

# GoodNews@FCC

The Newsletter of First Christian Church

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## It Don'd On Me

### "Interim's Invitation to a Congregation Conversation!"

Greetings Church! As your Interim Senior Minister, I want to get to know you better: individually, and as a congregation. And I get the sense that many of you want to get to know one another better as well! So let's get together for a fun "**Congregation Conversation**" on Sunday evening, January 21. We'll start at 5pm with a pot-luck supper (meaning, y'all bring some good food to share!) and then I will lead us through some fun and interesting conversation so that I can learn more about FCC McKinney—and you might even learn some new insights about each other.

We'll gather in the Discipleship Center at 5pm, share a meal, visit, and wrap up by 7pm. This may be so uplifting that we decide to do it again! Let's get together as one church family and help each other get to know our family better. Carol and I will only know this church to the extent that we know YOU. We look forward to our Congregation Conversation on January 21.

Serving our Lord with you, Don



First Christian Church McKinney has many volunteers, but we need more for a couple of areas.

#### ◆ **Contemporary Worship Setup**

We have several teams that take turns setting up the chairs for Contemporary Worship. We would love to have one or two more teams. Setup takes about 30 minutes or less with 2 people, and your help would be required once a month or less. If you would like to participate in this service for FCCM, please contact the church office or Cindy Gallatin at [cynthia.gallatin@pisd.edu](mailto:cynthia.gallatin@pisd.edu).

#### ◆ **Traditional Worship Greeter**

We need 2 members each week to greet and pass out bulletins to our members and guests. This is especially important for our guests to have a friendly first impression of our congregation.

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Here at FCC we also have audio volunteers, visual volunteers, breakfast bar volunteers, etc. If there is a ministry you are interested in please call or email Penny at 972-542-4491 or [pwelch@goodnewsfcc.org](mailto:pwelch@goodnewsfcc.org) and she can reach out to a contact person to get in touch with you. The church can't run on it's own, thank you for sharing your gifts and talents!



**Interim  
Associate Pastor**

During worship on New Year's Eve, we took some time to practice a type of prayer that was new to many of us, but which is in fact kind of old (think 1522 AD). This prayer practice is known as the Examen and was developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. It's original form is meant to be prayed at the end of each day as a means of prayerfully reflecting on the day that has just passed. There are five steps: becoming aware of God's presence, thanking God, paying attention to emotion, choosing a feature of the day to pray from, and looking forward to tomorrow. During worship, we adapted it to review the passing year and prepare for the coming one. I thought I would include the version we used in worship for anyone who might benefit from such a practice.

**Step One: Become aware of God's presence.**

We seek to recognize your presence among us, O God. Give us the grace to see our year as you have seen it, moving us away from our own entrenched thinking and feeling and toward clarity of your perspective.

Show us not our actions and accomplishments, but our deeper selves, our true selves, ourselves that you have created in your image.

As we sit in silence, shift our perspective toward you.

**Step Two: Review the year with gratitude.**

We adopt a lens of gratitude. With that lens, we look back over the past year.

Show us all the gifts you have offered. Reveal to us not just the obvious gifts, but those we have yet to recognize.

As we sit in silence, we name those gifts, and we give you thanks.

**Step Three: Pay attention to emotion**

We trace back through the year, noticing our emotions.

Remind us, O God, of the events, conversations, activities and relationships that have not yet settled. Show us which ones still stir our emotion. Help us to sit with these emotions whether they be pleasant or discomforting. We don't seek to judge or fix—grant us instead understanding about our feelings.

As we sit in silence, teach us about ourselves and our situations.

**Step Four: Choose one feature from the year and pray from it.**

We look back through our memories and emotions and we settle on one feature from the year: an event, or maybe a pattern of our own behavior. We pray from this feature.

Show us, O God, the significance of this feature in our lives. Teach us any lessons we might learn from it. Help us to find resolution that we might continue to grow.

As we sit in silence, focus our hearts and minds on this one feature.

**Step Five: Look toward the new year**

We imagine the challenges and blessings that lie in the new year. We reflect on the important relationships, decisions to make, skills to learn, habits to build, healing to seek, good work to accomplish, making a simple list of highlights.

Help us, O God, to plan according to your will. Show us ways to join our plans to your work. Give us the grace we will need to live into the hope we lay out today.

As we sit in silence, lead us along your righteous path.

**Concluding prayer:**

Gracious God, we thank you for this time of stillness and silence. As we move from our individual prayer and back into our lives, keep us aware of your presence among us. Transition us gently back into the movements that lie ahead. Lead us to your world full of grace and truth and love. Praise be to you, O God. Amen.

Blessings in the coming year,  
Kayla

# SAVE THE DATE

Block begins Wednesday, January 31, 2018!!!  
(more information to come)



## Women's Prayer & Coffee time

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the church library.



## COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The month of January we are collecting 15 oz. cans of tomato sauce or 15 oz cans of spaghetti sauce. There is a basket in each building for this collection.

## DISCIPLE MEN



Disciple Men's group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Discipleship Center. Join us for studies, mission planning and fellowship with other men in the church.



**General Fund:** In memory of *Mack Hill* by Hannah Kunkle, Vancie Hamm, Larry and Margaret Collins. In memory of *Dot Crosswhite, Betsy Newman and Dickie Horn* by Larry and Margaret Collins.

In honor *Chuck, Cathy and Josh Buchfink* by Charlie and Merrilyn Buchfink.

**AYMS Fund:** In memory of *Martha Norton* by Lu Rasor Smith.

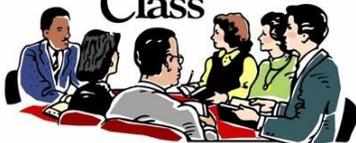
**Capital Campaign:** In memory of *Tip and Kathryn McCarley* by Annie McCarley.



Birthday Blessings

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| 1/10 | Charlotte McCraw,<br>Drew Woods                          |
| 1/13 | Winter White   |
| 1/14 | Sarah Hendricks, Yvonne<br>Moore, Kendall Edwards        |
| 1/15 | Richard Helland, Tom Kirby,<br>Al Johnston, Karen Knight |
| 1/17 | Rebecca McCarley   |
| 1/18 | Allyson Mitchell   |
| 1/19 | Cheryl Billings  |
| 1/20 | Dana Underwood   |

## Adult Sunday School Class



With the new year the Discussion Sunday School Class is trying something new. The class voted to order some DVD's from the Biblical Archaeology Society's recent seminar entitled "Lost Christianities". Three Biblical professors and authors, Charles W. Hedrick, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies, Missouri State University and former U.S. Army Colonel (Chaplain); April D. Deconick associate professor of religion, Illinois Wesleyan University, formerly of Rice University; and James D. Tabor, Chair of Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte will present

40 minute programs discussing Christianity in the first century. Thereafter, the class will discuss the presentation. Everyone is welcome. For further information call John McCraw 972-542-1263.



**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**WORSHIP @ 9 am**

**WORSHIP SETUP:** Boyd & Cindy Gallatin  
**BREAKFAST BAR:** Sharon Wright  
**VIDEO/AUDIO:** Cindy Peters/Brian White  
**COMMUNION:** Nancy Probst/Maurice Foster  
**SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Tom & Kerry Kirby

**WORSHIP @ 11 am**

**AUDIO:** Steve Dixon  
**USHER:** Sharon Gotcher  
**FOYER GREETERS:** Cathy Bailey/Larry Collins  
**ALCOLYTE:** Tanner Guthrie  
**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Kayla Coffee-Prose  
**MEDITATION/LITANY:** Don Wilson  
**ELDERS:** Sandy Baxter/Mac Hendricks  
**DIACONATE:** Kim Guthrie, Heidt Matthews, Steve Wilson, Emily Westbrook  
**BANKING:** Dane Bailey  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Joyce Smetzer/Becky Rasor  
**HOUSEKEEPERS:** Charlotte McCraw/Annie McCarley

**JANUARY 14, 2018**

**WORSHIP @ 9 am**

**WORSHIP SETUP:** Scouts  
**BREAKFAST BAR:** Indalita Holt  
**VIDEO/AUDIO:** Daniel White/Brian White  
**COMMUNION:** Boyd & Cindy Gallatin  
**SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Blake & Michelle Britton

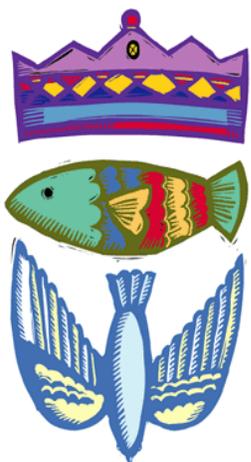
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**AUDIO:** Brian White  
**USHER:** Heidt Matthews  
**FOYER GREETERS:** Sonny & Brenda Fee  
**ALCOLYTE:** Evan Lundstrom  
**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Cindy Peters  
**MEDITATION/LITANY:** Wes Hendricks  
**ELDERS:** Butch Irby/Les Hodson  
**DIACONATE:** Brenda Fee, Kathi Livezey, Mike Livezey, Cindy Peters  
**BANKING:** Butch Irby  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Joyce Smetzer/Becky Rasor  
**HOUSEKEEPERS:** Charlotte McCraw/Annie McCarley

**DECEMBER 24**  
 Tithes & Offerings \$21,297.32  
 Capital Campaign \$100.00  
 Worship Service:  
 10 am ALL 144  
**Worship Total 144**

**DECEMBER 31**  
 Tithes & Offerings \$2,741.00  
 Capital Campaign \$  
 Worship Service:  
 10 am ALL 76  
**Worship Total 76**

**Congregation Members:** Larry Neel  
**Congregation Family and Friends:** Geraldine Holubar (Charles Hulubar's mother), Ashley Beane (Penny Welch and Sarah Hall's cousin), Evelyn (friend of Nancy Probst), Lorri Moon (friend of Penny Welch), Amy Wilson (Steve Wilson's sister-in-law), Melissa Folson, Joel Sydzyk (Don and Charlotte Whitten's nephew)



**ONE LORD  
 ONE FAITH  
 ONE BAPTISM**

**Church Staff**

**Interim Senior Minister**  
 \*Don Wilson\*

**Interim Associate Minister**  
 \*Kayla Coffee-Prose\*

**Student Youth Minister**  
 \*OPEN\*

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Secretary**  
 \*Penny Welch\*

**Minister of Music**  
 \*Larry Neel\*

**Organist**  
 \*OPEN\*

**Director of Contemporary Ensemble**  
 \*Steve Stark\*

**Director of Crossing Point Christian School**  
 \*Ricki Slatten\*