



# Christian Challenger

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## Trunk-or-Treat



Please join us for our Trunk-or-Treat which will take place this Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 pm in our church parking lot.

If you would like to volunteer to bring/run a game or pass out candy from your trunk, please let Claire know by emailing her at [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com) or by calling the church office.

## Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids elves will begin their work soon. You are encouraged to become an "elf". Mark the following dates on your calendar and help FCC provide coats for deserving children in the WFISD.



### November 3 (Sunday)

3:00 pm, Sanctuary

Sort the coats purchased after Christmas 2018

### November 8 (Friday)

10:30 am, Chapel/Sanctuary

Put coats on the pews for Blessing of Coats

### November 10 (Sunday)

8:40 am, Chapel, and 10:45 am, Sanctuary

Blessing of Coats

### November 18-22 (Monday-Friday)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Keystone Classroom (Rm 306)

Sort and deliver coats to the schools

## Church Board Nominations

It is time to make your suggestions for nominations to the Church Board. The term of election is a three year term from January 2020 to December 2022. **Persons on the enclosed nomination form listed as Current Members of the Church Board MAY NOT be nominated for ANY position.** Those persons going off the Board in 2019 must be off the Board for at least one year before they may be nominated again for any position. For more information you may contact the church office or one of the following members of the nominating committee: Mark Bender, Mark Turnbow, Sandra Ross, Eddie Tucker, Jane Ridenour, Susan Buckley, Ashley Burross, Cheryl Smiley. Please return the enclosed nomination form to the church office by **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

You are cordially invited to be with us in spirit for a

## Ghostly Tea

PLACE: Your own Home Sweet Home

TIME: Any Hour that Suits You

DATE: October 31, 2019

GHOSTESSES: FCC Christian Women's Fellowship

The most delightful benefit you never will attend

For you don't have to be there, it's money that you send.

No food to prepare, no silver to polish,

With this "ghostly" tea all work is abolished.

Because everyone is so busy and it is difficult to coordinate schedules, we invite you to share in our Ghostly Tea instead of the Bi-annual Christmas Brunch. Money earned is used to support our church's activities. We hope you will choose to TREAT and not TRICK our group by making a donation to support our worthwhile projects. The Ghostesses of CWF will thank you for your generous participation by sending a **\$20 donation—or more** if the spirit moves you. We hope to hear from you on or before October 31, 2019.



WORK DAY  
at the  
CHURCH

There will be a Property Work Day this Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Meet in the Church Office. There will be coffee and donuts!

## Thanksgiving Baskets

It's getting closer to Thanksgiving and time to start thinking about filling grocery sacks with turkeys and all of the trimmings, to help our Wichita Falls neighbors have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, November 23, as FCC goes out into the community to deliver approximately 100 Thanksgiving baskets! We will need lots of help! More information will be coming soon.

# Make Your Mark

Dr. Mark R. Bender  
Senior Minister



## 'Tis the Season

The prevalent thought is that the holiday season is rapidly approaching and, with it, a season of extra busyness. According to the *Grammarist* website, the season referred to when one says "Tis the Season" is the time period "stretching roughly from Thanksgiving to Christmas." However, when it comes to Family Ministry here at First Christian, that season has already begun!

On Monday of this week, we held our off-site Trunk or Treat at the Wichita Falls Housing Authority. For 90 minutes, there was a steady stream of young people from toddlers to teens eating nachos, playing games, having their faces painted, trick-or-treating from trunk-to-trunk, and enjoying the festivities. I am so grateful to the many FCC folks who decorated their trunks, passed out candy, led games, and did the countless things that made this kind of ministry to children possible. That's one...

This morning, Josh, Claire, Cheryl, Mark Turnbow, and I shared coffee and donuts with our Children Come First and Young Ages School parents as they dropped their children off for class. It was great to make those connections, especially when parents asked, "Why are you doing this?" We were simply able to say, "Because we are glad you are here at First Christian Church!" That's two...

Later tonight, while *The Neighborhood* worship is in full swing, our *First Kidz* program will be in full swing as well. That weekly gathering has grown tremendously this fall, creating the need for a second classroom. Thanks to Emily Wilson and Melody Jennings for stepping up to assist Claire and her other volunteers in making this second class possible! That's three...

On Friday, Claire, Josh, and I are heading to a family ministry conference in Frisco. John Maxwell is famous for saying that "when a leader gets better, the whole organization gets better." That's part of the reason we are investing time in this conference. We want to be filled with the best practices, tools, and inspiration that will continue to fuel the growth of our family ministry. That's four...

Sunday evening, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, our on-site Trunk or Treat will take place in the Fellowship Hall and in the parking lot. There will be hot dogs and sausage, games, trunks, a bounce house, the Tumblebus, a hayride, and more for all ages to enjoy. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a great family-friendly event. That's five...

Our Young Ages School will have their Halloween programs on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, before traveling through the building to Trick-or-Treat. They will be joined later in the day by the children of Children Come First. Our staff loves handing out candy to these kids in cute costumes! That's six...

Soon, we will turn the calendar to November and "the season" will fully be upon us. Our Young Ages School students will be on a float in the City Lights Parade on Saturday, November 23. Then, there will be the Young Disciples Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, October 24.

And, of course, let's not forget that in November, hundreds of families will be impacted by our Coats for Kids campaign and our Thanksgiving baskets. Kids across our city will have warm winter coats, and hundreds of families will have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, because of First Christian Church. That's seven, eight, and nine...

And then comes December. There is the Advent Workshop on December 1. Our Grow in Grace children's choir will be singing carols to our homebound at Presbyterian Manor on Sunday, December 15. There's the Children's Christmas Pageant and Christmas Dinner or Wednesday, December 18, and the youth Christmas lock-in on December 20. And, new this year, is a Children and Family Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 pm on December 24. This service will feature live animals and a simple retelling of the birth of Jesus that every child can participate in. Start inviting your family, your friends, and your neighbors to join you at this service. That's ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, and fourteen...

Fourteen family ministry events in the next ten weeks (and, chances are, I've left something out!). That's incredible! It's not incredible because of the number of events. It's incredible because of the number of people who will be impacted by our ministries here at First Christian Church. And this doesn't include the regular weekly programs that significantly energize and influence our children, youth, and their families.

The truth is...every season is family ministry season. And the fifteenth, and sixteenth, and...family ministry event happens at your homes, around your family tables, with your grandkids, with your neighbors, and in countless other ways. 'Tis the season for fabulous ministry!!





# FCC MINISTRY NEWS AND CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



## Children Come First Book Fair

October 25<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Come shop for Christmas gifts!  
We will have order forms and a payment box by our office.

The **Challenger** is biweekly, with the next publication on Nov. 6! FCC Ministry News is sent by email every Monday.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** First Christian Church and Fain Elementary are P.I.E. Partners. We have an opportunity to volunteer with their Read 2 Learn Program, which is a reading program that targets second graders that are not reading at grade level. Volunteers meet weekly with a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student that they are paired with for the year. No one expects volunteers to never miss a week - things happen. Second grade teachers are very flexible so you may pick which day works best for you. Time required, per reading session, is 30-40 minutes, at the longest. All books and materials are provided. Every volunteer must complete a background check. For more information, contact Dell Baker, Fain Counselor, at 940-235-1148, ext. 55011, or send her an email at [debaker@wfishd.net](mailto:debaker@wfishd.net). Thank you, in advance, for helping to strengthen our partnership with Fain Elementary!

**Advent Bible Study:** *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann

In *Names for the Messiah*, Brueggemann, a Professor Emeritus of the Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, and an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, ponders the four royal titles found in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. This study gives us an insight on how the people then understood each title, if Jesus fulfilled the title or not, and how do we as Christian today interpret Jesus as a representative of each title?

Join Sheri Sutton as she leads this 4-week study beginning Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, in Room 310. **Each session will begin at 10:30 am.** Call the church office at 692-2282 to register and purchase a book. **Please read the Introduction and Week One before the first session.**

**Blood Drive Update:** 10 people were able to donate blood on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and help save lives!

**Through the Bible in a Year Study:** Will meet at 6:00 pm in Rm 310 on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and only once in November on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**All Saints Sunday** will be Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the following members of First Christian Church who have passed away during the past year will be remembered: Shirley Harris, Gerald Beavers, Sue Neal, W.C. Duncan II, Dr. Bernie Burton, James Irl Montgomery, Gordon West Jr., Dan Craig, Shirle Kerbow, Paul Stradley, Doug Mapes, Dr. Oran Lance Troegle, Norman Howland and H.P. "Bud" Rafuse. If you know of anyone missing from this list, please call Susan in the church office, 692-2282.

**Pantry Sunday** for Interfaith Outreach Services will be on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Items for collection will be **macaroni & cheese and cans of Spaghettios...or any canned pasta**. Also, if you travel and have any unopened hotel toiletries, Interfaith

Outreach Services would love to have them for their care sacks.

**Prime Timers Luncheon** will be on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

The November gathering of **On Hold**, our support group for caregivers of all kinds, will be Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2414/2416 Barbados from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Just look for the ON HOLD sign out in front. This informal, come-and-go setting includes a light meal/refreshments and conversation aimed at support and encouragement. ON HOLD is a ministry to women and men who place their own lives "on hold" while they care for loved ones--grandchildren, aging parents, or anyone in between.

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!** Bring a friend and attend the FCC Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on Friday morning, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00 am, at Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy.

**College Lunch Bunch** will meet on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the MSU Student Center!

**From the Mailbox . . .** Please join our congregation for a celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of our sanctuary. Central Christian Church on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, 300 Cooke St., Nocona TX 76255, 940-825-3794. Snacks will be provided.

**First Time Guests!** We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: Rebecca Waterman.

### Member News:

♥**Hospitalized:** at URHCS is Vince Machado; at Encompass (formally Health South) Rehab is Gretchen Bridgman & Rita Cason; at the Gables is Ruth Beyer; in Presbyterian Manor Health Care is Anita Mills; Released and back home is Kollin Franks.

♥Congratulations to Lydora Fulks and Chris Martin who were married on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers' Market by Dr. Bender.



*Remember to set your clocks back ONE hour on Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

### FOR THE RECORD . . .

CGRM: (Tues., Oct. 15) . . . . .	17
The Neighborhood (Wed., Oct. 16) . . . . .	31
Worship (Oct. 20): 8:40am. . . . .	26
10:45am. . . . .	164
Total Worship. . . . .	221
Sunday School . . . . .	80
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week	\$17,867.62
Sunday Receipts for 10/20/19	\$11,294.00
Through Oct. 21: Income \$700,681.73	Expenses \$708,440.95

## This Sunday:

"Thinking Out of the Box"  
Philippians 4:4-9  
Dr. Mark Bender

# **YOUNG AGES PRESCHOOL**

## *KRINGLE and COFFEE*

### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

**Ends Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Kringles \$15.00 each*

(Items will be delivered, fresh, the week before Thanksgiving)

There are 13 flavors to choose from including:

Apple, Almond, Blueberry, Cinnamon Roll, Cherry, Cherry Cheese, Cranberry, Cream Cheese, Pecan, Pumpkin Caramel, Raspberry, Turtle and Wisconsin - a blend of cream cheese, cranberries and cherries.

These delicious pastries make great Thanksgiving desserts and Christmas gifts. They freeze well and only take a few minutes to heat up as they are fully cooked.

We will have samples available after church on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>!

*Coffee \$13.00 for a 12 oz. bag*

Freshly Roasted Specialty Coffees come whole, ground or K-Kups in a variety of blends and flavors. If you don't drink coffee, don't worry! We also have a variety of Artisan Loose Teas, Cocoa and Chai's to choose from.

Payment is due at the time the order is placed.

All orders, including payment, are due by Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

All the funds raised will be used for purchasing new toys for the classroom, comfortable seating for our Reading Centers and educational items for our Science Centers. Please help us reach our goal!

Thank you in advance for supporting  
Young Ages Preschool!

**SUGGESTIONS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

I/We suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following persons be considered for submission to the Congregation for election to the Church Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2022. **(THOSE PERSONS-- EXCEPT FOR THE YOUTH--LISTED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM MAY NOT BE NOMINATED FOR ANY POSITION):**

TRUSTEE - One is to be elected. Please suggest only 1. \_\_\_\_\_

ELDERS - Six are to be elected. You may suggest any number up to 6.

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DIACONATE - Sixteen are to be elected. You may suggest any number up to 16.

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YOUTH DIACONATE - Six **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are to be elected for a **one year** term. You may suggest up to 6.

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LIFE-TERM ELDER:

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LIFE-TERM DIACONATE:

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For more information you may contact the church office or one of the following members of the nominating committee: Mark Bender, Mark Turnbow, Sandra Ross, Eddie Tucker, Jane Ridenour, Susan Buckley, Ashley Burross, Cheryl Smiley. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!**

## CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BOARD & THEIR TERMS

### Term Ending 12/31/2019

#### Trustee

Doug Kunkle

#### Elders

Cal Edgemon  
Alice Gordon  
Sally Hastings  
Robert Hernandez  
Dwight Ross III  
Debbi Schmidt

#### Diaconate

Elise Allen  
John Buckley  
Susan Buckley  
Karen Burross  
Terry Burross  
Sarah Cook  
John Cook  
Eric Hartman  
Sandy Hay  
Norma Hill  
Sherry Martin  
Mac Reid  
Chris Showalter  
Sally Wilson  
Keith Wineinger  
David Wyatt

### Term Ending 12/31/2020

#### Trustee

Kerry Roach

#### Elders

Rick Appling  
David Collins  
Woody Gossom  
Howard Morris  
Ricky Scales  
Emily Wilson

#### Diaconate

Debi Ballard  
Kim Ballard  
Larry Ballard  
Ashley Burross  
Kyle Burross  
Buddy Edgemon  
Alan Freeman  
Lynette Gill  
Linda Gipson  
Kris Gossom  
Scot Hafley  
Ann Kable  
Hollie Murphey  
Nancy Smith  
Curtis Sullivan  
Liz Thomas

### Term Ending 12/31/2021

#### Trustee

Glenn Tole II

#### Elders

Gary Ballard  
Linda C. Carr  
Linda Cook  
Kathleen Lauck  
Sherry Tucker  
Andy Wilson

#### Diaconate

Teresa Archambo  
Brandi Brannon  
Shirley Craft  
Philip Dudenhoefter  
Catherine Earley  
Fred Gentry  
Ronnie James  
Melody Jennings  
Jim LaValley  
Karen LaValley  
Margaret Phillips  
James Poole  
Fred Ridenour  
David Strickland  
Stacey Strickland

### Youth Diaconate (Term Ending 12/31/19):

Davidson Cook  
Braelyn Crowe  
Hannah Earley

Jaiden "JJ" Johnson  
Isabell Murphey  
Emily Thomas

### Life Term Elders:

Melba Anastopoulos  
John Bridgman  
Rita Cason  
Diana Costello  
David Gately

Patt Giddings  
Ted Lauck  
Virgil Lee  
Sandrea Marvel  
Dorothy Montgomery

Judy Muir  
Roma Prassel  
Frank Tate  
Pat Thacker  
Marilyn Vaughn

### Life Term Diaconate:

Sara Anderson  
Rosie Bearden  
Ruth Beyer  
Gretchen Bridgman  
Peggy Fitts

Carolyn Ford  
Helen Jackson  
Lou James  
Sam Maynor  
Lou Murdock

Sue Nunn  
Jean Puckett  
Dolly Sloan  
Glorie Steele  
Ann Watkins

Mary Beth Wyatt



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|---|
| 1 Tim Irons   | 10 Paul Gill<br>Bruce Harris<br>Tom Pettibon                       | 23 Tyler Koch<br>Amanda Opela<br>Polly Tonemah                          |
| 2 Bettye Beavers<br>Colleen James<br>Tres Ward                    | 11 Debi Ballard  | 25 Billy Bumgarner<br>Peggy Fitts<br>Morgan Mummert<br>Frances Williams |
| 3 Emily Ramirez<br>Katie Tonemah                                  | 12 Andy Jennings<br>Candice Salas<br>Matthew Sartin<br>Glenda Tate | 26 Everett Berry<br>Jude Berry<br>Connie Cannedy<br>Janice Tull         |
| 4 Todd Berry  | 13 Mike Spiller Jr.  | 27 Jon Hartman  |
| 5 Shelly Dalton<br>John Ferguson<br>Kathryn Ferguson              | 14 David Gately<br>Mark Turnbow                                    | 28 Ainslee Buckley  |
| 6 Miriam Hardie<br>Lynda Lee                                      | 15 Caitlin Barker  | 29 Patt Giddings  |
| 7 Catherine Earley<br>Allen Hooper<br>Sharon Roach<br>Bill Tanner | 17 Marc Cannedy<br>Shanen Jarmakovitz                              | 30 Jerry Caraway<br>Larry Spradley                                      |
| 8 Eric Mays<br>Jonathan Opie<br>Mike Street                       | 22 Sheila Barrett<br>Joan Mapes<br>Charlotte Shepherd              |   |

# & ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Leann & Doug Elder
- 11 Nancy & Ted Smith Jr.
- 14 Charlotte & Barnett McNeely
- 15 Kate & Andy Jennings
- 18 Diana & Doug Collins  
Shirley King & Mike Wilson



If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please help us complete our records by calling the church office, 692-2282. We want to include all our members on this list!

## OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 27, 2019  
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

8:40 Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)  
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)  
3:45 Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)  
NO Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)  
6:00-8:00 Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

Monday, October 28, 2019

7:30-6:00 Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)  
9:00-12:00 Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)  
9:00 CCF Chapel (Chapel)  
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

9:30 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)  
10:00 YAS Music (Tues. & Wed.) (Rm 220)  
2:00 Library Committee (Library)  
6:30 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)  
9:00 CCF Spanish (Rm 220)  
9:15 YAS Halloween Program & Parties (Fellowship Hall / Classrooms)  
2:30-8:30 Vision Team (Rms 222 & 310)  
5:30 Neighborhood Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5th) (Rm 402)  
7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, October 31, 2019

**HALLOWEEN**

9:15 YAS Halloween Program & Parties (Fellowship Hall / Classrooms)  
3:15 CCF Halloween Parties (Classrooms)  
5:00 CCF Closes Early

Friday, November 1, 2019

9:00 CCF Music (Rm 220)  
Leave for Chi Rho Rally (Nov. 1-3) (Athens TX)

Sunday, November 3, 2019

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY / STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN/ PANTRY SUNDAY**  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

8:40 Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)  
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00 Prime Timers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)  
3:00 Coats for Kids: Sort Coats (Sanctuary)  
3:45 Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)  
5:00 Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)  
5:00-7:00 Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
5:45-7:00 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Rm 402)

Monday, November 4, 2019

7:30-6:00 Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)  
9:00-12:00 Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)  
9:00 CCF Chapel (Chapel)  
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

**ELECTION DAY**

7:00am-7:00pm Election Voting (Fellowship Hall)  
9:30 FCC Staff Meeting (Rm 222)  
10:00 YAS Music (Tues. & Wed.) (Rm 220)  
11:00-1:00 Whirlwind Cluster Ministers Meeting (FCC-Burkburnett)  
11:30-1:30 "On Hold" Caregivers Support Group (2414/2416 Barbados)  
2:00 Library Committee (Library)  
6:30 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)  
9:00 CCF Spanish (Rm 220)  
5:30 Neighborhood Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:00 First Kidz (Grades Pre-K-5th) (Rm 402)  
7:00-8:00 Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403/Gym)  
7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

10:00 YAS Chapel (Chapel) (Thurs. & Fri.)  
1:30 Knit Wits (Parlor)

Friday, November 8, 2019

7:00 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy)  
9:00 CCF Music (Rm 220)  
10:30 Coats for Kids: Putting coats on pews for Blessing of Coats  
(Chapel/Sanctuary)  
12:00 College Lunch Bunch (MSU Student Center Food Court)  
6:00 MSU Mustang Meals (Fellowship Hall)  
CYF Rally (Nov. 8-10) (Athens TX)

## SERVING SUNDAY

### ELDERS

10/27: Linda C. Carr, Linda Cook; Howard Morris, Presiding  
11/3: Robert Hernandez, Kathleen Lauck; Woody Gossom, Presiding

### DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

10/27: Ann Kable, Hannah Earley, Curtis Sullivan  
11/3: Karen Burross, Braelyn Crowe, Kris Gossom

### DIACONATE COMMUNION PREPARATION

10/27: Buddy Edgemon & Curtis Sullivan  
11/3: Margaret Phillips & Shirley Craft

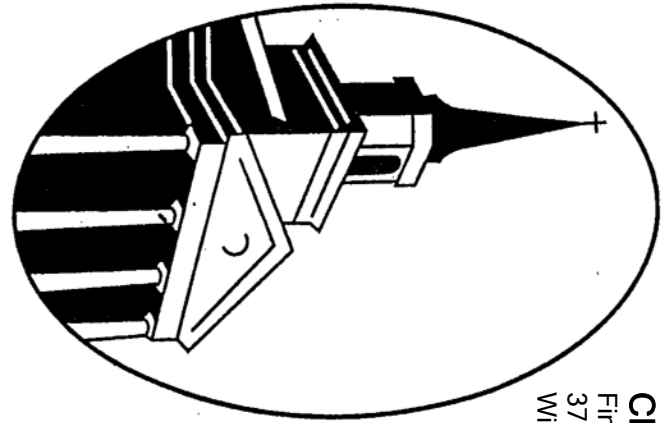
### OCTOBER DIACONATE SERVERS

Jim LaValley, Captain

John & Susan Buckley, Norma Hill, Keith Wineinger, David Wyatt, Kim Ballard,  
Buddy Edgemon, Linda Gipson, Ann Kable, Curtis Sullivan, Brandi Brannon, Karen  
LaValley, Fred Ridenour, Hannah Earley, JJ Johnson.

### THE CHURCH STAFF...

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# NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b>                      8:40am Worship (Chapel)                      9:30am Sunday School                      9:45 am Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)                      10:45am Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>Sunday Evening Schedule</b>                      3:45pm Chancel Ringers (Adults) (Stratten Hall)                      5:00pm Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (St. H)                      5:00-7:00pm Chi Rho &amp; CYF (Grades 6-12) (403)                      5:45-7:00pm Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (402)</p>	<p><b>Monday through Friday</b>                      7:30am-6:00pm Children Come 1st                      9:00am-12:00pm Young Ages Preschool</p> <p><b>The Neighborhood</b>                      Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00pm                      5:30pm Meal (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm Worship (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm First Kidz (PreK-5th) (402)                      7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (403/Gym)</p>				<p><b>All Saints Day</b> 1                      9:00am CCF Music (220)</p> <p>Chi Rho Rally (Nov. 1-3)                      (Disciples Crossing-Athens TX)</p> <p><b>Hebrews 11:1-12</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Psalms 46:1-11</b></p>
<p><b>All Saints Sunday</b> 3  <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>  <b>Pantry Sunday</b>  <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b></p> <p>12:00pm Prime Timers Luncheon (FH)                      3:00pm Coats for Kids - Sort Coats (Sanc)                      3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p><b>Matthew 14:13-21</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am CCF Chapel (Chapel)</p> <p>7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 12:18-27</b></p>	<p><b>Election Day</b> 5</p> <p>7:00am-7:00pm Election Voting (FH)                      9:30am FCC Staff Mtg (222)/10:00am YAS Music                      11:00am Whirlwind Cluster Ministers Mtg                      (FCC-Burkburnett)                      11:30am "On Hold" Caregivers Support Grp                      (2414/2416 Barbados)                      2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)                      6:30pm CGRM Groups</p> <p><b>Colossians 4:2-6</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)                      9:00am CCF Spanish (220)/10:00 YAS Music (220)                      5:30pm Neighborhood Meal (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm Neighborhood Worship (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm First Kidz (PreK-5th) (402)                      7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (403/Gym)                      7:00-8:30pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)</p> <p><b>1 Samuel 16:1-13</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am YAS Chapel (Chapel)                      1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor)</p> <p><b>Luke 6:32-36</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00am Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study                      (Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy)                      9:00am CCF Music (220) / 10:00am YAS Chapel                      10:30am Coats for Kids - Putting coats on                      pews for Blessing of Coats (Chapel/Sanc)                      12:00pm College Lunch Bunch (MSU)                      6:00pm MSU Mustang Meals (FH)                      CYF Rally (Nov. 8-10) (Athens TX)</p> <p><b>1 John 3:11-24</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Romans 8:35-39</b></p>
<p><b>Blessing of the Coats</b> 10  <b>Stewardship Campaign</b></p> <p>3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p><b>Psalms 36:5-7</b></p>	<p><b>Veterans Day</b> 11</p> <p>9:00am CCF Chapel (Chapel)                      10:30am CWF Board Mtg (310)                      11:45am CWF Luncheon (FH)                      7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p><b>Hebrews 13:5-8</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30am FCC Staff Meeting (222)                      10:00am YAS Music (220)                      11:00am YAS Board (Parlor)                      2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)                      6:00pm Membership Ministry Mtg (Parlor)                      6:00pm Property Ministry Mtg (310)                      6:30pm CGRM Groups                      7:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg (222)</p> <p><b>Matthew 11:28-30</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)                      9:00am CCF Spanish (220)/10:00 YAS Music (220)                      5:30pm Neighborhood Meal (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm Neighborhood Worship (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm First Kidz (PreK-5th) (402)                      7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (403/Gym)                      7:00-8:30pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)</p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 33:1-12</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00pm Through the Bible in a Year (310)</p> <p><b>Luke 9:1-6</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am CCF Music (220)                      12:15pm CCF Parent Advisory Cmte Mtg (405)</p> <p><b>Matthew 21:28-32</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>2 Samuel 22:1-7</b></p>
<p><b>Stewardship Commitment Sunday</b> 17  <b>Thanksgiving Special Offering</b></p> <p>12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon (FH)                      3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p><b>Isaiah 43:5-7</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am CCF Chapel (Chapel)                      9:00am-1:00pm Coats for Kids - Sorting &amp;                      Delivering to Schools (306)                      1:30pm CWF Group 1 (1553 Singleton)                      2:00pm CWF Group 3 (405)                      7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p><b>John 13:3-17</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-1:00pm Coats for Kids - Sorting &amp;                      Delivering to Schools (306)                      10:00am YAS Music (220)                      2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)                      6:00pm Education Ministry Mtg (222)                      6:00pm Outreach Ministry Mtg (Lib)                      6:00pm Stewardship Ministry Mtg (310)                      6:30pm CGRM Groups</p> <p><b>James 5:13-16</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)                      10:30am Sheri Sutton Advent Bible Study (310)                      12:00pm CWF Group 3 (405)                      5:00pm MSU Mustang Meals (FH)                      5:30-7:00pm Neighborhood Meal/Worship (FH)                      6:00-7:00pm First Kidz (PreK-5th) (402)                      7:00-8:00pm Youth Activities (403/Gym)                      7:00-8:30pm Chancel Choir (Stratten Hall)</p> <p><b>Isaiah 43:16-21</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am CWF Group 3 Birthday Bkfst                      (IHOP on Southwest Pkwy)                      9:00am-1:00pm Coats for Kids - Sorting &amp;                      Delivering to Schools (306)                      10:30am YAS Thanksgiving Feast (FH)                      1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor)</p> <p><b>John 15:9-17</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am CCF Music (220)                      9:00am-1:00pm Coats for Kids - Sorting &amp;                      Delivering to Schools (306)                      10:30am YAS Thanksgiving Feast (FH)                      12:00pm College Lunch Bunch (MSU)                      2:45pm CCF Thanksgiving Dessert Feast (FH)</p> <p><b>Psalms 92:12-15</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:45am Thanksgiving Baskets Delivery                      (Fellowship Hall)                      7:00pm YAS Float in the City of Lights                      Parade (Downtown)</p> <p><b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b></p>
<p>24</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Special Offering</b>                      12:00pm Young Disciples Thanksgiving                      Family Dinner &amp; Mission Project (FH)                      3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p><b>Hebrews 12:1-3</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>YAS Closed This Week                      9:00am CCF Chapel (Chapel)                      6:00-8:00pm CCF Staff Training (310)                      7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 1:3-7</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am FCC Staff Meeting (222)                      2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)                      6:00pm Executive Council Mtg (310)                      6:30pm CGRM Groups</p> <p><b>Matthew 6:19-24</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)                      9:00am CCF Spanish (220)                      10:30am Sheri Sutton Advent Bible Study (310)</p> <p><b>Psalms 91:1-13</b></p>	<p>28</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> </div> <p><b>Church Building, Offices &amp; All Programs Closed</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Church Building, Offices &amp; All Programs Closed</b>  <b>For Thanksgiving Holiday</b></p> <p><b>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Galatians 5:13-18</b></p>