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10 am Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary and Online

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Mission Statement: Chico First Christian Church is an inclusive, loving community of believers in Jesus Christ who wish to explore and follow his teachings. We strive to provide opportunities to freely develop our faith through worship, Christian education, fellowship, and pastoral care. The Holy Spirit guides us in our personal and congregational outreach and mission, where we proclaim the good news and serve in Christ's name. We work for peace as embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. We help ourselves and others fulfill God's calling by discovering wholeness in our daily lives and by putting faith into action.

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- Custodian: Scott Hall
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2026 Elected Church Leadership:

- **Moderator**-Maxwell Erwin
- **Vice-Moderator-**Cynthia Cantwell
- **Secretary**-Carolyn Driscoll
- **Treasurer**-Nancy Thompson
- **Congregational Life Ministry Leader-**Peggy Davidson
- **Outreach Ministry Leader**-Georgia Nelson
- **Administrative Ministry Leader**– Georgeanne Bennett
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- **Personnel Committee-**Kathy Moran, Amber McGill, Lori Terrell-Adrian
- **Elders:** Mary Kearns (chair), Georgia Nelson, Kevin Zeitler, Dave Hoppe, Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Barbara Poetker, Jean McKay, Georgeanne Bennett, Bill Peterson
- Endowment Trustees: Nancy Thompson, Marie Grandeen, Blaine Roberts, Carolyn Hicks
- Deacons (not elected): Georgeanne Bennett, Peggy Davidson, Carolyn Driscoll, Marie Grandeen, Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Barbara Poetker

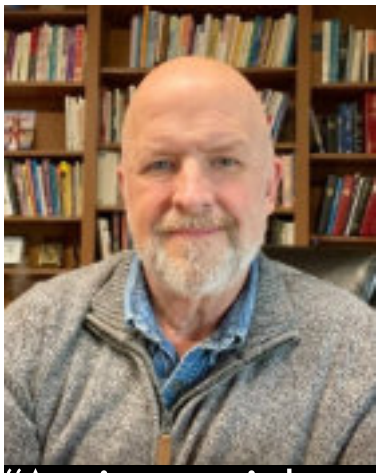
Email Lists--Sign up on our website fccchico.com

- **Prayer Chain:** Be sure to have permission to share names and any specifics with the prayer chain.
- **Sermons:** Have last Sunday's sermon and YouTube video emailed to you.
- **The Caller:** Monthly newsletter, available by email and/or mail by request
- **The Callerito:** Weekly (mostly) email. This is also the list we use for the bulletin and meeting reminders.

Small Group Opportunities

- **Blue Cloud Arts Production** Blue Cloud Art Productions is our in-house devotional creation group. We invite contributions from across our church—art, poetry, prose, and reflections that speak to your faith journey. All forms of creativity are welcome: quilts, knitting, embroidery, paintings, photography, writing—whatever is beautiful and meaningful to you.
- **Upbeats Music Jam** meets at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. It is open to musicians of all levels, and all are welcome.
- **DWM (Disciple Women's Ministry)** is a service group open to all women of the church and meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 2-4 p.m., September through May. This circle serves the church and its congregation by reaching out to home-bound members at Christmas and Easter and wherever needed. The primary fundraiser is the annual bazaar (1st Saturday in November). Funds from the bazaar cover church kitchen supply expenses, and a part of the proceeds go to various outreach ministries.
- **Koinonia Krafters** meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Participants work on a crafting project of their choice and spend time in fellowship.
- **Healing Circle** meets each month on the fourth Friday from 1-3 p.m. in the Bethany Room. This circle is open to all members of the church. Participants may be journeying through a chronic illness, be a caregiver, or may simply be going through a stressful period in their lives. Experiences and feelings shared in the meetings are confidential and not shared outside the group.
- **Women's Bunco Group** meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.
- **Weekly Evening Bible Study** is offered at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom and in person in Room 6. Several 6 to 10-week sessions are offered throughout the year.
- We offer **Sunday School** for children in 4th grade and younger. The class meets during the weekly 10 a.m. service.
- For more information and contact information, please contact the church office at **530-343-3727** or chicodisciples@gmail.com

From Pastor Jesse



"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

—Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)

I'm writing this on October 15, the deadline for our monthly newsletter. It's 94 degrees. I can't complain, though, because it was 99 degrees a couple of weeks ago on my birthday. This is October for goodness' sake! We're supposed to be in the low to mid-70s by now. I'm thankful that I have a men's retreat at Community of the Great Commission starting tomorrow. It will "only" be in the mid-80s in Foresthill. This is tough for a guy who grew up in the mid-Willamette Valley in Oregon. Early October was hunting season where I grew up. You needed some extra layers of clothing to tromp around in the misty, drizzly Douglas Fir forests looking for deer. Even in Virginia, October was when autumn leaves are at their peak color before they fall off the trees. I do not remember a time in my life when it was over 90 degrees on my birthday. On October 8th, the daytime high was 103, which broke the 1980 record of 98.

Meteorologists have also predicted that 2026-27 will be a "Super El Niño year" that could potentially bring above-average rainfall with increased risk of flooding. As much as we need rain to fill our reservoirs and aqueducts, I don't want it all at once.

I could go overboard worrying about all this. As I mentioned in my October 11 sermon, worrying about something doesn't necessarily change anything. It certainly doesn't give us control over the things that keep us awake at night. Even though we were in the book of Philippians that week, I'm reminded of some wise words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount:

> "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:31–34 NIV)

Am I concerned about these ominous weather forecasts? Of course. And yes, I may even be a little *worried* about them, too. Can I do anything to prevent the next heat wave or control how much rain falls

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Congregational Life Ministries

Live Streaming Sunday Worship

Zoom (Open the Zoom app. If you need to download it, go to zoom.us.)

- Meeting ID: 3976292568.
- Password: 5303433727
- Facebook Live: https://www.facebook.com/fccchico/

Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.—Church Board Hybrid Meeting, Chapel, and on Zoom
- Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.—Elders' Hybrid Meeting, Chapel and on Zoom

Pastor Jesse's Schedule



Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 in honor of Thanksgiving

Sunday from the Lectionary

November 1
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
***Matthew 23:1-12**
"The Kingdom Looks Like Them"
All Saints Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 8
Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13- 18
***Matthew 25:1-13**
"Stay Awake, Be Ready"

November 15
Judges 4:1-7;
Psalm 123
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
***Matthew 25:14-30**
"Don't Bury It"

November 22
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7
Ephesians 1:15-23
***Matthew 25:31-46**
Where Did We See You?"
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 29
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
***Mark 13:24-37**
"Those Who Dream: Hope"
First Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens



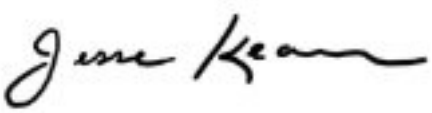
Sermons available on our website fccchico.com and on our YouTube Channel @FCCChico

Worship Teams for November					
	1	**8**	**15**	**22**	**29**
Elder	Nancy Morgans-Ferguson	Georgia Nelson	Bill Peterson	Kevin Zeitler	Mary Kearns
Musician	Josh Hegg	Nancy Thompson	Josh Hegg	Nancy Thompson	UpBeats
Worship Leader	Georgeanne Bennett	Carolyn Driscoll	Georgeanne Bennett	Kathy Moran	Georgia Nelson
Deacon	Peggy Davidson	Barbara Poetker	Marie Grandeen	Nancy Morgans-Ferguson	Barbara Poetker

this winter? No. What I *can* do is pay attention to how I live, make responsible choices about how I care for the earth, and encourage others to do the same. I can do my part, however small it may seem, to leave this world a little better than I found it.

Jesus never said we shouldn't care about tomorrow. He simply reminded us not to become so consumed by tomorrow's worries that we forget to live faithfully today. There will always be things beyond our control. But there will also be opportunities right in front of us to make a difference. Maybe that's where our energy belongs—not in worrying about what tomorrow might bring, but in doing what we can with the day we've been given. And hopefully, by Thanksgiving, I'll finally get to bring my sweaters out of the closet!

See you in church,



Congregational Life Ministry

October was a busy month. The Guess Who's Coming to Brunch event was a lot of fun. Now we are looking forward, and find that Advent is fast approaching. Sunday, November 22, we will be decorating the sanctuary at 3 in the afternoon.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. That is the Sunday when fellowship will be provided by the Elders, and at that time we will have a candy cane hunt and cookie decorating for the children. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss any of the fun

—*Peggy Davidson*

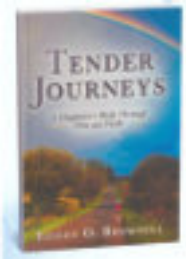


November Birthdays

11/01 Tim Rawlins
11/02 Boyd Joslyn
11/06 Diane Terrell
11/14 Cynthia Cantwell
11/15 Scott Hall
11/17 Emily Nelson
11/18 Dave Maxwell
11/26 Sharon Smith
11/27 Barbara Schacht

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1, 2026





Tender Journeys: a Chaplain's Walk Through Fire and Faith

The Center for Spiritual Living, 14 Hillary Lane, Chico, CA 95973, is sponsoring a launch party for Rev. Eileen O. Brownell's book, *Tender Journeys: A Chaplain's Walk Through Fire and Faith,* which has been available since the end of October. The launch party will be an interview with the book editor and Eileen on Friday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions. The $25 cost to attend includes a copy of the book! Scan the QR code to register for the event, or use this link: https://cslchico.breezechms.com/form/f7b2c4196275647615542



Blue Cloud Arts Faith Zine Update:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Blue Cloud Arts Production Faith Zine.

Look for our zine in the church sanctuary in the basket by the church bulletins.

I love all of the art and contributions!

Many in our faith community have enjoyed contributing, and we have art and literary submissions from all ages.

Zine Hands-on Workshop: Sunday, November 8th after fellowship in the Chapel Room. Bring yourself. We have lots of art supplies. Invite family and friends. This is an extended time for fellowship and creativity. Help with our Thanksgiving layout.

Our next edition will be for Thanksgiving and released on Sunday, November 15th.

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, November 9th at 6 pm
Theme: Gratefulness, Joy, Thanks:
Psalm 9:1: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Send submissions with how you would like your name presented and a title to:
Leslie Moore
LMooreLeslie@gmail.com
Text: 1-707-529-3195
No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Literary Submissions maximum word count: 150 words

Blessings and thanks to all of you who have given me words of encouragement, ideas, submissions, and assistance.
Leslie Moore

--Leslie Moore
Creative Director- Zinester

Annual Congregational Business Meeting and Stewardship Sunday

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting and Stewardship Sunday will take place on November 15 this year. The Stewardship letter and pledge card were mailed out in September, and pledge cards are also in the Sanctuary pew racks. You can also access these electronically in our weekly Callerito email and on our website **https://www.fccchico.com/stewardship**



Outreach
Special Offering Totals

- **Week of Compassion** (supports the alleviation of the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities) $2,230.00
- **Easter Special Offering** (supports general ministries) $1,025.00
- **Pentecost Special Offering** (supports new church ministries) $455.00

Giving

- Your generous giving helps sustain the ministry and outreach of First Christian Church. Thank you for your faithful support. Gifts may be made online at fccchico.com or mailed to the church—no special envelopes are needed. If you wish to direct your gift to a Special Offering, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, or another purpose, simply note it on the memo line of your check. **Thank you for supporting our church with your time, talents, and tithes!**

Imagine More

A Vision for Everyday Ministry







- Monthly *The Caller* deadline: 15th of the month
- Sunday Bulletin deadline: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Weekly *The Callerito* deadline: Thursdays, 10 a.m.

To be included in any mailing, contact the church office at 530-343-3727, or chicodisciples@gmail.com. Donations of $13/yr. appreciated but not necessary.

Annual Holiday Bazaar
First Christian Church

November 7, 2026
9 am to 1 pm



Sewing Fantasy



Farmer's Market

Vintage Collectables

Country Kitchen



Opportunity Drawing



Children's Corner

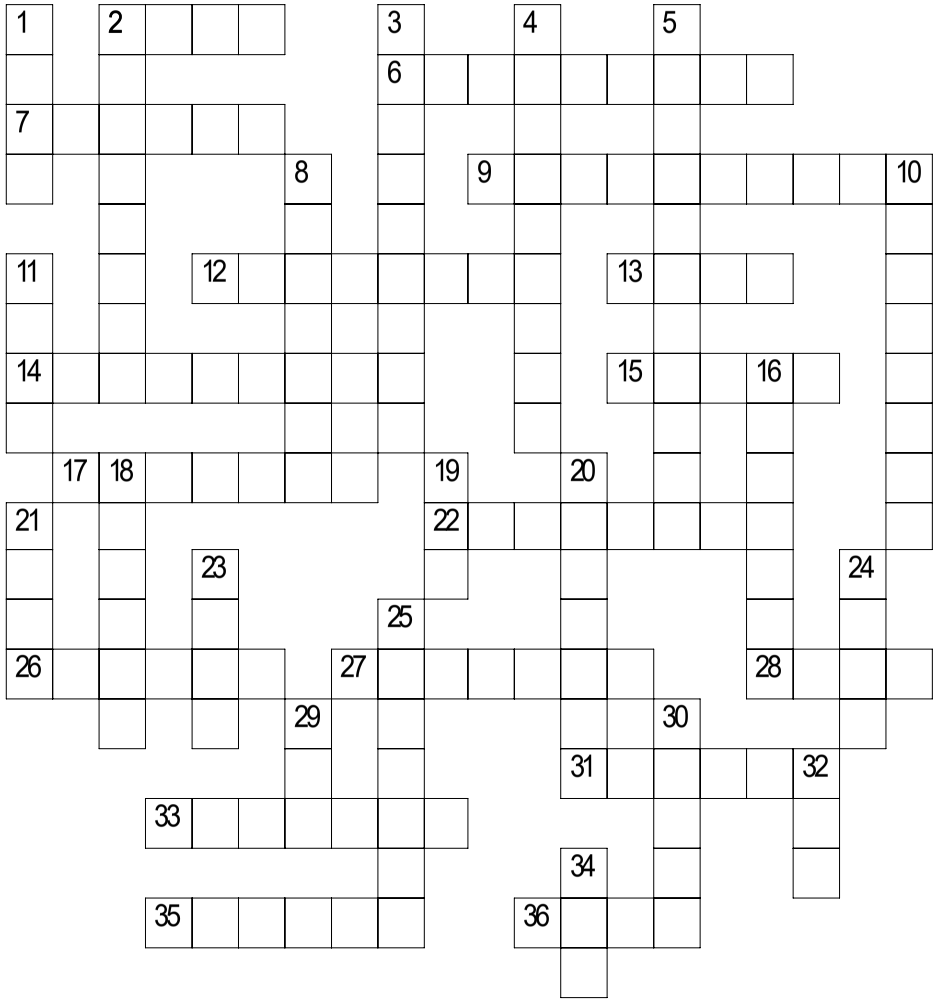
Proceeds Support Community Outreach

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Matthew, Chapter 25, Puzzle 1

Across

2. not in good health
6. a more than adequate supply
7. fearful or apprehensive
9. male participant in marriage ceremony
12. absence of light
13. state of combustion
14. without value or merit
15. be in alert state, vigilant
17. a need or desire to drink
22. a charge for borrowing money
26. the monarch's chair
27. lacking good sense or judgment
28. a barrier that closes off a room
31. an unusual or innate ability
33. young unmarried ladies
35. half asleep
36. disinclined to work



Down

1. small domesticated mammal with horns
2. one who does not belong
3. a state of well-being
4. assigned responsibility for
5. property passed down to an heir
8. the gathering of a ripened crop
10. the middle of the night
11. , sprinkled with seed
16. provided with clothing
18. feeling a need to eat food
19. a slippery or viscous liquid
20. money in a bank for safekeeping
21. prevent from entering
23. male sovereign
24. beneficial, healthy, eatable
25. going from one place to another
29. made a hole by excavation
30. resplendent majesty
32. number of virgins with lamps
34. to chew and swallow food

WORD LIST

abundance
afraid
bridegroom
clothed
darkness
deposit
door
drowsy
dug
eat
entrusted
fire
foolish
glory
goat
good
happiness
harvest
hungry
inheritance
interest
journey
king
lazy
midnight
oil
shut
sick
sown
stranger
talent
ten
thirsty
throne
virgins
watch
worthless

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Weekly Recurring Events

Sundays
- 10 am Worship, Sanctuary, Zoom/FB
- After Worship, Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1 pm Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva,

Wednesdays
- 10 am Uplift Boutique, Room 10
- 6 pm Scouting America Troop 2, Koinonia Hall and Fireside

Thursdays
- 8:30 am Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 10 am Music Practice, Room 4
- 5:30 pm Scouting America Pack 2, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 6:30 pm Bible Study, Zoom, Chapel (through November 19)

Saturdays
- 10 am Uplift Boutique, Room 10

Other Events and Meetings

Sunday, November 1—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Thursday, November 5
- 6:30 pm Bible Study, Zoom, Room 6

Saturday, November 7--Annual Bazaar! 9 am to 1 pm, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Kitchen

Sunday, November 8
- 2 pm Blue Cloud Arts Production Hands-on Zine Workshop, Chapel

Tuesday, November 10
- 9:30 am Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 7 pm Church Board Hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday, November 11
- 11:30 am Chico Area Interfaith Council (CAIC) meeting, Fireside

Thursday, November 12
- Chico Area Interfaith Council Annual Dinner, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Sunday, November 15—Annual Congregational Meeting, Stewardship pledge cards due, voting in of the new year's church leaders; Corning Sunday; Deadline for *The Caller* **newsletter**
- 11 am Corning FCC Worship begins, 1421 Marin St. Corning

Tuesday, November 17
- 2 pm Disciple Women's Ministry, **Fireside**
- 7 pm Elders' Hybrid Meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Sunday, November 22
- After fellowship, Capital Campaign meeting, Room 6
- 3 pm Decorating the Sanctuary Party, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 25
- 5:30 pm Shalom Free Clinic Board meeting, Chapel

Thursday, November 26—Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27—Church Office Closed
- 1 pm Healing Circle, Bethany

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent; Hanging of the Greens
- **Fellowship will be provided by the Elders; Candy cane hunt and cookie decorating for the children**

Map of facility and Room 5 Community Group schedule available on our website, fccchico.com/news-calendar. QR code: