Weekly Update

October 17, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.

He will be preaching on Hebrews 4:14-16 and Mark 10:35-45.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school classes for Elementary and Middle School Youth now begin each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

**HUSTLER’S BBQ & PIE**

The Hustler’s will hold their annual BBQ & Pie Lunch immediately following worship this Sunday, October 21st. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going towards supporting various outreach projects.

**SERVING SUNDAY OCTOBER 21ST**

**Elders:** *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

**Deacons:** *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall*

*Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

**Worship Leader:** *Cheryl Elder*

**Communion Preparation:** *Jeff Elder*

**Home Communion:** *Cheryl Elder and Jeff Elder*

**Greeter:** *Marilyn Hopkey*

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS**

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in October. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Rosella Jesse –**Hollybrook **Apt 42**

**Bill and Jean Kerchenfaut – new address**

6235 Hoffman St #201

North Port, Florida  34287-2285

**Harold Stimmel**— Hollybrook **Apt 34**

**John Revell**

**Harriet Farney**

**Margaret Meers**

**Patty Benz**

**Margaret Gambill**

**Jim McClard**

**John Weller**

**Lila Parsons**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Duff Knudsen –** Herb Knudsen’s wife

had back surgery and is making good progress

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee

and the Recruitment Committee

**NOTE FROM THE REYNOLDS FAMILY**

During church on Sunday, an olive wood carving was given to the church from the Reynolds family and the following note was read aloud.

*In October of 2016 when I brought mom and dad for their final visit to Gibson City and dad and I walked around the building he said, “It does my heart good to see what a wonderful job they have done taking care of this beautiful building.”*

*This was truly my parents’ church home. And although they worked and lived elsewhere I believe Gibson City was their true home.*

*I know they are grateful for the wonderful friendships, love, support, and joy that came from being a part of this church family. I too am so grateful for the love and support I received and continue to receive from so many of you. Please accept this gift in my parents’ honor. It is not nearly enough to express my gratitude. Also maybe this olive wood carving can find a spot on a shelf in the library or chapel. Dad would like others to enjoy and remember going to the Holy Land in 1979.*

*With many memories and thanks,*

*Lorelei Hays*

**RECYCLING**

First Christian Church will be in charge of recycling for the month of October.

Volunteers will be needed on October 20th from 8:00-11:30am.

Sign-up is posted in the narthex.

**DWM SILENT GIVING**

DWM Silent Giving will be held on Sunday, October 28.  We invite everyone to join us for fellowship following the service.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

The navigators will be hosting a family fun night to kick start fall on Sunday, November 4 from 4:00-7:00pm. The night will be divided into two segments. During the first segment, the adults will meet for fellowship and bible study with a special guest leader. At the same time, the youth will meet separately to have a lesson and enjoy fun outdoor games. Everyone will then meet together to enjoy a meal and fellowship time around the fire pit. Childcare will be available for the first hour while the adults are meeting for children 3 and under. Youth and adults are encouraged to bring friends to join in on this fun night!

**CALLING ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The DWM ladies would like to invite you to gather with us in the Fellowship Hall following our Sunday morning service on November 11.  During this time together, we will be making pillows for the hospital.  Watch for details!!

**CAROLING AT CHRISTMAS PARADE**

We have received a request to provide a small group of Carolers to sing downtown before the Christmas Parade. If you and any of your family are interested, please contact the office.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(October 17-23, 2018)

October

21: Marti Wiebers

Joe & Amy Higgins ‘00

22: Kristy Elder

Please send us (gcfccdoc@yahoo.com) additions or corrections of birthdays,

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

October 28th: Herb Knudsen

November 4th: Herb Knudsen

November 11th: Herb Knudsen

November 18th: Beth Rupe

November 25th: Joe Culpepper

**WEBSITE**

**The church’s website is now live and can be found at** [**www.fccdocgc.com**](http://www.fccdocgc.com)

**On the website, you can view the** [**church video**](https://fccdocgc.com/our-mission/) **made to help with the search process,**

**a** [**calendar**](https://fccdocgc.com/calendar/) **featuring upcoming events,**

**and** [**copies**](https://fccdocgc.com/news/) **of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| FCC ATTENDANCE | | SUNDAY WEEK | | | | |  |
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| 2018 | JANUARY | 40 | 56 | 53 | 45 |  | 49 |
| 2018 | FEBRUARY | 45 | 22 | 43 | 42 |  | 38 |
| 2018 | MARCH | 54 | 41 | 46 | 39 |  | 45 |
| 2018 | APRIL | 78 | 53 | 51 | 49 | 54 | 57 |
| 2018 | MAY | 38 | 56 | 57 | 44 |  | 49 |
| 2018 | JUNE | 57 | 24 | 51 | 46 |  | 45 |
| 2018 | JULY | 46 | 41 | 42 | 41 | 30 | 40 |
| 2018 | AUGUST | 48 | 42 | 42 | 45 |  | 44 |
| 2018 | SEPTEMBER | 46 | 55 | 48 | 47 | 51 | 49 |
| 2018 | OCTOBER | 63 | 68 |  |  |  | 66 |
|  | AVG | 51.5 | 45.8 | 48.1 | 44.2 | 45.0 |  |