



First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Mineral Wells, TX

October 1, 2019



## EXALT

Worship (Traditional)  
Sunday Mornings @ 10:50 a.m.  
(Narrative Lectionary □ Old Testament)

Worship/Study (Alternative)  
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00 p.m.

### Season of Pentecost

#### Grief During the Holidays

Coming in November

*We are always looking for ideas and interests to collectively learn more about God, Jesus, the Bible, and our Church history. If you have an idea that you would like to share and see made available, contact us, and we will see what we can do.*

#### World Communion Sunday

October 6 @ 10:50 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

#### Introducing □Dinner Church□

October 23 @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 30 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Covenant Room

#### SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The Communion Table is central to our denominational and spiritual identity as Disciples of Christ. It represents many approaches to the Christian faith and is perhaps the most welcoming part of our worship service. Communion contains both personal and communal elements.

Personally, it is taken and ingested (literally and figuratively) in relation to Jesus Christ and our self-identity. We ask for forgiveness of sins and receive the Grace of God.

Communally, we share in a meal that moves us to think about our relationships with each other and the community in which we exist. We ask to receive our daily calling, to be moved by the Spirit, and to fulfill the Great Commission.

However, translating our experience at the Table can sometimes be difficult. Our traditional practice of Table is removed from the social pressures we experience as soon as we walk out the door. I encourage you to think about and embrace the meaning of this ritual as it relates to your context. In what ways is it changing the way you speak, act, and listen to others? In what ways does it break down barriers between familiar and stranger? I wonder what life differences it would make.

## EXPLORE

Sunday School Classes  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

Godly Play (4 to 12 years old)  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.

## EXPERIENCE

Praise at the Bridge (P@B)

□Light in the Darkness□

November 9 (Sat.) @ 5:00 p.m.

For the entire family. Free food, fun activities, mission, and more.

#### Mission: Lunch for the Homeless

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays,  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Center of Life

*We need cooks and servers. Sign-up with Pastor Brian. Ideally, if we can get two dedicated teams to take one Wednesday each, it would help tremendously.*

#### COMMUNITY NOTES

##### Thank You from the Huffmans

Helen and John Huffman thank all the very special friends that furnished food, support, cards, visits and prayers during Helen's recent health issue. Special thanks to the Wildwood Sunday School class for its support and to Pastor Brian for visiting and bringing communion.

**All Saints Sunday is November 3.** If you would like to honor a loved one, please send us their name to be read and included in the service. You may also bring a picture of the person(s) to be displayed.

#### SERVING AT THE TABLE

##### Worship Leader for October:

*John Huffman*

Communion Preparation:

##### Elders Serving:

10/6/19 Jimmy Walker

10/13/19 Gene and Genie Quincy

10/20/19 Helen Huffman and Carla

*Hay-Perdue*

10/27/19 Judy Gayler and Marilyn

*Rhodes*

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

12 Anastacia Garcia

16 Luke Crawford

18 Linda Ashby

23 Clydell Singleton

24 Anne Street, Kim Olson

25 Holly Crawford

29 Mary Witt

#### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

# CONNECTED

## Regional News and Events

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

#### October

**9:** Brite Divinity School Stalcup Lecture - "Cultivating Trauma-Informed Faith Communities for Trauma-Responsive Care" @ Northway Christian Church, Dallas TX, 9am to 1:45pm

#### November

**9:** CCSW Learn Event - Transformational Leadership @ First Christian Church, Tyler TX, 9am to 3pm

**9:** Brite Divinity School Stalcup Lecture - "What/How Do I Love When I Love My God?: Love as a Re-Invention of Life" @ Northway Christian Church, Dallas TX, 9am - 1:45pm

For registration and more information, [ccsw.org](http://ccsw.org)



# BRITE

DIVINITY SCHOOL

## Open House

**October 22, 2019**  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Including:

- Complimentary breakfast & lunch
- Greetings from President Newell Williams and Dean Michael Miller
- Informational sessions
- Faculty teaching modules
  - Chapel service
  - Community lunch
- Admissions interviews
  - Class visits
  - Campus tour
- Optional preview day on October 21

For more information, email [brite-admissions@tcu.edu](mailto:brite-admissions@tcu.edu)

To register for this free event, visit [brite.edu/openhouse](http://brite.edu/openhouse)



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

<b>Month of September-(Totals)</b>	
Sunday School	Worship
<b>55</b>	<b>120</b>
General Fund	<b>\$5,403.35</b>

Average of \$33/person for the month.

We are kicking off our Stewardship Campaign this month. During the service there will be stewardship moments, pledge card distributions, budget planning and adjustments.

What can you do? Give what you can as often as you can. Also, help us bring more people to Christ. Invite your neighbors and friends to share in the ministry of First Christian Church.

### CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

**Continuing Prayers for Members:** Billie Pratt, John Vaughan, Mike Olivares, Sadie Martin, Janet Holland, Clydell Singleton, Anita Hueber, Mary Beth Walker, Becky Moore, Sydney Hoefelmann, Donna & James Seigler, Caron Shiflett, Betty Couch, JJ Francis, Helen Huffman, Janice Bean, Burt and Billie Slater

**Continuing Prayers for Our Community:** Kasen (Crawfords), those with mental illnesses and disabilities, Shirley Green (Julie), Michael Ford (James), Layfetter Sandler, Jr (Rodney), Eileen Wood (Davis), the victims and families affected by violence, Jim Fowler (Davis), Elder Family, Cathy Conway, Rodney's great-niece, Family of Richard Barry (Nierman), Gay Bertello (Quincy), Tina Ruelas, James (Gayler), Sarah Simmons (Waddy), David (Francis)

**Military:** Michael Green, USA; Connor Bean, USA

**College Students:** Ben Hellie, Isabelle Gardner, Victoria Huffman, Kara Hartnagel, Zachary Givens, Trevor Smith

# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Off	2 Wednesday Evening, 6 pm	3 Choir, 6:30 pm	4 Tina Off Office Closed	5 Pastor Out of Town
<b>6 World Communion Sun.</b> Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	7	8 Pastor Off	9 Wednesday Evening, 6 pm	10 Choir, 6:30 pm	11	<b>12 Crazy Water Festival</b> P@B Booth, 10 am - 2 pm (Sign-up with Jennifer)
13 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	14 Church Cabinet, 6 pm (Planning and Budget)	15 Pastor Off	16 Wednesday Evening, 6 pm	17 Choir, 6:30 pm	18 Tina Off Office Closed	19
20 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	21	22	23 Introducing  Dinner Church  Wednesday Evening, 6 pm	24 Choir, 6:30 pm Pastor Out (Leadership Class)	25 Tina Off Office Closed	<b>26 Spooky Wells</b> FCC Game Booth, 5-9 pm (Sign-up with Pastor Brian)
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**Light in the  
Darkness**  
*November's  
Theme*

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302 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mineral Wells, TX 76067  
RSVP: fccmw.org

# PRAISE @ THE BRIDGE

**November 9, 2019, 5-8 pm**

*Family Fellowship, Food, and Fun*

Are you looking for a place to learn more about God, and explore your questions of faith?

Family-Friendly, Fun and Safe Environment.

Not a lot of churchy stuff, yet full of Grace.

No obligation to join anything, just learn and make new friends.

**THIS IS FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY!**

**Children (under 18) must be accompanied by at least one parent, grandparent, or guardian.**

P@B meets every other month.  
Open to all ages, family types, singles, and seekers.  
Bring your friends and neighbors.



## Evangelism is...

- **Getting a Reputation** (*Hopefully a good one.*)
- **Lightening the Structure** (*Removing obstacles so the Spirit may flow.*)
- **Freeing the Pastor** (*Ministers have a calling, let them follow it.*)
- **Getting Out** (*Not everything has to be done in a church building.*)
- **Eating and Drinking Often** (*Food and drink unite people.*)
- **Making it Free and Accessible** (*Placing financial barriers tend to turn people away and prevents them from participating fully in the community of faith.*)
- **Focusing on THEM** (*Focusing on the people who are not in our community defines our call to minister, serve, and care for others, which in turn helps us care of each other.*)

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