

# *The Tie That Binds...*



At the beginning of every new year, some news organizations put out an issue with special pictorial sections recalling people and events that made the news during the previous year. Sometimes they include articles by experts predicting what they expect to see happening in the year ahead.

For example, back in 1967, experts predicted that by the turn of the century technology would have taken over so much of the work we do that the average American work week would be only 22 hours long, and that we would work only 27 weeks a year. As a result, one of the biggest problems would be in deciding what to do with all our leisure time. Well, I don't know about you, but that prediction certainly missed the mark as far as my life was concerned! In fact, most of us seem to be very busy. We're always in a hurry. We walk fast, and talk fast, and eat fast. And after we eat, all too often, we stand up and say, "Excuse me, I've gotta run."

So here we are, at the first of 2021. I wonder how we'll do this year? Will we be busy? Will we make any better use of our time?

When this year is over, will we be looking back with joy, or with regret? Will we be looking at the future with anticipation, or with dread? One thing is for sure, we will be hoping and praying that the ordeal with the coronavirus is over. It has been a huge disruption in our personal lives, community lives, work lives, and especially our church lives.

There's a passage of scripture that I believe can be of help to us as we look forward to this new year. The passage is Ephesians 5:15-17, and here is what it says, "Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

Someone said, "Life is what happens to you while you're making plans to do something else." How true that is. Another year has come and gone. A new year stretches out before us. Help us Lord, to redeem the time. So have a happy New Year!

Pastor Charles and Margaret



**Tune in to KITY 102.9 FM at 6:30a on Sunday mornings to hear Pastor Charles' sermons.**

**Go to our website at [www.fcburnettx.org](http://www.fcburnettx.org) and watch our video sermons found under "Sermons-Newsletters".**

**Sunday, January 03**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Just One Glimpse"*  
*Luke 10:23-34*

**Sunday, January 10**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"God's Grace"*  
*Romans 5:19-21*

**Sunday, January 17**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Growing Together in the Spirit"*  
*Galatians 5:15-16*

**Sunday, January 24**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Four Great Certainties"*  
*Hebrews 9:27-28*

**Sunday, January 31**

10:45a Rev. Charles Waugh  
*"Jesus Calms The Storm"*  
*Mark 4:35-41*



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I'm amazed at the protection given to us by God during this year! While it hasn't been easy many of us have been spared from Covid19 and those that have contracted it, have recovered. Let's keep praying, washing our hands and doing smart things to a minimize the chance of the virus infecting ourselves and others. Thanks be to God for the vaccines in production and others in the pipeline.

First Christian Church now has our services on KITY radio at 6:30 a.m. Tell your friends and family about it. My thinking is the message would go pretty good with coffee and a sausage biscuit. I want to thank all who has participated in the preparation, production, and talent of this radio program. My hope is that it will reach people that wouldn't hear a service otherwise.

I want to recognize and thank Susan, Susie, Michelle and Wayne for accepting the responsibility of our Committee Council for a second year. Let's give a round of applause for those serving Gods Church. Be prepared, you never know when the council will come to you and ask you to help in some way.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and here's hoping everyone has a Happy New Year!!!

*In Christian Love, Grover*

*January 2021 Newsletter*



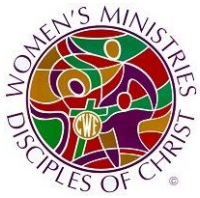
**Happy New Year**

A new year is about to unfold  
 With new opportunities to explore  
 Doors will open for new experiences,  
 New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,  
 The things of this past year,  
 The Lord will do new things in us,  
 Much more than we are aware.

-M.S.Lowmides





Life in the time of COVID-19: We know that these are times that send us into deep reflection while trying to deal with the practical day-to-day changes. Like ministries everywhere Disciples Women is taking very seriously the call to 'flatten the curve' by social distancing, restricting

travel and not gathering in groups as this time. I will keep you informed throughout 2021 as to the activities our ministry will participate in.

Disciples Women's Ministries is a conduit for diverse connections empowering each woman to find her voice and live out her call. (Micah 6:8)

As part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Disciples Women welcomes all to the table as Christ has welcomed us. The ministries of Disciples Women are part of the movement for wholeness in a fragmented world by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church.

Be assured that our Disciples Women Ministries here at First Christian Church, Burnet is still a viable, active part of our church! As your Disciples Women Representative, please give me a call if you have any questions or suggestions.

In His Service, Jonnie  
830-220-1078

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### In January 2021!

Jan 01	New Year's Day <b>Church Office Closed</b>
	Susie Rodger's Birthday
Jan 03	Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Jan 06	10a Bible Study with E. Spiekermann Epiphany Charles Waugh's Birthday
Jan 10	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Jan 12	Grover Howell's Birthday
Jan 13	10a Bible Study with E. Spiekermann 6:30p Elders Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting
Jan 17	Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Jan 17-23	Week of the Laity
Jan 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Jan 19	Art Johnson's Birthday
Jan 20	10a Bible Study with E. Spiekermann
Jan 22	Maria Mata's Birthday
Jan 24	Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Jan 27	10a Bible Study with E. Spiekermann
Jan 29	Paul Harris' Birthday
Jan 31	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## HOW TO BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR CHURCH

If you were asked to write a note of thanksgiving about your church, could you do it? Beyond the building, the location, the familiarity and the friends, what about this church makes you thankful?

Paul wrote of the churches things like, "*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy*" (Phil. 1:3-4). But could Paul be thankful for churches that, like ours, have problems?

The key to thankfulness in the church is recognition that, despite all our faults, God is at work among his people. Here are three suggestions.

1. We Can Thank God for Gospel Fellowship - The word for fellowship—*koinonia*—implies closeness and intimacy. Nothing but the gospel's reconciling power (2 Cor. 5:17-19) is strong enough to bind together people of different gender, age, ethnicity, education, personality, and economic status. Because of God's saving grace, we become promoters of the gospel, almost in a business sense, with those who labor in the ministry. We are partners in grace and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, and we promote that gospel through conversation, prayer, and financial contributions.
2. We Can Thank God for His Perseverance - We have confidence that "*He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 1:6). We can give thanks that God will finish his ongoing work of rescuing His people from sin. Our confidence and thankfulness in the church is based on our faithfulness of God who always finishes what He starts.
3. We Can Thank God for Genuine Love - John 13:35 tells us that Jesus' love is one of the unmistakable traits of Christian discipleship. In this church family are people who share the mind of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Spirit. Grace knits us together in love because we are fully aware of God's love for us.

God is at work in this church. He opens our hearts to each other so we can partner together in a costly but joyful gospel partnership. This truth changes how we work together and what we are willing to sacrifice for the cause of God's work among us. Praise God for putting His church in our lives and thanksgiving in our hearts.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Serving Schedule - January 2021

Jan 03 "Just One Glimpse" Luke 10:23-24  
 Jan 10 "God's Grace" Romans 5:19-21  
 Jan 17 "Growing Together in the Spirit" Galatians 5:15-16  
 Jan 24 "Four Great Certainties" Hebrews 9:27-28  
 Jan 31 "Jesus Calms the Storm" Mark 4:35-41

	ELDER Prayer-Bread & Cup Inv. to Stewardship Prayer-Offering	DEACONS	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer & COUNTER	ACOLYTES
Jan 03	Grover Howell	Linda Guess Teri Howell Jim Nance	Yvonne Evans	
Jan 10	Ron Petrick	Marilyn Petrick Jonnie Stark Sharon Tippie	Sharon Tippie	
Jan 17	Susie Rodgers	Linda Guess Teri Howell Jim Nance	Jonnie Stak	
Jan 24	Bennie Clark	Marilyn Petrick Jonnie Stark Sharon Tippie	Grover Howell	
Jan 31	Grover Howell	Linda Guess Teri Howell Jim Nance	Ron Petrick	

The Elder is responsible for Stewardship Meditation/Prayer and Prayer for Bread and Cup.  
Communion Preparation: TBD

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please notify the Office Administrator  
and a replacement will be assigned.



# January 2021

## Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year

11/25 - 01/05 Christmastide (White); 01/06 Epiphany (White); 01/07 - 02/16 Ordinary Time (Green)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Susie's Birthday	2
3 Second Sunday after Christmas Day  6:30a KITY 102.9 Radio Service  9:30a Sunday School  10:45a Worship Noisy Offering	4	5	6  10:00a Bible Study  Epiphany  Charles' Birthday	7	8	9
10 Baptism of the Lord  6:30a KITY 102.9 Radio Service  9:30a Sunday School  10:45a Worship	11	12  Grover's Birthday	13  10:00a Bible Study  6:30p Elders Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting	14	15	16
17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany  6:30a KITY 102.9 Radio Service  9:30a Sunday School  10:45a Worship  Week of Laity Begins	18  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins  MLK Day CHURCH OFFICE OPEN	19  Art Johnson's Birthday	20  10:00a Bible Study	21	22  Maria's Birthday	23  Week of Laity Ends
24 Third Sunday after the Epiphany  6:30a KITY 102.9 Radio Service  9:30a Sunday School  10:45a Worship	25  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends	26	27  10:00a Bible Study	28	29  Paul's Birthday	30
31 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  6:30a KITY 102.9 Radio Service  9:30a Sunday School  10:45a Worship						

**Elders**

Grover Howell (2021)    Bennie Clark (2021)  
Ron Petrick (2022)    Susie Rodgers (2022)

**Deacons**

Linda Guess, chair    Teri Howell  
Jim Nance            Marilyn Petrick  
Jonnie Stark           Sharon Tippie

**Trustees**

Richard Dunegan    Art Johnson  
Susie Rodgers

**2021 Leadership Team**

Moderator		Grover Howell
Secretary		Melissa Johnson
Treasurer		Bennie Clark
Historian		Sharon Tippie
Education		
Faith-Sharing	}	Committee Council - Wayne Spiekermann Michele Darling
Membership		
Outreach		
Property		
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