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## *FROM THE MODERATOR...*

*12/01/18*

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. For Christians, we celebrate the birth of Christ and are grateful for the salvation we have in Him. We live with a hope and joy that others do not have.

As the year 2018 draws to a close, let me encourage you to count your many blessings and realize that we are living in the greatest land on earth. Compared to other nations and people, we truly are blessed.

My mother passed away five years ago at the age of 96. She spent the last year and half of her life in a nursing home in Mulvane, Kansas. She lived a wonderful and fruitful Christian life. She was very active in the church right up until she suffered a stroke, which kept her from any further activities. I spent two weeks with her at her nursing home prior to her passing. During that time I realized how many of our senior citizens have difficult times in their later years. But I also realized what a great job our nursing homes and other retirement places do in taking care of our loved ones. I also realized how our elderly bless our lives in ways we can't imagine.

Each day in the nursing home friends of my mother would come by her room and check on her and wish her well. Her face would light up with a beautiful smile and you could tell that it meant the world to her that someone came by to say hello and wish her well.

Isn't this what Christmas is about? It's reaching out to others. Perhaps, you have a family member or a friend that is ill, discouraged, and in despair. This is an excellent time to reach out to them and encourage them. I cannot think of any greater joy or blessing than when we do something for someone else. For parents, this is a good time to teach your children the lesson of giving and doing good deeds for others. Take them to a nursing home to visit the elderly. Take them to a neighbor down the street who may be shut in and not able to get out and about.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." And then Jesus says in verse 40, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Let me encourage you to get into the spirit of Christmas by reaching out and doing a good deed for someone less fortunate or in need. You will truly be blessed and have a very merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas,  
Charles & Margaret





**Christmas.** There's no other holiday quite like it. Christmas is a time for families to reunite and express gratitude for all that they have. Christmastime is a season for reflection and the celebration of our Savior's birth; a special time to **join together** and rejoice that He came to Earth.

The Christmas season has taken on many other meanings over the years. We have the story of Santa. We have all the gift-giving. These traditions aren't bad in themselves, as the gift-giving started with the Wise Men. However, it can distract from the real meaning of Christmas. What is Christmas all about and why do we celebrate it?

Jesus, the Savior of the World, was born. He grew to be a man that sacrificed His life for you and for me, so we could live with Him forever when we die. We celebrate His birth because of our faith in Him, and His birth was only the beginning of a life-changing event - **The Cross**.

So, let us celebrate Jesus' birthday **together** and remember why He came.

On an administrative note, the November Church Board meeting was quite productive.

The Board approved the resurfacing of the parking lot and awarded the contract to Hines Paving for \$9,680.00. This will be paid from the Capital Fund account. Hines has been called and they will contact me after November 28th with a date and timeline of the work. We will discuss all the work that is to be completed prior to the start date.

The Board approved the slate of officers, elders, deacons and a trustee that was presented by the Nominating Committee. The slate will be discussed and offered for vote at the Annual Congregational meeting.

The Board approved the 2019 budget to be offered for vote at the Annual Congregational meeting.

The Board approved to have the Annual Congregational meeting on December 9th after church.

A presentation was given by Lisa Nance concerning Monday's Kitchen. The last meal to be served at Monday's Kitchen will December 17th. The church will begin studying the possibility of concentrating our efforts with another mission/outreach project.

Ron



We love to sing and love the message it brings. If you have a special request, please let one of us know and we'll work it up just for you. We also have openings for solos, duets, or groups. Please let us get you on the calendar.



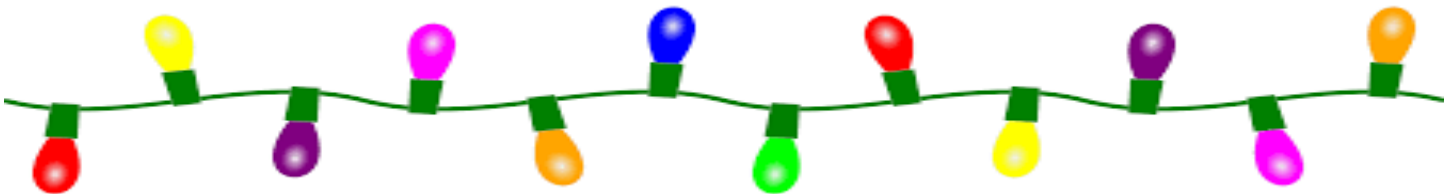
December makes me think of the end of the old year and begins an anticipation of the new to come. A lot has happened in our lives this year, good and bad, and I look forward to what the new year will bring in our faith, in our church, and in our membership.

An idea was brought to me a few months ago of a way to provide help TO members of our congregation BY members of our congregation. I'm still in the process of working out the logistics but be on the look out for an exciting new program being introduced by the Membership Committee.

As the Membership Committee chairman, I ask for your prayers that the Lord grant me the strength and ability to do what He would have me do and that I would follow Him in all things. Whatever I do, I want it to be for HIS glory, not mine.

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."* Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)

Jonnie Stark, Membership Chmn.



### *Come Worship with us!*

The first 4 Sundays of December, we will celebrate the Advent season by lighting the candles during the service with a brief message from one of our families. It's always a pretty and thoughtful ceremony to keep us focused on the events of this season.

You still have time to sign up to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone – or just because. They will be displayed beginning December 16<sup>th</sup> and you can take yours home after the Christmas Eve service to decorate your home. Cost is \$8 each.

Join us for a short Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Bring the family and your friends for music and a message of love ending with our candles lighted around the room. This is one of our favorites as it's short, sweet and a perfect kick-off for your evening.

Susie Rodgers, Worship Chmn.

## Disciples Women's Ministry Please Come to Celebrate the Season Together!



**Date:** December 15, 2018  
**Time:** Noon - Lunch Provided  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall

This will be a time for a short gathering to celebrate, share, and pray for each other!

For gift exchange...please bring a pair of Christmas socks, one filled with goodies and tied with a bow! The other sock will be tossed in a basket and we'll draw out randomly.....you'll get the matching sock filled with goodies! Think inexpensive and fun!

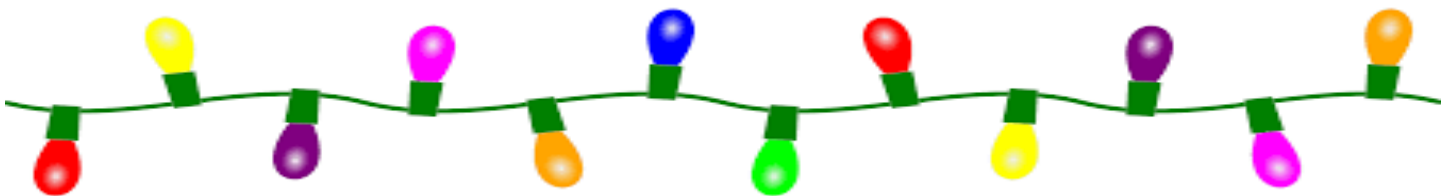
If you have any questions, contact Lisa at 512-755-5639.

The Search Committee met the week after Thanksgiving to finalize our church profile. This profile will be sent to Christal Fisher to be entered into a database system and it will help us in our search for a pastor.



As we turn from the Thanksgiving holiday and look toward Advent and the birth of our Lord and Savior, be sure to keep our church, our members, and our search for a full-time pastor in your prayers.

Brenda Williams, Search Committee Chmn.



The Burnet County Child Welfare Board would like to thank all of the generous donors for their gifts to the children. Our church has done an outstanding job giving to those in need over the past 10+ years.



Happy Holidays to all. We are fortunate to live in America.

Ronda Hostetter, Outreach Chairman



# First Christian Church Burnet December 2018 Calendar



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------|----------------|-------|--|--|
|   |  |   |  |  |  | 1   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
|   |  |   |  | 12p AA   | 12p AA   | 7p AA   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9:30 Adult Bible<br>10:45 Worship<br>Noisy Offering<br>12p Luncheon<br>2p AA Dist. Mtg.                           | 12p AA<br><br>4:30p Monday's<br>Kitchen                  | Respite Group 2<br><br>12p AA   | 10a Bible Study<br>12p AA<br><br>5:30p Choir<br>6:30p Elders<br>7p AA                | 12p AA   | 12p AA<br><br>6p Sunday<br>School<br>Christmas Party | 7p AA   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9   | 10   | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15  |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9:30 Adult Bible<br>10:45 Worship<br><b>CONGREGATIONAL<br/>BOARD MEETING</b><br>3p Messiah Comm.<br>Choir Concert | 12p AA<br><br>4:30p Monday's<br>Kitchen                  | 12p AA  | 10a Bible Study<br>12p AA<br>5:30p Choir<br>6:30p Elders<br>7:00p Board Mtg<br>7p AA | 12p AA   | 12p AA   | 8a Disciples Men<br><br>12:00 Disciple's<br>Women Luncheon<br><br>7p AA |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 16  | 17   | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22  |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9:30 Adult Bible<br>10:45 Worship   | 12p AA<br><br><b>4:30p FINAL<br/>MONDAYS<br/>KITCHEN</b> | 12p AA<br><br>7:00p Compassion<br>Friends   | 12p AA<br><br>5:30p Choir<br>7p AA   | 12p AA   | 12p AA   | 7p AA   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29  |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9:30 Adult Bible<br>10:45 Worship   | 12p AA   | 12p AA<br><br> | 12p AA<br><br>5:30p Choir<br><br>7p AA   | 12p AA   | 12p AA   | 7p AA   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 30  | 31   |   |  |  |  |   |                 |       |                |       |                   |       |                |       |                    |       |            |       |                |       |  |  |
| 9:30 Adult Bible<br>10:45 Worship<br>3p Worship @<br>Country Oaks   | 12p AA   |                |  | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Linda Guess</td> <td>12/06</td> <td>Richard Dumegan</td> <td>12/11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darrell Selcer</td> <td>12/13</td> <td>Charolette Collie</td> <td>12/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Selcer</td> <td>12/17</td> <td>Brandon Colclasure</td> <td>11/28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Engen</td> <td>12/28</td> <td>Brenda William</td> <td>12/29</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please let us know if your birthday is not listed.<br/>We want to get it right.</i></p> | Linda Guess  | 12/06   | Richard Dumegan | 12/11 | Darrell Selcer | 12/13 | Charolette Collie | 12/17 | Heather Selcer | 12/17 | Brandon Colclasure | 11/28 | Adam Engen | 12/28 | Brenda William | 12/29 |  |  |
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## GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT



|                                  |              |                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>July 31, 2018 Balance</b>     |              | <b>\$33,986.16</b>  |
| <b>August 2018 Deposits</b>      |              |                     |
| General Fund                     | \$5,692.44   |                     |
| Designated                       | \$318.18     | <b>\$6,010.62</b>   |
| <b>August 2018 Disbursements</b> |              |                     |
| Budgeted/General Fund            | (\$6,193.08) |                     |
| Other Fund/Pass-Through          | (\$780.85)   | <b>(\$6,973.93)</b> |
| <b>August 31, 2018 Balance</b>   |              | <b>\$33,022.85</b>  |

### MONDAY'S KITCHEN

During the month of November, Monday's Kitchen served **81 meals** and received **\$56.00** in donations.

|          |                                       |  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 12/03/18 | Set up:                               | Liz Smith/Linda Guess                    |
|          | Cook:                                 | Susan Clark/Bennie Clark                 |
|          | Bake:                                 | Susan Clark                              |
|          | Serve:                                | Liz Smith, Linda Guess/Maedel Hearn      |
|          | Clean-Up:                             | Susan Clark/Bennie Clark                 |
| 12/10/18 | Set up:                               | Sharon Childers/Linda Guess              |
|          | Cook:                                 | Lisa Nance                               |
|          | Serve:                                | Sharon Childers/Linda Guess/Maedel Hearn |
|          | Clean-Up:                             | Lisa Nance                               |
| 12/17/18 | Disciple Men – FINAL MONDAY'S KITCHEN |  |

### NOTICE

After much discussion and prayer, it has become apparent that we can no longer continue Monday's Kitchen. It is with deep sadness we announce that we will be serving our last meal on December 17, 2018.

It has been an honor and a joy to serve and provide meals for the community for the past 9 years. The volunteers have enjoyed getting to know those who came and will miss the conversations and relationships that have formed because of Monday's Kitchen. Monday's Kitchen was truly a group effort with volunteers from FCC, Disciple Men's group, First Lutheran-Burnet, First Baptist Burnet, The Epicenter, and Gude's Bakery for the donation of their donuts and sweets every Monday. Monday's Kitchen was not only to feed those who were hungry, but those hungry for conversation and friendship, and I think that was accomplished.

The consensus of the volunteers is that we are hopeful to find another ministry at some point in time to serve the community.

The balance remaining in the Monday's Kitchen account after December 17, 2018, will be donated to LACare. Thank you all for your support.

Lisa Nance, Chmn.



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
December 2018  
Serving Schedule

Dec. 2 Gifts Under the Tree - Hope  
Dec. 9 Gifts Under the Tree - Peace  
Dec. 16 Gifts Under the Tree - Joy  
Dec. 23 Gifts Under the Tree - Love  
Dec. 30 Gifts Under the Tree - CHRIST

\*\*\*If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and write the change on the Serving Schedule on the bulletin board by the church office.

| Date  | Elders          | Deacons   | Joys/<br>Concerns | Worship<br>Leaders | Counters      | Acolytes        |
|-------|-----------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 12/2  | Paula Harris    | Isabella Dunegan<br>Jim Nance<br>Jerry Hostetter<br>Ronda Hostetter | Paula Harris      | Grover Howell      | Grover Howell | Katlyn Williams |
| 12/9  | Hank Holt       | Sharon Tippie<br>Alayna Engen<br>Jennifer Engen<br>James Engen      | Hank Holt         | Jonnie Stark       | Jonnie Stark  | Adam Engen      |
| 12/16 | Michele Darling | Linda Guess<br>Charolette Collie<br>Linda Westerfield<br>Liz Smith  | Michele Darling   | Yvonne Evans       | Yvonne Evans  | Haylee Williams |
| 12/23 | Brenda Williams | Marilyn Petrick<br>Jim Nance<br>Ronnie Daniel<br>Yvonne Evans       | Brenda Williams   | Sharon Tippie      | Sharon Tippie | Katlyn Williams |
| 12/30 | Ron Petrick     | Linda Guess<br>Alayna Engen<br>Jennifer Engen<br>James Engen        | Ron Petrick       | Ron Petrick        | Ron Petrick   | Adam Engen      |

The Elder is responsible for Stewardship Meditation and Prayer for both Bread and Cup.  
Preparation of Communion: The Engen Family

# THE TIE THAT BINDS

*Building Relationships, Growing Faith, Welcoming All in Jesus Christ*

## 2018 Leadership Team

### Elders:

Allen Rodgers  
Michele Darling  
Hank Holt  
Paula Harris

### Deacons:

James Engen  
Jennifer Engen  
George Smith  
Liz Smith  
Jim Nance  
Jerry Hostetter  
\*Linda Guess

### Jr. Deacons:

Isabella Duneagan  
Alayna Engen

\* = chairpersons

\*Brenda Williams

Ron Petrick

Greg Williams

Ronnie Daniel

Sharon Tipple

Linda Westerfield

Yvonne Evans

Marilyn Petrick

Ronda Hostetter

Charollette Collie

### Trustees:

Paula Harris  
Jim Nance  
Richard Duneagan

Moderator.....Ron Petrick

Vice Moderator.....Brenda Williams

Secretary.....Lana Orr

Treasurer.....Bennie Clark

Historian.....Roxanne Duneagan

Education.....Brenda Williams

Faith-Sharing.....Congregation

Membership.....Jonnie Stark

Outreach.....Ronda Hostetter

Property.....Jerry Hostetter

Worship.....Susie Rogers

Disciples Men Rep.....Hank Holt

Disciples Women Rep.....Jonnie Stark

### Pastor Search Committee:

Susan Clark  
Richard Duneagan  
Susie Rodgers  
Brenda Williams\*  
Ronnie Daniel