

# News & Events

December 11, 2018

## First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ  
Guthrie, Oklahoma

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### This Week's Events:

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, December 12

3:30 p.m. - Christmas Program Wrap-up Party

6 p.m. - Elders Meeting

7 p.m. - Board Meeting

7 p.m. - Choir

Thursday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Out

Saturday, December 15

9:30 a.m. - Cantata Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. - Live Nativity on front lawn

Sunday, December 16

9:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

10 a.m. - Coffee and Juice

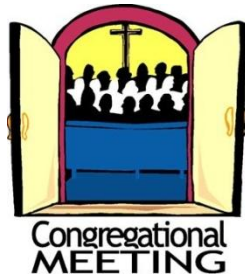
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service/Cantata

11:45 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

Noon - Stocking Sorting

Noon - Youth to Angel Tree Shopping

5 p.m. - Charlie Brown Christmas



We will have a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, December 16 to vote on the 2019 operating budget.

This budget will also be discussed at the board meeting on Dec. 12. All are invited.



**Christmas Eve Services**  
**5 p.m. - Worship for all ages**  
**9 to 10 p.m. - Come and Go**

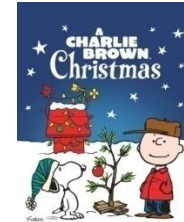
### Special Gifts:

#### General Fund

In Memory of Charlene Stanbrough  
By Bob & Shirley Powell

#### Memorial Fund

In Memory of Carol Thompson  
By Ronnie Fields



**Dec. 16**  
**5 p.m.**

Movie, snacks and a craft! Fun for the whole family!

## STEWARDSHIP

*A Way of Life*

### Weekly Receipts

12/2/2018 \$6,268

YTD Receipts: \$287,943

YTD Expenses: \$307,010

Set up your weekly or monthly giving online at:

<http://www.fccguthrie.org>

SimpleChurch Giving



**Worship & Sunday School Attendance**

**for December 9**

**Sunday Worship** 240

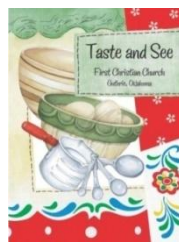
**Sunday School** 18

**Communion to Shut-Ins** 11

**A huge praise and thank you for the success of the GPS stocking outreach! All stockings have been sponsored! Through your generosity, we will be serving 268 students this year. This Sunday, after worship we will be sorting the gifts and then delivering them to the schools on Dec. 18. Your help is welcome if you would like to help with the sorting process. A quick sandwich lunch will be provided before we get to work. Thank you for your support of this project year after year and being the hands of Jesus to our community.**

Thanks for allowing us to hold mom's service in the sanctuary and thank you to the ladies who provided the delicious meal after mom's service. We appreciate all the prayers mom received these past few years as she battled her dementia. She enjoyed the Sunday service very much. We are blessed to have such a loving, caring church family.  
The family of Carol Thompson

### Buy Your Cookbooks Today!



Cookbooks are in and ready to pick up! Come to the church office or pick them up Sunday in the Narthex. We will be selling our cookbooks throughout the holiday season. You may purchase them for \$20 each or 2 for \$30. These make great gifts!

### Send a Card or Letter

Here is Ada Belle Elder's new address:

111 Atlantic Ave,  
Shreveport, LA 71105

I'm sure she would love to hear from anyone from her church family as she settles into her new surroundings. Please keep her in your prayers during this transition time.

### Diapers (and baby food) for Jesus

We are collecting packages of diapers and various baby foods for *The Hands of Jesus* and *God's Food Bank*. You may bring your donations during the month of December and place them under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Thank you!

# Christmas Cantata



Dec. 16  
10:30 a.m.

Join us this Sunday as the  
Choir presents their  
annual Christmas Cantata!

## Christmas in the Country

Thank you to Janie Carey for hosting Christmas in the Country last weekend. It so much and it was a huge success with 28 women in attendance. Thank you to the ladies for taking time out of their Saturday morning and joining us for some food, fun and fellowship. Thank you also to Karen Allen, Sherry Porter, Michelle Gill, Sharon Johnston (and Janie Carey) for helping with the demonstrations. All the women were able to take a bag of goodies home to enjoy and share. We had great feedback on the gift ideas! Be sure to see next week's newsletter for pictures of this fun annual event!

If someone should be added or taken off our prayer list please be sure and let us know.



**Our love and sympathy go to:** Dawn Hacker and family in the death of her mother, Teresa Hicks. Margaret Hixon and family in the death of her brother Larry. **We pray for our church family:** Roberta Burns, Gary Hixon, Sherry Canning, Margaret Hixon, Don Yost, Bill Cunningham, and Ron Owen. **Our friends and family:** Delores Stokes, Matt Wieczorek, Jane Berryman, Bill Lyons, Mike Irvins, Ernie Garcia, Ryan and Claire Piersol, Nick and Ashley Kretschmar, David Lockler, Sam Shore, Nancy Howell, Tina Jordan, Mark Davis, David Hansen, Valerie Cotton, Mary Jo McCoy, John Eddings, Marci Kelley, Stephanie Lowrance, Liberty Crick, Jerry Williams, Kayla Thetford, Houston Sneed, Tara Woods, Les Steenveld, and Marissa Rhodes. **Our military all over the world including:** Dylan Hall, Garrett Canning, TJ Wilson, Brent Walton and Matt Byce, and Matt Gore.

Over the last couple months, we have been promoting sponsorships of Compassion International Children. If you took a folder in the narthex to sponsor a child and have not sponsored the child, we need those folders returned so we can mail them back. If you have sponsored a child, great! Let us know, so we can celebrate that with you! Child sponsorships are \$38 a month and can be done through our Outreach Department or online: [compassion.com/590398](http://compassion.com/590398). Thank you for being a part of this focus on worldwide outreach projects.  
Sincerely, The Outreach Team

## CAROLS & WORSHIP BRUNCH

**\*\*It went over so well last year, we're doing it again!\*\***

On Sunday, December 30 we will have brunch, carols, worship and fellowship at 10am in the Reception Hall instead of our usual 10:30 worship service. We know that many people will still be on holiday trips and vacations. There will be no Sunday School, but we will be having a **potluck brunch** before worship. It will be a simplified worship service with a good old-fashioned hymn sing. You will not want to miss it!

New feature inspired by elder, Jana Frey's comment to not wait to perform acts of kindness when there is a special occasion. We will now post 365 days of intentional acts of kindness throughout the year! Watch for this on our monthly newsletter calendars! We hope this will inspire you to step out of our routines and make a point to be kind to someone every single day!

## Live Nativity

Be sure to come by and see our children and youth live Nativity on the front lawn of the church from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday (Dec. 15). We hope to have a choir of angels singing and will be serving cookies and hot chocolate. If you can help with singing or refreshments, contact Jana Frey (615-7764). Youth and children let Staci (831-5509) know if you can help with the live Nativity.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Looking forward to a new year with many fun activities for the whole family to participate in. A few of our upcoming events in January are:

1. Pizza & Painting for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Jan 6.
2. Chili Cook-off on Jan 13.
3. Our annual Sub sales will begin on Jan. 20!



Thank you to all who made donations in honor or memory of loved ones this Christmas Season. Please take your poinsettia following the worship service on December 23.

Clarence & Alice Allen in memory of Arlene Grunden & T. Lee Allen  
John, Karen, Alex and Zachary Allen in memory of Kay Johnston and our  
grandparents

Lindsey & Waylon Ball in memory of Elton Crick

Pat Ball in memory of Robert Ball

Nick, Shana, Makenna & Gabby Bench in honor of Ada Belle Elder

Carl & Diane Biggs in memory of Orda Mae McNeil

Bill & Paula Bowles in honor of Pauline Belden

Bill & Paula Bowles in memory of Clifford Belden and John & Jean Bowles

Mekaila, Kacie, Jake, Kyndal, Clayton & Cade Carey in memory of Tutu & G.C

Mekaila, Kacie, Jake, Kyndal, Clayton & Cade Carey in honor of Grammy, Der

Mike & Janie Carey in memory of their parents, Reymoth & Elmer Tontz and J.

Cathy Clark, The Bond's & The Clark's in memory of Dennis Clark

Cathy Clark, The Bond's & The Clark's in memory of Aileen Clark

The family of Bill & Lois Webb in memory of Bill & Lois Webb

The Family of Marie Duffey in memory of Marie Duffey

The Family of Clemmie Denny in memory of Clemmie Denny

Ron Fields in honor of Ronnie, Shana, & Max Fields & Diana Baldwin

Ron Fields in memory of Carrol "Chip" Fields

Gregg Gumerson & Rikki Metcalf in memory of Jon Gumerson

Gregg Gumerson & Rikki Metcalf in memory of Babs Gumerson

Gregg Gumerson & Rikki Metcalf in memory of Ken Metcalf, Sr.

Brandon, Pam & Hadley Henning in memory of Don Weir

Dorothy Herbert in honor of Phyliss Stroup

Dorothy Herbert in memory of Phil Herbert

Margaret Hixon in memory of Donald Hixon and Larry Hixon

Tommy & Sharon Johnston in memory of Kay Mock Johnston, David Earl Wade, Orville & Dora Jane Cordis  
and Joe & Dorothy Johnston

Margaret McNeely in memory of Thomas McNeely

Paul & Christie Fincher and Josh, Krista, Lakyn & Blakely Smith in memory of CJ & Celia Nelson

Cindy & Logan Reynolds in memory of Harry Reynolds

Cindy & Logan Reynolds in honor of Bonnie Reynolds

The Schroder Family in memory of Don Weir

Denise Shoun in honor of her children and grandchildren

Denise Shoun in memory of Winnie Haley and Courtney Carey

Esther Waner in memory of Ferdy Waner

Bill Warner in memory of Vernon & Dorothy Warner

Bill Warner in memory of Kathy Warner

Esther Weir in memory of Don Weir

Ken & Becky Wilkerson in honor of their grandchildren

Phyllis Willbanks in memory of Jim Willbanks

Ron & Linda Wrede in memory of Eddie Lou Halsey

Ron & Linda Wrede in memory of Geoff Machtloff

Ron & Linda Wrede in memory of Bion & Betty Acton

Keith & Deannie Young in memory of Danny Young



THANK  
YOU

A Santa hat with a white pom-pom and holly leaves. The hat is red with a white trim and a white pom-pom at the tip. It is positioned below the word 'THANK' and to the left of the word 'YOU'.