

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
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**SUNDAY SERVICE  
December 3, 2017**

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

Sermon: “Giving Peace”  
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-10

**WATCHING OUR FIGURES**  
November 16: 11 November 19: 91  
Nov. 26: 87

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*“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”  
First Christian Church*



*Visitor*

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN. DECEMBER 3 - 10:30 AM**

**ADVENT - A SEASON OF GIVING**

Advent starts Sunday, Dec. 3 as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. What do you offer to honor the birth of Jesus? Come to worship and praise God each Sunday as we discover the true gifts of the season.

**BACKWARDS ADVENT CALENDAR**

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Consider a Backwards Advent Calendar. Use a box, basket or large bag and each day during Advent place a non-perishable food item in it. After Advent, donate the food items to WADI to help people through the winter months.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We plan to “wrap things up” by December 10 for submissions to the 2017-2018 First Christian Church Directory. If you’ve not yet had your picture taken or have questions or suggestions, please call Stacey Swift or Marilyn Hocking.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT**

As our world becomes more electronic, we are offering the opportunity for people to give by direct deposit. You would need to initiate this through your bank. If you are interested, call the church office and ask for information on our church account for your bank to direct deposit funds on a weekly or monthly basis. This is something new Stewardship is trying and we hope it will help those who do most of their banking electronically to give in a more convenient way.



**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM AND POTLUCK**

The Children’s Christmas program and potluck lunch will be on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 am. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**THANKFUL HEARTS ARE SHARING HEARTS**

Please remember to buy a little extra as you do your holiday shopping. Items needed for 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 DECEMBER**



- Deacons:** Connor Anderson, Clint Anderson, Heather Baker, Duane Lewis, Wilbur Brown, Ken Burkitt
- Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue
- Communion Preparers:** Marilyn Hocking & Debbie Meyer
- Sanctuary Straightener:** Betty Winternheimer
- Elder on Call:**
- Acolytes:** Ty Hipsher & Shelby Mayhue

**OFFERING - Nov. 19, 2017**

General	\$2,850.00
Sunday School	8.10
Fellowship Time	22.00
Outreach	8.00
Website	100.00
Thanksgiving	210.00
Summit	<u>90.00</u>
Total:	\$3,288.10

**OFFERING - Nov. 26, 2017**

General	\$2,456.00
Sunday School	12.00
Thanksgiving	110.00
Bicycles	400.00
Website	100.00
Alternative Christmas	100.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$3,186.00

**YOUTH ART SALE**

The Youth sold several pieces of their art at the Alternative Christmas Gift Fair. They made \$242.82 that will be donated to various things.



**CAUGHT DOING GOOD.....**

Thank you to the following for decorating the sanctuary for Advent..... Alison, Jon, Shelby and Emma Mayhue, Wilbur and Peggy Brown, Lesley, Luke and Ty Hipsher, Jaxon Schrader, Jessica Williams, Jim and Jackie Summers



- Jason Fiero, Asher Lathrop, Charlene Daniels, Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, 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.

**WADI FOOD PANTRY DONATION**

There were 50 food items donated for Operation Share Thanksgiving.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Brown Bag Buddies	\$580.00
Safe Haven	230.00
Operation Share	380.00
Animal Shelter	190.00
Week of Compassion	150.00
Camp Walter Scott	215.00
Global Ministries	<u>275.00</u>

Grand Total: \$2,020.00



*Thank you to everyone who donated soups, sandwiches and desserts for the Alternative Christmas Fair lunch. Thank you to all who participated and shopped. Together we raised over \$2250 for the different charities.*

*Thank you so very much for your \$100 sponsorship of the MCHS musical last spring! Your kindness and generosity are genuinely appreciated!*

*With Sincere Thanks, Kim Mandrell*

*Thank you to Jim Summers and Ali Mayhue for helping with Summit.*

*Jessica Williams*

*Thank you so much for supporting our football program by preparing breakfast. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.*

*Sincerely, Moms for Football*

### **OUR GREATEST NEED**

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness and acceptance,  
so God sent us a Savior.

—Author unknown



***It's once again time to order poinsettias for the Sanctuary. The price this year is \$10.00. The orders must be in the church office by December 15th, in order to be placed in the Sanctuary by Christmas. Please fill out the order and place it in the offering tray or leave in the church office. The poinsettias will be white in color.***

***Name of the donor*** \_\_\_\_\_

***In Memory Of*** \_\_\_\_\_

***In Honor Of*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Gift*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Checks may be made to the First Christian Church***



# December 2017

Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday  
from 10:00 AM –2:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Congregational Meeting 10:30 am  FELLOWSHIP TIME	4 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	5 Counseling  Bible Study 7	6 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group CCF 3:30-5:00 Chi Rho 3:30-6:00 CYF 3:30-7:00 Choir 7:00	7 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	8	9 Live Nativity Lick Prairie Christian Church 5 pm
10 Christmas Offering	11 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Operation Share 9:00 am  Property 5:00 pm	12 Operation Share Toys-8:30 am Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM Bible Study 7	13 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group CCF 3:30-5:00 Chi Rho/CYF 3:30-6:00 Choir-7	14 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	15	16
17 Children's Christmas Program and Potluck 11:30 am	18 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  Operation Share Food- 9:00 am	19 Counseling  Operation Share Food-8:30 am	20 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group No CCF No Youth Choir 7:00	21  COOKIE DAY TAT 6:00 PM	22 	23
24 Christmas Eve Service  31 Hot Breakfast 8:15 am	25  OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group No CCF No Youth Choir 7:00	28 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	29	30



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Sharon Luth	19	Bailey Brooke
7	Harold Alka Lilly Benedict Kathie Tuzenew Irene' Escobedo	21	Verlin Snow Sandy Schuh
9	Mike Gill	25	Mike Gidcumb
11	Marsha Foshee	26	Jason Jones Kiera Brooke
12	Nick Irelan Darla Brooke Deana Stewart	27	Marilyn Bellessa
14	Dana Tate	29	Doug Peterson Judy Sigler
15	Mallory Parr	30	Alisa Gidcumb Frank Schrader
		31	Alex Baker



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



22	Jeff & Kathy Foshee Phil & Trudy Benefiel
27	Mark & Heather Folz Rian & Karen Waterbury
28	George & Doris Beckerman