

# Weekly Update

## November 21, 2018

### **THIS SUNDAY**

This week's guest minister will be Joe Culpepper.  
He will be preaching on Psalm 100 and Romans 8:22-28.

Joe Culpepper and his wife Ellen retired in 2011 as pastors of Centennial Christian in Bloomington. They have two grown children & seven grandchildren. Joe currently serves as Regional Elder for the Decatur Cluster, Chair of the CCIW Ministerial Ethics Committee, volunteers at the Salvation Army homeless shelter, & on the boards of several community organizations. His hobbies include bicycle touring, choral singing, community theater, & duplicate bridge.

### **MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE TO GIVE THE SERMON ON DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

The Search Committee has invited Mat Bowen to preach on December 9th. Mark your calendars to attend. We look forward to welcoming Mat and his wife, Elizabeth, on the afternoon of Saturday, December 8th through our worship service on Sunday. We are excited for the opportunity for Mat and Elizabeth to get to know us, visit our church, and show them our community. We have been very impressed with Mat and we look forward for the opportunity to get to know him better.

### **HUSTLERS**

The Hustlers will meet this Sunday at 7:00pm at the home of Jim & Sue McClard.

### **SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Seekers Sunday school class will not meet on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **SERVING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Elders:** *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

**Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard  
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

**Worship Leader:** *Matt Barnard*

**Communion Preparation:** *Sue McClard*

**Home Communion:** *Arlen DeWall and Sue McClard*

**Greeters:** *Harold & Jalene Medler*

### **WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS**

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

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### **JAKE'S BOYS & FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday, December 2nd will be a very special day for the First Christian Church Family. Jake's Boys will be our guests in the worship service bringing their wonderful singing which they share all over the area. It is also the first Sunday of Advent. At the close of the worship service we will open the beginning of the season of advent by the lighting of the first candle in our advent wreath. We will continue on with the preparation of decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season in joy and thankfulness for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After completing the decorating, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a light lunch. Please join us on this special day.

### YOUTH GIVE THANKS

This past Sunday, our elementary students discussed being thankful in all things as we reflected on the arrival of Thanksgiving. They created their “Thankful Turkeys” to share what they are thankful for, and why they are thankful.



### RECYCLING

First Christian Church will be in charge of recycling for the month of December. Volunteers will be needed on December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:30am. Sign-up will be posted in the narthex.

### PRAAYER 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**  
**Evelyn Fawver**  
**Barb Bennett**  
**Irene Schaefer**  
**Duff Knudsen**  
**Marilyn Lowell**

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee  
and the Recruitment Committee

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to the family of Lila Parsons, who passed away on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(November 21-27, 2018)

November

21: Lane Elder

23: Emily Elder

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

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jake's Boys

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Mat Bowen (Ministerial Candidate)

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Joe Culpeper

December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Beth Rupe

December 30<sup>th</sup>: Herb Knudsen

**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 made to help with the search process,  
a calendar featuring upcoming events,  
and copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**ATTENDANCE**

FCC ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
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	51	50		58
2018	NOVEMBER	51	52	55			53
AVG		50.8	51.6	47.6	45.8	40.5	

Average Monthly Attendance		
	2017	2018
July	30	40
August	35	44
September	49	49
October	46	58