

# News & Events

December 4, 2018

## First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ  
Guthrie, Oklahoma

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### This Week's Events:

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, December 5

3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice

7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

Friday, December 7

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Lights Tour  
(weather permitting)

Saturday, December 8

9:30 a.m. – Christmas in The Country  
(weather permitting)

Sunday, December 9

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

11:45 a.m. – Christmas Program  
Practice

6:30 p.m. – Christmas Program followed  
by Tasting Party

### STEWARDSHIP

*A Way of Life*

#### Weekly Receipts

12/2/2018 \$4,781

YTD Receipts: \$278,367

YTD Expenses: \$305,487

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monthly giving online at:

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SimpleChurch Giving



Worship & Sunday School  
Attendance

for December 2

Sunday Worship 204

Sunday School 20

Communion to Shut-Ins 11

## Christmas Eve Service

Let's just admit it, change is hard. And as much as we might say we are open to change, we aren't. We may pretend we are open to change, we may say we welcome change, we may even say that change is good, but inside we fear it. We fear the unknown. We fear losing our traditions. We fear that our voice isn't being heard.

Let me assure you as someone who grew up attending the Christmas Eve service with my family this decision to change service times for Christmas Eve was not taken lightly. I remember rushing back after being with family so that we could make it on time. I remember worshipping with family and friends with candles lit. And I remember setting my bulletin on fire (yes, true story). The Christmas Eve service holds fond memories for me. You need to know that this decision was made with much prayer and discussion among the Elders of our church.

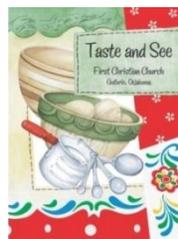
But ultimately, we feel that this change will be better for the church in the long run. The late night service numbers have been steadily and consistently dwindling. We are concerned about the safety of our more mature members. And we saw more of our families and adults attending the earlier service that was meant specifically for children. Keeping all of that in mind we decided a multigenerational service at an earlier time and a late scaled back service would be the best.

We felt that offering the two new services and times would help meet the needs of the church in a better way. We do not hold on to tradition for the sake of tradition anymore than we change for the sake of change. We grow and evolve as people of faith and as a church because we follow the Spirit and it's leading to the best of our ability.

If you would like to have further conversations about the Christmas Eve services, please feel free to visit with myself, Karen or an Elder.

**Ronnie**

### 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!



Sunday,  
Dec. 9 at  
6:30 p.m.

We will have a "Tasting Party" following the program with a special guest the children will enjoy seeing! We are asking for everyone to bring snack foods or desserts for the party. This is a special time to fellowship with the children of our church and show them how much we appreciate the work they put into our Christmas program each year! Please bring a treat and join us!!

### 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 in the Country”** is set for Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women’s Event, which is being held at Janie Carey’s home, and will feature a “Taste and See” event. This year, we will be featuring three holiday food demonstrations that are perfect for parties or ideas to make as gifts for friends and family. Come and learn how to make a “Pumpkin Roll,” “Christmas Blessings Mix,” a “Chocolate Pomegranate Candy” and “3,2,1 Mug Cake,” as well as some other quick holiday gift ideas. We will have some holiday snacks and drinks and spend some time enjoying fellowship together. We will meet at the church at 9:10 a.m. to caravan to the Carey’s home or you can meet us there at 9:30 a.m. We will return by 11 a.m. (Weather permitting)  
 Janie Carey’s address is: 5175 W. County Rd. 75, Guthrie, OK 73044.



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



**Preparing for surgery:** Sadie Porter. **We pray for our church family:** Roberta Burns, Vicki Hopkins, Keith Young, Gary Hixon, Sherry Canning, Margaret Hixon, Ada Belle Elder, Don Yost, Bill Cunningham, and Ron Owen. **Our friends and family:** Matt Wiczorek, Jane Berryman, Bill Lyons, Mike Irvins, Ernie Garcia, the friends and family of Tara Lynn, Ryan And Claire Piersol, Nick and Ashley Kretzschmar, 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.

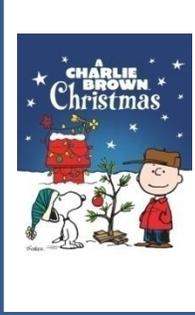
**Adopt a child for Christmas! Stockings due Dec. 9**



The Outreach team of First Christian Church has 200 stockings available for adoption. You may choose a boy or girl, and grade Pre-K through High School. All recipients are in the Guthrie Public School system. Suggested items include a hygiene items (body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant), small toys, games, books, gloves, and socks. Please do not purchase nerf guns, water guns, fake knives, pocket knives, lighters, candy cigarettes, bubble-gum-filled plastic hand grenades or anything that resembles a weapon. We are recommending a \$15-25 limit per student. This is an outreach project of First Christian Church, but anyone is welcome to participate. I am happy to meet you with a stocking this week if you don't attend First Christian Church and will make arrangements to pick it up from you. Please return your items to the church by this Sunday, Dec 9th. Thank you for supporting this annual mission project. You may call the church office this week, Monday thru Thursday 9 am-3 pm to sign up to sponsor a student.



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



**Dec. 16**  
**5 p.m.**  
 Movie, snacks and a craft! Fun for the whole family!



**Christmas Lights Tour! (Weather permitting)**

It’s time for the Retired Fellowship Christmas Light’s Tour! This year, we will stay a little closer to home with a trek to Edmond and Kingfisher. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 at the church. We will eat dinner at Interurban Edmond and then travel to a Nativity Scene put on by the Boy’s Ranch Town near Arcadia. We will make our way back through Edmond and catch some lights on our way to the Miranda Family Lights; before finishing in Kingfisher.

Karen will need to make reservations at Interurban and have enough drivers for vans, so please call the church office at 282-4080 and let us know you plan to go by Wednesday, Dec. 5. You can also e-mail Karen at [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) to make reservations.