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Coming Events

- 11/24 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
4:30 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Decorate for Christmas
- 11/25 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/26 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 12/1 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 12/2 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 12/3 7:00 am Dining Room Rental
8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 12/4 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 12/6 7:00 am CWF Christmas Bazaar
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 12/7 9:00 am Pike County Youth League

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** met Saturday morning, and elected one new officer and three holdovers. The holdovers are Vice President Zack Boren, Secretary Mike Boren and Treasurer Hamer Tate. Roger Dunham, after two years as president, has requested that someone else take the job, and that someone else is Ed Picone—stay tuned for more news from the CMF and new President Ed Picone!

Elder Meeting Tues, Nov 26, 6:00.
Elder Dinner Sunday evening, Dec 8.

We want to thank everyone for attending the Turkey Dinner last week. The fellowship was wonderful and the meal was delicious! Net proceeds from the evening were \$1,243.10 which will go towards the church construction / renovation fund.

Youth Group

Thank you Roger and Charlotte Dunham for hosting the Youth Group at your farm last weekend! It was a great evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Junior and Senior High Youth Group will both meet at 4:30 this coming Sunday, Nov 24, to distribute turkey dinners to families in the community. Afterward they will help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. **EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH IS INVITED TO JOIN THEM AT 6:00 TO DECORATE.**

Dec 1: No meeting so everyone can enjoy family during Thanksgiving.

Dec 8: Regular meeting.

Dec 15: Youth will join Christmas caroling followed by white elephant gift exchange.

Dec 22: No meeting due to Cantata.

Dec 29: No meeting.

Dec 31: "Holiday Mayhem" Escape Room Mystery Night & meal, 5:00p - 12:30a.

CWF Christmas Bazaar

The CWF Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, **Dec 6**. Be thinking about baking for the Country Store, sorting out your treasures for the Treasure Chest (No Clothing) and making new items for the Gift Room.

Lunch will be served from 11-1:30. Menu includes chili and vegetable soup, sandwich, pie and drinks.

Love Raffle Tickets are on sale - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt will be the first draw, hand crafted garden bench second, beaded snowman picture third. See Joyce Lemons or Charlotte Dunham for more info.

Giant Indoor Flea Market (AKA: **Treasure Chest**) We need your pans, dishes, jewelry, furniture, purses, books, toys, decorations, collections, and anything else (except clothes/shoes) that you are ready to donate! No electronics such as computers, TVs, printers, etc. Please bring your items to the Crossroads Center gym on Tues 12/3 and Wed 12/4 from 7:00AM - 7:00PM, or on Thurs 12/5 from 8:00AM - Noon. If you need a different drop-off time, or if you have items to donate but are unable to bring them, please call Kathy Curfman 217-248-5214 to make arrangements. Thank you for your donations and purchases! The proceeds allow our CWF to help several of our church programs and many county organizations!

The sanctuary will be decorated with **poinsettias** for Christmas. Let the office know if you would like to purchase a flower in memory/honor of loved ones for \$10 which will be posted in the bulletin and newsletter.

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Joan Hagerbaumer, Stacey Helms, Deloras Martin, Aidan Poor, Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Mark Hermens (Dan Chamberlain's nephew), Jamye Hively (Loyd & Tina DeJaynes' daughter), Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Holly Wade (Bob & Sue Evans' daughter), Lee Williams (Friend of Brenda Kramer)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Hoover who passed away.

ADOPT- A- FAMILY

The Outreach Ministry is again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. Each family receives a food basket, gifts and food voucher. Gift tags are available on the tree in the sanctuary and are color coded for your shopping convenience. Senior tags are yellow, adult tags are red, children's tags are green and family hygiene product tags are blue.

Please gift-wrap each package and attach the gift tag to the outside of the package(s). **Return wrapped gift no later than Sunday, December 1st and place on the marked table near the coffee table or in the Long Room.** *There are so many people we are providing multiple gifts for so it is very important that the tag remains with the gift so we know who it goes to. We sort around 200 gifts which makes it quite difficult for those with lost/no tag/not returned.*

Like last year, when taking a tag, please fill out your name/phone on the bottom, detach at the dotted line, and place in the basket. Thank you.

Food items, not out of date, are being accepted near the coffee table and in the Long Room.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark your check or envelope "Adopt-A-Family". The funds will be used first for presents that are not returned, then for gift cards for groceries.

We realize the turnaround is short. *Please only participate if you can meet the deadlines.* Thank you for your cooperation.

The committee will buy the items not received by the deadline. Every year this church shows their generosity in an exceptional way. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

ADOPT- A- FAMILY FOOD DONATIONS

Below is a list of suggested food items for the families' food baskets; however, any and all food donations are accepted. The last couple of years have been pretty light with the food donations. We would like to encourage increased giving of food this year. Thanks in advance for your support.

Ages 3 - PK: peanut butter and jelly

K-1st : macaroni & cheese, Spaghetti O's or like products

2nd-3rd : Jell-O, pudding or cake mix

4th-5th : canned vegetables

6th - 8th: canned soups/chili

High School: dry pasta/canned spaghetti sauce

Adult Classes: canned tuna or chicken, oatmeal/cream of wheat or dry cereal, fruit or canned juice, Hamburger Helper

Congregation: any of the above

Excerpts from Congregational Meeting November 3, 2019

Call to Order at 11:45 AM by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Quorum of 15 met. N.D. Harrison led us in prayer.

Betty Hayden, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the last Congregational Meeting held October 13, 2019. No corrections or questions about the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes by David Bishop and seconded by Joyce Lemons. Motion approved.

Moderator Gary Mendenhall asked N.D. Harrison to read the names of the proposed 2020 officers and officials. N.D. wanted to thank the Nominating Committee for their work of compiling the list of proposed officers and officials.

Moderator: Gary Mendenhall

Vice-Moderator: Bobby Smith

Treasurer: Bethany Dunham

Recording Secretary: Betty Hayden

Trustee: Dan Speckhart

Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Larry Wigington

Deacons: Shari Clark, C.J. Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Amber Poor, Justin Poor, Emma Saxe, Ellie Ten Eyck

After a brief discussion and explanation as to why there were 2 not 4 Elders on the slate of officers, the motion was made to accept the Nominating Committee's proposed list. Keith Elledge made motion to accept and N.D. Harrison seconded. Motion approved.

Moderator Gary Mendenhall moved to the next item of business to the approve the 2020 proposed budget. Moderator Gary Mendenhall asked if there were any questions about the proposed budget. The total budget has remained the same as 2019 at \$493,696. With no questions being asked, Gary entertained a motion to accept the 2020 budget. Jack Hull made a motion to accept the 2020 budget, seconded by N.D. Harrison. Motion approved.

Moderator Gary Mendenhall moved to the last item of business, the potential Constitution and Bylaw Revision. N.D. Harrison explained the revision and that the deacons would have more of a leadership role in the church which would alleviate some of the elder's duties. With little discussion and some clarification, a motion to accept the revision was asked by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Motion to approve the revision was made by Jack Hull and seconded by Bob Clark. Motion approved.

With no further business to discuss, Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Hull. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned @ 12:18 PM. Michael closed in prayer.

Christmas Events

Sun, Nov 24: 6:00 Everyone invited to decorate the church for Christmas.

Wed, Dec 4: 3:45 Kids Connection.

Wed, Dec 11: 3:45 Kids Connection. 5:30 Family Meal.

Sun, Dec 15: 4:45 Christmas Caroling followed by Caroling Supper. Youth Group will join caroling and have a white elephant gift exchange upon returning to Crossroads.

Wed, Dec 18: 5:00 Family Meal. 6:00 Kids Connection Christmas Program in the gym. 7:00 Choir Practice. NOTE THESE TIME CHANGES.

Thurs, Dec 19: 6:30 Children First Christmas Program in the sanctuary.

Sat, Dec 21: 10:00 Cantata Practice.

Sun, Dec 22: 5:00 Christmas Cantata. Doors open at 4:00. Childcare will be provided.

Tues, Dec 24: 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service.

Thank you everyone who has supported the Children First fundraisers by purchasing a shirt and / or purchased a prepaid gift card. Net proceeds from shirts sales were \$257.

The church office will be closed Nov 28 & 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Board Meeting Excerpts from November 12, 2019:

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Elder devotion and opening prayer was led by Pastor Michael Ten Eyck who talked about Leadership- Leadership is a service with three tangible branches- Aggression (in a good way), Courage, and Wisdom. Minutes from last meeting approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Michael has been busy with administrative duties such as van inspection, staff meetings, and radio/video edits for the website and WBBA. Pastoral duties include continue small groups, fill-in for Youth Minister, fall planning session, and began Advent planning. Personal and community duties included high school play, mock trials, and college visits. There are families in our church that need prayers for physical/medical reasons. November Goals: new building planning continued, advent planning, elder dinner, and to finish the 2020 sermon planning.

Treasurer: Checking/Savings = \$602,557.72. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$83,575.61. Budgeted Receipts = \$392,026.96. Budgeted Disbursements = \$303,935.57. Average Attendance YTD = 280. Excess Unrestricted Operating checking moved towards church construction / renovation = \$0 plus \$400 offering designated toward construction/renovation. Net Non-budgeted Activity = \$21,449.92. Total funds available for church con/renovation are \$345,167.79. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bob Clark and seconded by Jeremy Schoenherr. Motion carried.

Trustees: Tim Belford reported he has talked to Glen Cooley about the church insurance policy. Glen will submit a bid and Tim also reported another bid may be submitted by another insurance agent. Tim will report next meeting on this information.

Christian Education: Helen reported Kids Connection is moving along nicely. The Christmas program "Little Drummer Dude" is a very heart-touching play. Helen encourages everyone to come see the performance on December 18, 2019.

Children's First: License renewal has been completed for added room. The hospital would like affirmation on partnership on child-care provisions.

Balsman Property: Bobby Smith reported that the fall cash rent arrived for the amount of \$4,320. An update on the payment schedule was given.

Old Business:

Zack Boren reported the case of the stolen logs on the Balsman property is progressing.

New Business:

Ruth Bennett had a concern about our congregation to be more inviting to newcomers of the church.

Gary Mendenhall reported on a committee to represent staff of Children First and our Sunday School staff to compile facts and ideas for the new addition. Examples: size of rooms, set up of rooms, and various other details. This committee would also look at compiling an estimated cost of addition through meetings with an architect and contractors. The committee consists of the following members: Hamer Tate, Bobby Smith, Michelle Hart, Kacie Lipcaman, and Bob Clark. Keith Elledge will be an advisor. Motion made to accept the committee by Zack Boren seconded by Tim Belford. Motion carried.

With no other business to report, Tim Belford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruth Bennett. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 PM. Michael closed with prayer.

Your personal box of predated 2020 **offering envelopes** will be available soon. Let the office know if you would like to start using your own box so you can prepare offering at the convenience of home.

The 2020 Elder, Deacon, Communion to Shut-ins, and Fellowship Treats serving schedules will be ready soon. Let the office know if you have a change to your availability to serve on the Shut-in and Fellowship Treat schedule.

100 Years ago: Pike County Republican: "All roads lead to the big bazaar at the Christian Church tonight (Wed. Nov. 19, 1919). There is a Housekeeper's Table, the Hawaiian booth, the Mexican booth, and the novelty orange tree, and lots of good music."

Dear FCC Friends and Family,

Working along with you as the moderator of the FCC board has been a true blessing. In the past year, I have witnessed many acts of servanthood for our church and members. Thank you for choosing to be a part of First Christian Church. I continue to pray for each of you and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

During the sanctuary remodel project, we all came together to create a beautiful place to worship our Lord. There have been many wonderful comments regarding the finished project and it makes me proud to be a member here. As we approach our first Christmas in our new worship area, we have a great deal to be proud of as a congregation.

The Long Range Planning Committee, Sanctuary Remodel and Task Force, and the many volunteers dedicated a plethora of hours to make the updated sanctuary happen. We thank you for your service.

Looking forward, we are concentrating on the next areas of update and improvement needed to better service our growing congregation and the community we serve. As we look toward building for our current needs, we also want to be mindful that we provide room for growth. I have asked several individuals with construction experience and those working directly with our youth (Christian Education and Children First) to participate on a committee to review and prepare ideas for the new education/administration building.

By blending the needs of these groups, as well as those of our administrative staff, we will develop possible floor plans to share with the builders/architects to assess the scope and budgetary needs. We were very pleased with the flexibility and construction work during the sanctuary remodel project, so we are starting with the same construction company to get some rough estimates for the new building.

In addition to the new education building committee, there will be many positions on subcommittees such as decoration, fundraising, volunteer coordination, communication, publicity, and others, which we will need to fill. If you have some ideas or thoughts for the new building, we want to hear from you. Your input for this building is important to us. Please contact Hamer, Michael, or me if you would like to participate on a subcommittee or provide any suggestions.

Any decisions to move forward on a building project will come from the congregation. It is our intent to have regular updates on the project as information becomes available. Using this process should help us minimize upfront costs by utilizing our own resources as much as possible.

Right now, we need your prayers for moving forward with this project. Please pray for the board to move as God directs and for the committee to discern the needs and potential growth to create a warm, inviting, but most importantly, spiritual place where we can move forward with our mission to "Reach, Teach, and Empower" our youth and congregation.

We appreciate your support.

Gary Mendenhall
Board Moderator

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 2 Alayna Justice; 3 Eryn Lipcaman, Gena Londrie, Hayley Wombles, Leo Willman, Eleanor Willman; 4 Jamie Patterson, Rebecca Rhodes; 5 Marc James; 6 Jessica Speckhart Smith, Scott & Jennifer Palmer; 9 Sandy Wigington; 10 Steve Hayden, Renita Ten Eyck; 11 Marci Speckhart; 12 Alyssa Casto; 13 Jack Hull; 14 Matt James; 15 TJ Reel; 16 Tim Belford, Dave Bryant; 17 Barbara Fosco, Cara McNulty, Connor Wombles, Arabella McNulty; 18 Jim Belford, Brody Tomhave; 20 Bill & Ann Ferguson; 21 Taylor Sweeting; 22 Donnie & Tereasa Apps, Harold & Shirley Loyd, Matthew Dain, Emmett Boren; 23 David Koltveit, Laynie Hart; 24 Cheryl Birch, Adam Maxwell, David Bishop; 25 Dorothy Apps, Betty Hayden, Phil Lipcaman; 26 Timothy Hull, Katie Cox, Beth Willman, Jim & Marcia Stark; 27 Matt Saxe, Brad Tomhave; 28 Marcia Stark; 29 Thomas Hoaglin; 31 Braxton Boren, Harrison Patterson

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 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am**Sunday School:** 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>11/10</u>	<u>11/17</u>
Operational	\$6,169.80	\$10,981.57
Property Improvement	13.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	66.00	103.00
Church Construction/Renovate	0.00	50.00
Snack Pack	220.00	0.00
Adopt A Family	0.00	150.00
Unmet Needs	200.00	0.00
Children First	<u>110.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$6,873.80	\$11,492.57

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,481.88 \$12,015.08
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

11/24: Jer 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Ps 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
 11/25: Ps 117; Jer 30:1-17; Rev 21:5-27
 11/26: Ps 117; Jer 30:18-24; Rev 22:8-21
 11/27: Ps 117; Jer 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4
 11/28: Ps 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10
 11/29: Ps 122; Gen 6:1-10; Heb 11:1-7
 11/30: Ps 122; Gen 6:11-22; Matt 24:1-22
 12/1: Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44
 12/2: Ps 124; Gen 8:1-19; Rom 6:1-11
 12/3: Ps 124; Gen 9:1-17; Heb 11:32-40
 12/4: Ps 124; Isa 54:1-10; Matt 24:23-35
 12/5: Ps 72:1-19; Isa 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-26
 12/6: Ps 72:1-19; Isa 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25
 12/7: Ps 72:1-19; Isa 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Serving Schedule**November 24, 2019**

Elder: Kathy Hull, Bob Clark
Diaconate: Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Brenda Kramer
10:30 Nursery: Lexie Lipcaman
Shut-ins: Roger & Charlotte Dunham

December 1, 2019

Elder: Brad Willman, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Kacie Lipcaman, Bethany Dunham, Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Scott Bacon
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Kay Sealock
Scripture: Tate Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
Fellowship Treats: Sonya Bishop, Sandy Wigington, Lori Johnson, Karen Goodwin

Wishes & Wants

Needed - Electric stove for narrow space and someone to look at furnace in trailer. Cindy Chamberlain 217.473.1733.

	<u>11/10</u>	<u>11/17</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	96	122
10:30 AM	<u>175</u>	<u>182</u>
Total	271	304
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	7	8
K-1st	9	11
2nd-3rd	6	4
4th-5th	11	12
Jr/Sr High	8	8
Disciples	8	10
New Beginnings	0	7
Sermon Study	9	7
C.O.F.F.E.E.	8	15
Select to Connect	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	71	87