

# Weekly Update

## December 5, 2018

### THIS SUNDAY

#### MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE TO GIVE THE SERMON

This Sunday, we welcome ministerial candidate Mat Bowen to our pulpit. Mat and his wife, Elizabeth, will be in town from Saturday afternoon through our worship service on Sunday. During the weekend, they will get a chance to see our community, visit our church, and get to know our congregation. There will be a breakfast provided by the men's group on Sunday morning beginning at 8:15 and a catered meal following the morning service. Both of these are opportunities for the congregation to meet Mat and Elizabeth. We have been very impressed with Mat and we look forward for the opportunity to get to know him better. Please plan to attend.

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Also this Sunday, the youth will be acting as worship leaders for our service. They will also be providing special music with songs and a performance of the chimes choir. Come support our youth and their faith formation at First Christian Church.

### SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH

**Elders:** *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*

**Deacons:** *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson  
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

**Worship Leader:** *Youth*

**Candlelighter:** *Dayne White*

**Communion Preparation:** *Mary Alice McRae*

**Home Communion:** *Sue Walker and Mary Alice McRae*

**Greeters:** *Youth*

### THANK YOU

What a great day of worship we had this past Sunday. Enjoying the great music of Jake's Boys, the first Sunday of Advent, and to all of you who stayed after the service to decorate our church – a big THANK YOU.

### 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. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

### RECYCLING

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

### **POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary, please fill out an order form and return to the church by December 10th. The cost is \$9.00. Forms are available at the church or printed below.

### **CHURCH BOARD**

The church board will meet on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, send them to the office.

### **DWM**

Change of date for DWM's Christmas potluck. Our annual Christmas potluck supper will be on MONDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the home of Sue McClard. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and delicious food. All you need to do is bring a side dish to share.

### **SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

### **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**  
**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 5-11, 2018)

December

5: Jennifer Hagan

7: Tyler Ricks

11: Harry & Mary Ellen McClure '57

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are required to announce to the congregation two weeks ahead of time. We plan to hold the meeting if circumstances dictate that it is needed.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Joe Culpepper  
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.fccdoggc.com](http://www.fccdoggc.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					93
AVG		57.8	51.6	47.6	47.4	40.5	

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

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary in honor of/or in memory of someone, please complete this form. The cost is **\$ 9.00 each**. **Please fill in the following information and have your order turned in by December 10th! Thank you!**

Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a poinsettia.

**Please check one of the following:**

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Checks may be made to: First Christian Church**

- **Send to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 10  
Gibson City, IL 60936**
- **Drop off at church office**
- **Place in morning offering**