

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
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*"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"*  
**First Christian Church**



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SUNDAY SERVICE  
November 19, 2017

Worship	9:30 AM
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Sunday School	10:45 AM

Sermon: "Giving Thanks For Our Gifts"  
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

WATCHING OUR FIGURES  
November 2: 6    November 5: 92  
November 9: 8    November 12: 87

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## ***Alternative Christmas Gifts***

### **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SOUP LUNCH**

Are you looking for some unique gift ideas? Come to the Soup Lunch and Alternative Christmas Fair on Sunday, Nov. 26 starting at 11:30 am. You will be able to make donations to a variety of organizations and get a card to give someone as you make a gift in their honor. Organizations include Brown Bag Buddies, Operation Share, Safe Haven, Animal Shelter, Camp Walter Scott, Week of Compassion and Global Ministries - Congo (bags by Congolese women will be available as well) Join us as we make gifts in the name of Jesus as we anticipate our Advent Season of Giving. If you plan to bring soup, sandwiches or desserts, please contact Bill Hackler.

### **CCF NOTES**

Our Christian Children's Fellowship (K-5th graders) continues to meet after school each Wednesday. We have worked on songs, including a video we shared in worship one Sunday. We have had lessons, including the story of Jesus' birth (do you know which gospels have the birth story in them?) We discovered some truth behind the stories. We have played games and shared snacks and started working on our Children's Christmas program. We hope to see YOU at our program on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 11:30 am. Come for the program and stay for lunch.

## GRATITUDE JAR

Don't forget to put a note in one of our Gratitude Jars. Some notes are posted in the glass case in the front lobby. Check out the gratitude of your church family and share your own as we give thanks together.

## THANKFUL HEARTS ARE SHARING HEARTS

Please remember to buy a little extra as you do your holiday shopping. Items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas are:

- Canned green beans and corn (any kind of canned vegetable is ok)
- Canned fruit, pineapple, cranberry sauce or mixed fruit
- Boxed potatoes, scalloped, mashed, etc.
- Mac-n-cheese/noodles/rice
- Boxed stuffing
- Cake or brownie mixes or other dessert mixes, plus canned icing

## SERVING IN NOVEMBER



- Deacons:** Barb Escobedo, Juan Escobedo, Larry Boewe, Lizzie Irelan, Chuck Wiles, Lesley Hipsher
- Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue
- Communion Preparers:** Ginny Brown & Sarah Wisner
- Sanctuary Straightener:** Betty Winternheimer
- Elder on Call:**
- Acolytes:** Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

### OFFERING - Nov. 5, 2017

General	\$3,057.00
Sunday School	2.00
Blessing Basket	8.00
Fellowship Time	32.38
Website	200.00
Summit	<u>90.00</u>
Total:	\$3,389.38

### OFFERING - Nov. 12, 2017

General	\$11,625.00
Sunday School	23.00
Blessing Basket	3.00
Brown Bag Buddies	400.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	<u>16.00</u>
Total:	\$12,167.00

## CAUGHT DOING GOOD.....

- \* The Senior Group assembled 5 boxes of items for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.
- \*Connor, Brady, Harley, Tyler and Jim who delivered donated bread to WADI.



## BLESSINGS

We have used the Blessing Money to purchase some Advent Coloring Posters. These will be in classrooms, Bible studies, Youth meetings and other places for you to color during Advent. As they are finished, we will post them in the church. One of our larger ones asks for your response to simple questions. This will be hung up for our church family to all participate.



Jason Fiero, Family of Kyle Sigler, Asher Lathrop, Charlene Daniels, Donna Litherland, Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, Billie Sue "Sudie" Morris, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

