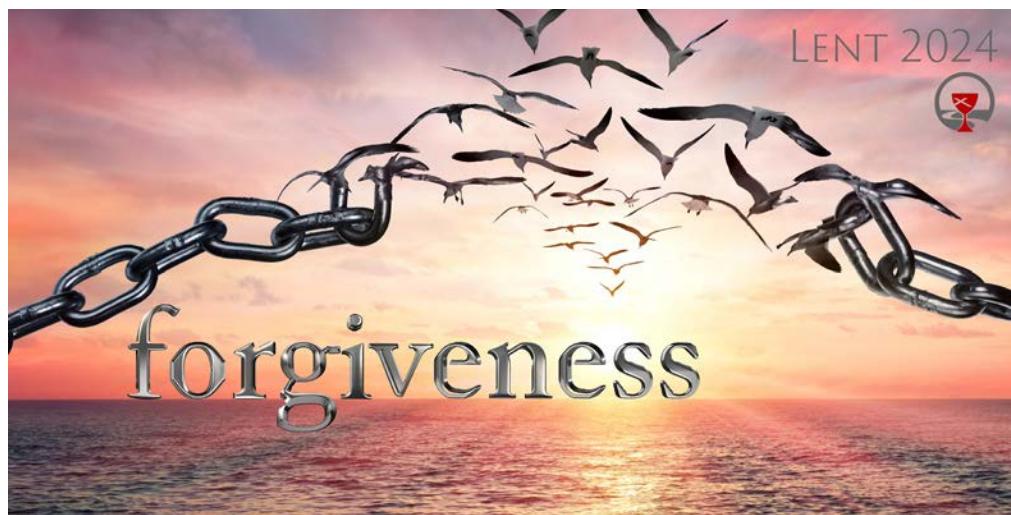


## starting April 7th...

We will be exploring prophetic visions in biblical texts as well as the shared prophetic vision of FCC.

# 2024 LENTEN THEME

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th this year).



**February 18  
through  
March 24**

Our Lenten theme will explore the idea of forgiveness from several different perspectives.

## HOLY WEEK 2024

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE VIEWABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING  
ANYTIME FROM PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER**

**24**  
**PALM  
SUNDAY**

Our regular worship schedule will include a procession of the palms.

**28**  
**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

We will host a Seder meal on Thursday Evening at 6PM.

**29**  
**Good  
FRIDAY**

We will have a Good Friday Tenebrae service at 6PM.

**31**  
**EASTER  
SUNDAY**

Worship @ Sunrise 9AM  
11AM  
Egg Hunt @ 10AM

# 2024 LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

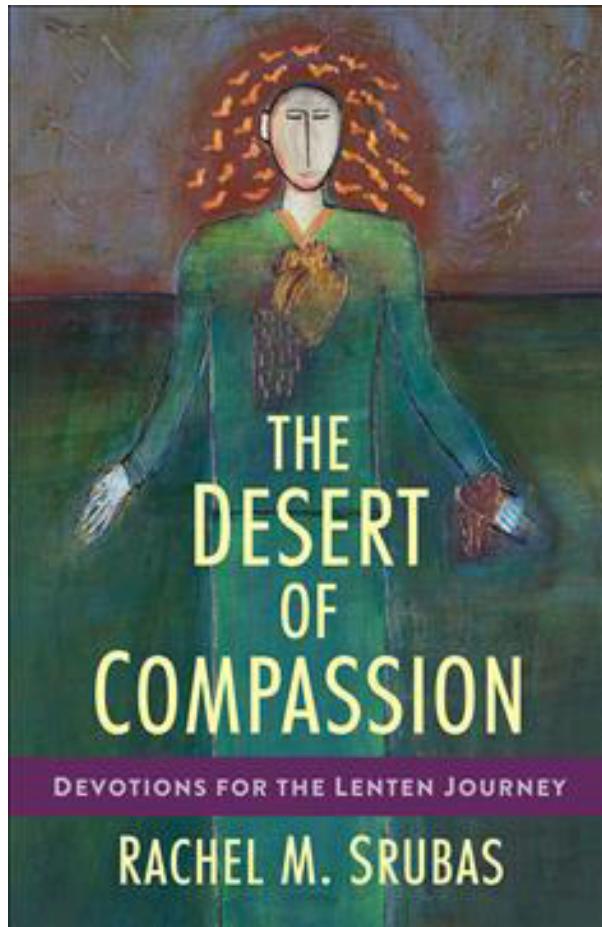
We will be using "The Desert of Compassion" book of Devotions for the Lenten Journey by Rachel M. Srubas for the core of the small group series.

It's optional to buy the full text, but if you want to, it is available from several booksellers.

The "default" time for these small groups will be Wednesday evenings, but groups will be able to decide for themselves if there is a better time for them.

Small group signups will be available soon, and the goal is to establish groups by the end of January.

They will start meeting the week after Ash Wednesday (around February 21st) and end during Holy Week.



# SERVE *with fcc*

Our Seasonal team is providing these special opportunities to serve in addition to our ongoing service opportunities:



## Brush Clearing for Mission Granbury (Round 2!)

We are clearing a fenceline for the Ada Carey shelter for women and children that is run by Mission Granbury.

Meet at FCC on Saturday, February 3 at 9AM and bring any brush clearing tools you may want, but we will have some available as well.



## Fan & Air Conditioner Drive

From April 7th to 28th, we will collect box fans and window unit air conditioners to provide for those in need before the heat of the summer sets in!

## ONGOING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to serve in ways that fit with your gifts. In addition to the special seasonal opportunities, there are many service and ministry groups to get involved with at FCC. Check out the Directory of Ministries that starts on page 14 in this guide to see each of the teams and organizations we partner with.

# THIRD SPACE WORSHIP

This is a new idea we're trying out this season. The goal is to provide creative worship experiences in new spaces outside the church building.



## A NEW KIND OF WORSHIP

Mary & Jim Waldson are hosting our first “Third Space Worship Experience” at their home.

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*friday*  
**FEBRUARY**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**



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## TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART

We will be hosting a special “third space” event to celebrate the total eclipse on April 8th.

*monday*  
**APRIL**  
**8<sup>th</sup>**



# LIFE TOGETHER *with fcc*

Life Together is our flagship fellowship event series. It is generally held monthly and is a great time for all in the church to enjoy a meal together and some activities around a theme.



## MEET & EAT WITH YOUR ELDER

We want to provide an opportunity for everyone to begin a relationship with their new (or returning) Elders for 2024. We will enjoy a potluck meal followed by a game of trivia:

Trivia Theme: Elders of the World



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Our youth group will provide a pancake dinner for Shrove Tuesday (a.k.a. Mardi Gras). They will collect donations to support their ministries, including their summer mission trip.

Signups will begin for stations of the cross and our Easter Candy drive will begin today as well!



## TBD APRIL LIFE TOGETHER

Details will be available later in the season!

# DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES



Service &  
Ministry



Fellowship  
& Interest



Education/  
Sunday School



Partner  
Organizations

## ARTISTS & ARTISANS

This group meets to share fellowship and work on a variety of art projects. Leadership rotates as participants both explore new art forms and practice their specialties.

Contact: Brenda Jeter



## BEREAVEMENT MEALS TEAM

This group provides refreshments and (if requested) light finger-food meals for family and friends when memorial services are held here at FCC.

Contact: Kathy Martin



## CHANCEL CHOIR

Our choir gathers every Wed night to prepare to lead us in worship on Sunday morning. You don't have to be a top-flight singer; just someone who loves singing and loves God!

Contact: Josh Newby



## CHI-RHO & CYF

Students in grades 6-12 share food, fellowship, learning, worship, and fun.

Contact: Austin Staggs



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAMS

There are many ways to serve: as a Sunday school or Worship & Wonder leader, camp driver, special event host, nursery helper, etc. Note that background checks are required.

Contact: Emily Newby



## COMPASSIONATE COOKS

Working in teams, this group provides occasional meals for people struggling with illness, recovering from surgeries, or otherwise in need of short-term help.

Contact: Kathy Cooper



# **DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES**

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## **CONTEMPLATIVE SIT**

A leader shares readings and the group sits in 3 sessions of 15 minutes of silence.

Contact: **Karlie Bold**



## **DISCIPLES CLASS**

In the Disciples Class, scripture is shared in an interactive way that brings the text alive. Weekly classes combine teaching and discussion to provide a scriptural interpretation of culture and a cultural interpretation of scripture. Participants are invited to take a deep dive into familiar Bible stories and into lesser-known passages, to put them in historical context, and to apply them to modern life.

Contact: **Justin Jeter**

## **DISCIPLES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP & BREAKFAST**

This long-running group meets every Wednesday (like clockwork!) for fellowship, prayer, and a devotional time. Participants take turns preparing and offering the weekly devotional. The group begins to gather as early as 6 AM, but the prayer and devotional time occurs at 7:30 AM, and many participants go out to breakfast afterward.

Contact: **Dan Kerr**



## **DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CARD WRITING GROUP**

This group meets monthly for prayer, conversation, and to write cards to homebound persons and members of our prayer list.



Contact: **Janie Lewis**



## **FORWARD TRAINING CENTER**

Provides resources and job skills training for Hood County adults looking to enter the workforce and/or improve their lives.

[forwardtrainingcenter.org](http://forwardtrainingcenter.org)



## **HOLY MOLY**

Students ask questions and encourage each other as they build on the biblical foundations of Worship & Wonder.

Contact: **Emily Newby**

# DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

## JYF (JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

Students in grades 3-5 share food, fellowship, learning, worship, and fun.

Contact: **Emily Newby**



## KITCHEN CREW

This amazing team manages the kitchen, provides refreshments and hospitality on Sunday mornings, and occasionally facilitates food service for other special events. And they have a lot of fun while doing it!

Contact: **Linda Keithley**



## LADIES WHO LUNCH

This group meets monthly at Randy's Grill for lunch and fellowship, and all are welcome!

Contact: **Janie Lewis**



## MEALS ON WHEELS

As part of the broader Hood County Meals on Wheels effort, this group – works to bring food (and love!) to homebound persons. You can work as much as little as you like; there are always routes available!

Contact: **John Pelham**



## MISSION GRANBURY

Provides a variety of emergency services and resources to families in need in Hood County, including rent, utility, prescription, and gas assistance, emergency shelter, food, clothing, and more.

[missiongranbury.org](http://missiongranbury.org)



## PALUXY RIVER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

Advocates for children that are victims of abuse and neglect.

[paluxyrivercac.org](http://paluxyrivercac.org)



# DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

## PARKINSON'S BOXING MINISTRY

Studies have shown that the fast-twitch movements of boxing help stave off the effects of Parkinson's disease, and this group exists to help. If you or a loved one have Parkinson's, you're welcome to participate, and the group is always looking for volunteers to help out.

Contact: Dorothy Weber



## PICKLEBALL

Come play (or learn!) this fun game, make some new friends, and get some good exercise while you're at it. It's kind of like a cross between tennis and ping-pong, and it's great fun for all ages.

Contact: Rob Snider



## PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT MINISTRY

This long-running and faithful group wraps people in love and prayer through the crafting of beautiful shawls and quilts.



Contact: Carole Wright

## PROPERTY/GROUNDS TEAM

This team cares for our facility, doing everything from mowing to special repairs and projects. Help out with regular maintenance, or take on a special project as you have time!



Contact: Bruce Morgan



## RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

This group exists to offer a safe place for seniors needing full-time care to share fellowship, food, and fun, so that caregivers get a break to run errands, take a nap, etc. Volunteers share fellowship and fun with guests, and the blessing is three-fold: for our guests, their caregivers AND our volunteers!

Contact: Cheryl Frederick

## RUTH'S PLACE CLINIC & OUTREACH CENTER

"Provides healthcare and social services to uninsured residents of Hood County. Volunteers are needed at the Angelita Best Food Pantry at the Ruth's Place Outreach Center in Oak Trail Shores. FCC and Ruth's Place have a special ongoing partnership, and we try to maintain a strong team of volunteer mentors throughout the year. [ruthsplace.wixsite.com/ruthsplace](http://ruthsplace.wixsite.com/ruthsplace)



# DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

## SAFETY TEAM

This team keeps an eye on things on Sunday mornings to help keep us all safe.

Contact: **Justin Jeter**



## SALVATION ARMY

Assists families in need in times of crisis, with a strong recent focus on the needs of foster youth and families.

[southernusa.salvationarmy.org/hood-county](http://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/hood-county)



## SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Our Scholarship Team manages our Scholarship Fund, plans an annual fundraiser luncheon, and distributes scholarship to students connected to our congregation. The team looks to add new members every January, and is always glad for extra help around the luncheon in May.

Contact: **Linda Keithley**



## SEASONAL MINISTRY TEAMS

Every year, 3 teams of 5-8 people form and work with our pastoral staff to plan and lead 4 months of ministry and programs in the life of FCC. It's an intensive but short-term and deeply meaningful commitment!

Contact: **Emily Newby**



## SEEKERS CLASS

Life is about discovering the right questions more than having the right answers. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? In a world that seeks certainty and winning over doubting and losing, it seems strange to intentionally seek out that which might be considered weak or vulnerable...but isn't that the way of Christ? What is the cross, if not the ultimate embodiment of loss and undefended love? Aren't questions the path to new wisdom? All of these are great questions!



Contact: **Bradley Leake**

## TAI CHI

This group meets for mind- and body-centering movement.



Contact: **Bonnie Holmes**

# DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

## WELCOME TEAM

Help visitors feel at home at FCC on Sundays by holding doors, handing out worship bulletins and welcome bags, answering questions, and generally sharing warmth and love with newcomers.

Contact: **Rhonda Herdman**



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

This group meets for friendship, casual conversation and discussion of a monthly book.

Contact: **Donna Coates**



## WORSHIP & WONDER

A montessori-inspired class that invites kids to wonder about the stories of the Bible through worshipful art and play.

Contact: **Emily Newby**



## YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS

There are many ways to serve: as a Sunday school leader, camp driver, special event host, Wed evening meal preparer. Note that background checks are required.

Contact: **Austin Staggs**



# FCC *youth & students*

in addition to Sunday School and Youth Group on Wednesday nights (at 5:30pm), there are some special events planned for youth this season:

*friday-saturday*  
**JANUARY  
5-6<sup>th</sup>**

## LOCK-IN WITH RUSH CREEK CC

We'll spend the evening playing games, eating junk food, and worshipping together with our friends at Rush Creek Christian Church in Arlington.

*friday*  
**MARCH  
15<sup>th</sup>**

## YOUTH SERVICE DAY

With the church as our home base, we'll go out throughout Granbury on a variety of service projects with some of our partner organizations.

*friday*  
**APRIL  
5<sup>th</sup>**

## YOUTH GROUP OUTING

Details to come on a fun day of fellowship out on the town!

## LET'S GO TO CAMP AT DISCIPLES CROSSING!

Midwinter Retreat registration is open now for:



3-5th grade (JYF)  
Jan 26-28

6-8th grade (Chi-Rho)  
Feb 2-4

9-12grade (CYF)  
Feb 16-18

Registrations for summer camps opens on February 18th, so make sure to include those in your summer plans!

# FCC *families & children*

In addition to regular programming for children within Sunday School classes and at fellowship events, we have these special events planned for the season:

*friday-saturday*  
**MARCH  
1-2nd**



*Easter Sunday*  
**MARCH  
21st**



## CAMP IS FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN, Too!



**Family Camp**  
(for all ages)  
May 24-26

**Grandparent Camp**  
(ages 4-10 w/ grand)  
May 31-June 2

**Genesis Camp**  
1st-3rd graders  
June 30-July 3

Registrations for summer camps opens on February 18th, so make sure to include those in your summer plans!

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH A PASTOR

About once a month (usually the 2nd Sunday), join a pastor (or two) in Room 7 for a conversation about the church, getting more involved here, or really just about anything! This season we'll be meeting on:

*sunday*  
**JANUARY  
14<sup>th</sup>**

*sunday*  
**FEBRUARY  
11<sup>th</sup>**

*sunday*  
**MARCH  
10<sup>th</sup>**

*sunday*  
**APRIL  
14<sup>th</sup>**

## 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 ([www.fccgranbury.org](http://www.fccgranbury.org)) if you scroll to the bottom.

The access password is Galatians62.

