



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Mineral Wells, TX

December 1, 2019



EXALT

Worship (Traditional)
Sunday Mornings @ 10:50 a.m.
(Narrative Lectionary – Year of Mark)

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

Season of Advent and
Christmas

Church Newsletter Subscription

You *must* renew your subscription this by end of December to continue to receive the newsletter via email or regular mail.

The church newsletter can also be accessed through our website on the home page, or get a copy in the literature rack by the main office.

EXPERIENCE

Live Nativity

“The Birth of Christ”

December 7 (Sat.) @ 6:00 p.m.

For the entire family. Hot chocolate, cookies, songs, and a good story.

Advent Sunday

December 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 10:50 a.m.
(readers needed)

Christmas Eve Service w/ Candle Lighting

December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols

December 29 @ 10:50 a.m.

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.

Choir
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Mission: Lunch for the Homeless

1st & 3rd 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.

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

As children, we crave the excitement of opening the presents under the tree and dumping the goodies out of stuffed stockings. We look for instant satisfaction to fill the dullness of life – moving from one shiny object to another. Our attention spans are short, our understanding of the world is concrete, and we believe in the fantasies that some magical moment will solve all our problems.

But, most of us aren't children. The burdens of gathering and sending, preparing and receiving takes over the wonder of this season. We stay busy at work, clean the house, fill our time with obligations and feel guilty when we actually do spend a little down time. We look for practical objectives to fulfill, and we grow anxious with the changes that surround us. Nostalgia gives us a false sense of footing as the problems of society and creation surround us.

Yet, we return to this story of Christ's birth over and over again. What are we hoping to see, to feel, to discover, to know when we come to this peaceful scene of mother and child? What do we hope this Messiah will bring to us? Restore? Change? I think we come here because it reminds us to be both children and adults, to look at the world with wonder and hope, and share the wisdom of knowing God is taking care of us.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Billie Pratt
3 John Vaughan
9 Carol Noeding
9 Carolyn Sargent
14 Burt Slater
18 Kaitlyn Nierman
19 Betty Couch
28 David Bean
30 Kent Olson

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARYS

15 Doug and Debbie Grabham
23 Linda and Norm Hickman
30 Janet and Mike Holland

COMMUNITY NOTES

Thank you volunteers for making this a great year in service to our Lord and to the community of Mineral Wells. I want to personally thank Barbara, Judy, Carol, Marilyn, Genie, Alicia, David, Donna, Janice, Anita, James, Mildred, Carol, Lynn, Marsha, Jennifer, Kaitlyn, Carla, Jim, Holly, Debbie, Jimmy, Linda, Norm, Billie, and Hank. Not only did you provide donations, you showed up to serve! I know many of you are serving our community in a variety of capacities, and so we thank you for pursuing your ministries. May God bless us more this coming year!

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Worship Leader for December:

Deacons:

Carolyn Holt, Barbara Upham, Brenda Mahan, Lanie Wright

Elders Serving:

12/1/19 Jimmy Walker & Genie Quincy
12/8/19 Genie & Gene Quincy
12/15/19 Helen Huffman & Carla Hay-Perdue
12/22/19 Judy Gayler & Marilyn Rhodes
12/29/19 Marilyn Rhodes and Carla Hay-Perdue

CONNECTED

Regional News and Events

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

For registration and more information, ccsw.org



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

FEB 08

CCSW LEARN
This training topic will be
Evangelism

MAY 16

CCSW LEARN
This training topic will be
Disciples Identity

AUG 01

CCSW LEARN
This training topic will be
Practical Ministry I

NOV 06

CCSW LEARN
This training topic will be
Theology

THESE DATES ARE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Month of November-(Totals)

Sunday School	Worship
86	140
General Fund	\$6,884.34

Average of \$45/person for the month.

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign has begun. 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, Sydney Hoefelmann, Donna & James Seigler, Caron Shiflett, Betty Couch, JJ Francis, Mary Jo Thomas, Helen Huffman, Janice Bean, Melva Greathouse, Randy & Lou Warren

Continuing Prayers for Our Community: Kasen (Crawfords), those with mental illnesses and disabilities, Shirley Green (Julie), Michael Ford (James), Lafayette Sadler, Jr (Rodney), Elder Family, Cathy Conway, Rodney's great-niece, Gay Bertello (Quincy), Sarah Simmons (Waddy), David (Francis), Wade Nelson (Gayler), Hazel Staley (Staley), Madison and her brother (Quincy), Jerry Thomlin, Wade Parsley (Francis), victims of the fires and recent school shootings, teacher aid in mourning (Bean), family of Helen Gilbert, Paula Hickman

Military: Michael Green, USA; Connor Bean, USN

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

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DECEMBER 1 Advent 1 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	2		3 Pastor Vacation	4 Wednesday Evening, 6 pm Col Lunch, 10 am to noon	5 Choir, 6:30 pm	6 Tina Off Pastor Vacation	7 Live Nativity , 6-8 pm
8 Advent 2 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	9	Church Cabinet, 6:30 pm	10 Pastor Vacation Tree of Angels Ceremony, Fellowship Hall, 6 pm	11 Wednesday Women's Bible Study, 3 pm Wednesday Evening, 6 pm	12 Choir, 6:30 pm	13 Tina Off Pastor Vacation	14
15 Advent 3 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	16		17 Pastor Vacation	18 Wednesday Evening, 6 pm Col Lunch, 10 am to noon	19 Choir, 6:30 pm	20 Tina Off Pastor Vacation	21
22 Advent 4 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	23		24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve w/ Candle Lighting, 7 pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed Christmas Brunch for the Homeless and Lonely, 10 am to 1 pm	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed
29 Christmas 1 Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:50 am	30	Pastor Vacation	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed Pastor Vacation	January 1 Happy 2020! Office Closed Pastor Vacation	2 Office Closed Pastor Vacation	3 Office Closed Pastor Vacation	4

Merry Christmas



And Happy New Year

POINSETTIAS

It is that time of year again when we begin to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Advent Season. The plants will cost \$20.00 each and will be in the sanctuary on Sundays, December 22 and 29. You are encouraged to take your plant home with you to enjoy during the rest of the holiday season, or please deliver them to another member of the church. Please let the church office know your intentions by filling out the form below and turning it in with your payment.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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