



THE TIE THAT BINDS...

JANUARY 2022



Rev. William "Bill" Howden

From the Interim Minister...

2022! Once again, a new year begins, bringing new challenges and fresh opportunities. It also brings me to FCC Burnet as your interim minister. I look forward to serving Christ with you.

As many of you know, I have already preached for your congregation several times (eight in fact) during the last six months. So, you have already gotten to know me a little bit, and I have at least begun to get to know some of you. I look forward to getting to know you better. We can begin at the reception after worship on my first Sunday, January 9th.

Although my time in Burnet will be limited, I truly want to get to know you better. Preaching does not begin with speaking; it begins with listening. Dr. Tom Long, one of my mentors in ministry, described preaching as an act of "priestly listening." When the preacher turns to scripture, he or she listens for God's word on behalf of the church.

To do that well, the preacher must first listen to the congregation, listen to their individual needs and concerns, their personal triumphs and hopes. The preacher must also listen for what the congregation means to its members, and what their dreams are for its future. Having first listened to the congregation, the preacher is then prepared to turn to scripture to listen for God's word on their behalf; to listen and then, in the sermon, to bear witness to what he or she has heard.

As I said earlier, my time in Burnet will be quite limited. I will be coming only on Sundays from my home in San Antonio. And, because of other responsibilities on the first Sunday of each month, I will be in Burnet just the second, third, and fourth Sundays of the month. On the days I am there, I will be staying through mid-afternoon, to make pastoral visits, to meet with groups, and generally to listen and learn how I can best minister on your behalf.

You may also contact me during the week. My phone number and email address are below. I will be keeping "office hours" (still in San Antonio) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 – 11:00 am. This does *not* mean that these are the only times you may contact me. It does mean that you have a better chance of having me pick up, or at least quickly return your call, during those times.

2022! May God guide our steps, protect us from harm, and bless each of our days!

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How time flies! It has already been over two and half years that Margot and I moved to Burnet. I have been a member of FCC Burnet since 1975, but until we moved all those years, except one, I have lived somewhere else.

I am honored to have been named the board moderator, as well as a deacon, for 2022. I never dreamed that I would have either of these positions but understand that in a small church everyone who can serve needs to do what they can to the best of their abilities.

I promise that I will do whatever I can to help our church be whatever it is supposed to be.

We have our board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If any of you have any suggestions, please let me know either at church, by email, text message or call me at (210) 823-4631. The board serves to represent each one of our members so please let us know your thoughts and wishes.

I also want to say I have big shoes to fill following Grover in this position. Thanks to him for all he did in this capacity over the last couple of years!

As it says in 1 Peter 4:10: “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

I will do my best to uphold this principle to each of you.

Wayne Spiekermann
2022 Moderator



- Jan 01 New Year’s Day
Susie Rodger’s Birthday
- Jan 02 Noisy Offering benefitting LACare
Take down Christmas Decorations
- Jan 03 Epiphany
- Jan 06 Charles Waugh’s Birthday
- Jan 09 Interim Minister, Rev. Bill Howden begins at FCC
Reception for Rev. Howden to follow service
- Jan 12 Grover Howell’s Birthday
- Jan 19 Art Johnson’s Birthday
- Jan 29 Paul Harris’ Birthday

CCSW WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP EVENT!
February 18 -19, 2022 - First Christian Church, Athens TX

Merla Garza
Keynote Speaker

Registration opens at 4:00 p.m. Central Time
Cost: \$45 includes meals
www.ccsww.org/women

Online registration for lodging will be available online after January 5th.

Lodging will be at the Best Western Plus in Athens.

I was told that rooms are filling up fast! They have single King-size and double Queen size for \$88.99/night.

Search and Call

Dear Congregation,

The Search and Call Committee did receive four additional profiles in December from our regional minister, Al Walker. Unfortunately, we were not successful in advancing past the initial review and contact stages with any of the potential candidates. We hope to receive new candidate profiles in the near future.

In the interim, we are very excited to welcome Rev. Bill Howden as our minister for the next few months. If you have not had a chance to hear Bill's sermons or to meet him, please plan on attending the January 9th worship service and stay to welcome him at the reception immediately following service.

We will keep you informed as we continue through the search and call process. We ask for your continued prayers as we proceed with patience and hope.

We want to thank Susie Rodgers for serving as co-chair of this committee. Her input has been valuable, and we will miss her as she and Allen make the move to Oklahoma.

If you have any questions, please ask any or all of us. We are blessed to serve the congregation during this transition period.

Sharon, Wayne, Michele, Ron, & Bennie

WELCOME TO TEXAS

Winter is at 6 am
Spring starts at 10 am
Summer is at 2 pm
And fall starts around 4:30ish

Dress accordingly

NEWSLETTER
Sign-up 

Get all the Disciples news you want

Sign up for one or more of the following newsletters and stay connected with what's happening across the life of the church by clicking on the red box above.

- Dear Disciples - Occasional messages from our General Minister and President
- Disciples Justice Ministries - Occasional updates and opportunities for Disciples working for justice
- Disciples News Service - A weekly publication of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Disciples Together - A biweekly collection of resources for pastors

COME CELEBRATE WITH US.



Rev. Bill Howden

WELCOME RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH
AFTER SERVICE

Please join us for an informal meet
& mingle, fun & fellowship time
with Rev. Howden as he begins his
time as our interim minister.

FELLOWSHIP HALL
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BURNET

**First Christian Church-Bertram
Disciples of Christ
Serving Schedule
January 2022**

	ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer	DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer
Jan 02	Bennie Clark	Linda Guess Marilyn Petrick	Jonnie Stark
Jan 09	Hank Holt	Sharon Tippie Wayne Spiekermann	Ron Petrick
Jan 16	Michele Darling	Jonnie Stark Linda Guess	Sharon Tippie
Jan 23	Ron Petrick	Marilyn Petrick Sharon Tippie	Yvonne Evans
Jan 30	Bennie Clark	Wayne Spiekermann Jonnie Stark	Sharon Tippie

The Elder is responsible for Joys/Concerns; Communion Prayer; Stewardship Prayer
Communion Preparation: Covid Approved Containers

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



January 2022

Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year

12/25 - 01/05 *Christmastide (White)*; 01/06 *Epiphany (White)*; 01/07 - 03/01 *Ordinary Time (Green)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day Noisy Offering/LACare First Sunday Luncheon Take down Christmas Decorations	3 Epiphany	4	5	6 Charles Waugh's Birthday	7	8
9 Baptism of the Lord 9:30a Adult Study 10:45 Worship	10	11	12 Grover Howell's Birthday	13	14	15
16 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30a Adult Study 10:45 Worship	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18	19 Art Johnson's Birthday	20	21	22
23 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30a Adult Study 10:45 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29 Paul Harris' Birthday
30 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30a Adult Study 10:45 Worship	31					

Elders	
Ron Petrick (2022)	Hank Holt (2023)
Michele Darling (2022)	Bennie Clark (2024)
Deacons	
James Engen (2022)	Linda Guess (2023)
Jennifer Engen (2022)	
Sharon Tippie (2022)	Jonnie Stark (2024)
Marilyn Petrick (2022)	Wayne Spiekermann (2024)
Trustees	
Art Johnson (2022)	Richard Dunegan (2023)
Ron Petrick (2024)	

2022 Leadership Team

Moderator	Wayne Spiekermann	
Vice-Moderator	Bennie Clark	
Secretary	Melissa Johnson	
Treasurer	Bennie Clark	
Historian	Sharon Tippie	
Education	} Committee Council -	
Faith-Sharing		
Membership		
Outreach		
Property		
Worship		
Disciple Men Rep		
Disciple Women Rep		
		Michele Darling
		Marilyn Petrick
	Sharon Tippie	
	Ron Petrick	



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