

Weekly Update

December 19, 2018

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

~ Janice Maeditere

THIS SUNDAY

This week's guest minister will be Beth Rupe.
She will be preaching on Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:46b-55.

We welcome back Beth Rupe to the pulpit Sunday. We have been blessed to have Beth fill our pulpit during our search for a new minister and look forward to her insightful message on the Sunday before Christmas.

WELCOME MAT AND ELIZABETH BOWEN

First Christian Church celebrates the gift of having a new minister coming in April. We are excited to have Mat Bowen and his wife, Elizabeth, joining our church and providing spiritual leadership to our congregation. We look forward to assisting them in their move to Gibson City and await their bringing new energy and enthusiasm to our fold.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Seekers Sunday school class will not meet this Sunday, December 23rd.

SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD

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

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

Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder

Worship Leader: *Marilyn Hopkey*

Communion Preparation: *Jeff Elder*

Home Communion: *Cheryl Elder and Jeff Elder*

Greeters: *Ron & Melanie Warfield*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Monday, December 24th beginning at 8:00pm.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The Christmas Card Tree has been placed in the narthex to receive your greetings to church members and friends. We invite you to donate any postage savings to the special Christmas Offering.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in December or January. 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
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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(December 19-25, 2018)

December

21: Harold & Eleanor Baize

22: Harry McClure

25: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!

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

FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS

December 30th: Herb Knudsen

January 6th: Herb Knudsen

January 13th: Teresa Dulyea-Parker

January 20th: Herb Knudsen

January 27th: Joe Culpepper

WEBSITE

The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at **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	54		53
2018 DECEMBER	93	90	68			84
AVG	57.8	58.0	51.0	47.4	40.5	

Average Monthly Attendance		
	2017	2018
July	30	40
August	35	44
September	49	49
October	46	58
November	51	53