



MINISTRY NEWS

First Christian Church of Wichita Falls

THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday,
5 pm Praying for Persecuted Christians, 310
5:30 pm Membership, FH
6 pm Common Ground
300 Hallway
6 pm Stewardship 310
7 pm Worship, FH
Outreach, FH
- Wednesday, 7 am
Elder's Prayer Breakfast, 405
- Wednesday, 12 noon
CWF Group 2, 405
- Wednesday, 5 pm
Midweek Communion in Chapel
- Wednesday, 5-6 pm
Midweek Meal, FH
- Wednesday, 6-7 pm
The Neighborhood
worship in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, 7-8 pm
Children and youth programs
- Wednesday, 7 pm
Chancel Choir rehearsal
in Stratten Hall
- Friday, 3:30 pm
CYF departs for Planet
Wisdom
- Sunday
4 pm Pastor's Class
5 pm Grow in Grace Choir
5 pm FACE time with Dave
5:45 pm Young Disciples
5-7 pm Chi Rho/CYF



Congratulations to Ted Lauck
CMF Person of the Year

DON'T MISS HOT DOG NIGHT AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WEDNESDAY, 5-6 PM



February 19-26

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2017 Week of Compassion Special Offering

The New Testament constantly refers to followers of Jesus, not as Christians, but as a family – brothers and sisters. Local churches live this out when someone is ill, mourning, or facing a crisis. **You show up. You are there for your loved ones in need.**

The Bible tells us that God is like us in this respect. **When one of God's beloved children suffers, God declares, "I am there."** God hears the cries of the poor and oppressed (Exodus 3:9, Psalm 10:17, 69:33), is near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18),

and is near to all who call God's name (Psalm 145:18). The promise that God will be with us is a constant refrain from Genesis to Revelation. When we see the latest tragedy on the news, we might ask, "Where are you, God?" But we already know the answer – **God is there, in the midst of those who are hurting.**

By giving to Week of Compassion, we reach out to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, and let them know that they are not forgotten. Even when the

need seems far from here, by acting together as the body of Christ, we are able to be there for these members of Christ's family. We show them love with gifts of rice and oil. We are there by providing well pumps for clean water and seeds and training for sustainable agriculture. Through medical kits, school supplies, temporary shelters, and safe housing we show up. In the midst of suffering, where is God? God is there. Where are you? **When you give to Week of Compassion, you are there.**