



2021

Good News!

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To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known to Others

May the Glory of this Christmas be with you and your family.
May the light of the stable shine forth into your lives to give you
comfort and peace this year and all the years to come. May you
find the baby in your hearts to live with you now and forever.

Merry Christmas

Rev Craig and Carrie Rutherford



*May the Blessing of this Holy Season be with you
and your families. May God pour God's grace
upon you all the coming year!*

*Lynn, Lisa, Kay, Lisa, Sherri, Mike, Ryder, Jerry
and Samye*



Serving Schedule for January 2021

Lay Leader: David Dickens

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Elders: Dana & Sherry Skelton
Greeting: Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow
Acolyte: Kinsler Bratz
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Elders: Mike Siemann & Scott Gilmore
Greeting: Ron & Jan Compton, David & Carol Dickens, Addison Cross
Acolyte: Remington Cross
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Elders: Craig & Prissy Shaffer
Greeting: Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer
Acolyte: Valcus Best
Sound System: Lisa Stevens
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Elders: Raymond Sparks & Linda List
Greeting: Sharon Drinning, Kristi Johnson, Barbara Gale, Denise Record
Acolyte: Lynna Johnson
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Elders: Linda Johnson & Robert Ballard
Greeting: Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow
Acolyte: Elliot Cross
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris



PRAYER

Those For Whom Prayer is Needed (Know that we are praying for you)

As you go to God in quiet time this week, please remember these individuals in your prayers. Thank you!

Our Church Family: Terry Condran, Ronnie Glenn, George Purnell, Kurt Cone, Jay Cole, Guylene & Robert Ballard, Pat Sparks, Ruth LeVasseur, Pat Hopper* The Family of Gary Barnett, The Family of Maurice Uptmor, Kelly Pickens, Sharon Drinning, Sue Ann Norris, Barbara Miller.

Our Extended Church Family: Sarah Curry Coffman, Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Dena DeVito* Pat Wilson, Ted Rusky, Don Dozier, Cody Robinson, Evelyn O'Lexis, Cheri Ann and Mark, Grady Gideons, Earl Reynolds* Becky Drinning, Rick Jeffery, Robert & Ann Brown, Dena Leitner.

A FRIENDLY Reminder

If you are giving money "in memory of" OR "in honor of" someone, we must have a separate check for each fund you are contributing to. (Example: General Fund, Permanent Maintenance Fund or Roof Fund)

If you have any questions, please call Lynn in the church office (972)551-4700 or see Ann Winton on Sunday morning.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2020 INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME: \$20,062.00
EXPENSES: \$21,744.24
DIFFERENCE: <\$1,682.24>





Gary Barnett

Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund
Mary Lou Hall—Maintenance Fund

Connie Clower

Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Betty Snyder

Mary Lou Hall—Maintenance Fund
Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Charles Compton

Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Glenna Tilson

Jerry & Ann Vick—Maintenance Fund

Joyce Sanders

Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Margie Curry

Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Kent Flanagan

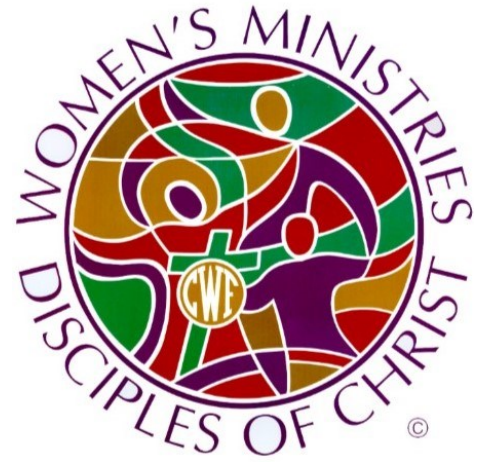
Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund

Maurice Uptmor

Mamie McCasland—Maintenance Fund
Barbara & Sarah Coffman—Maintenance Fund
Wayne Howe—Maintenance Fund
Bob Clower—Maintenance Fund
JW & Ann Barrow—Maintenance Fund
Kay Cole—Maintenance Fund

Dixie Linehart

Wayne Howe—Permanent Maintenance Fund



Women of the church, come join us for the January 2021 meeting of Christian Women's Fellowship. Each month we answer the roll call with verses of scripture. The verses provided for our upcoming meeting will be the very same ones CWF members read 25 years ago!

Linda Johnson will present the lesson entitled *Your Past: Ending the Reign of Guilt, Shame and Regret*. We Christians are very much aware of our shortcomings from yesterday as well as current perceived failings. Join Linda as she delves into this sensitive topic with us.

Refreshments to go will be provided by Barbara Gale, Sandra Wnorowski and Kathy Cook.

CWF outreach focus in January will be the Kaufman County Emergency Children's Shelter. We are carrying on with an important work of our church and of THE church! Let's start the year strong!

**NEXT MEETING:
JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 2:00PM
IN THE SANCTUARY**

SEE YOU THEN!!!

In Honor of

Colleen Metcalf

Jack & Lynn Beavers—Permanent Maintenance Fund

"Thank you for all the prayers, cards, gift, calls and food during the loss of my husband, Maurice. It makes a difference knowing you're surrounded by love during this time. I appreciate each and everyone of you."

*In Christ's love,
Lori Uptmor*

thank you!

Dear First Christian Church...

"Thank you so much for the very lavish donation to the Kaufman County Children's Emergency Shelter.

We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and your continued support of our children.

You are truly a blessing!!!"

Respectfully,
David Asbill

BAG LADIES UPDATE

Since the last newsletter went to press our group decided not to have our weekly workdays for a while, probably until after the New Year. As the Covid numbers rise we all want to eliminate as many group contacts as possible. Even though we were all wearing our masks and seated with plenty of space between us, we just want to do the safest thing.

We have had a really exciting happening that we want to report. On Sunday, December 6th our visiting missionary who spoke at our worship service became very interested in our sleeping mat project. He had the opportunity to visit our workroom and to see all our photos and our closet of mats and pillows. He is on his way to Thailand to begin his service as an evangelist in the rural areas of Burma that border Thailand, working with churches there that have been established through the 55 + years of work by his grandfather, Alan Eubank. He saw our mat project as one he could duplicate in Burma with the villagers. There are plenty of plastic bags and the villages eat and sleep on the floor so mats made of plastic bags will be very useful. He wanted to take one of our mats with him so we gave him one with our blessing. Our sleeping mat project has now gone international!!

We can all now add David Dawson and his sleeping mat project in Burma to our prayer list.



2020

DONATIONS

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Disciple Homes
\$205.00

Juliette Fowler
\$383.00

Operation Christmas Child
\$1,160.00

Kaufman Children's Home
\$1,200.00

Thai Christian Foundation
\$766.00

Serenity Church Terrell
\$1,703.00



SERENITY CHURCH

By Charlotte Gilmore

PASTOR DON LEDBETTER BRINGS MORNING MESSAGE

On Sunday, December 13th Don Ledbetter, Pastor of Serenity Church Terrell helped us to recognize again the “Reason for the Season,” sharing with us the heart of the ministry of Serenity Corner. He talked about the many ways in which Christ’s Kingdom here on earth is being made manifest in Terrell through that ministry. Don’s scripture message was the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’” Speaking of the impact on their lives that Serenity Corner has had, were Chris and Katlyn Martin and Joe Cobb, all products of Serenity Corner’s ministry.

Don expressed appreciation for all the ways in which our congregation is aiding Serenity in its ministry: the Pantry space we are providing for the Hearten Food Bag ministry, the meal we provide for 30 the third Friday of every month, our donations of food items and toiletries, the Sleeping Mats we have donated to them, the Christmas Shoebox Gifts we are providing and the Special Christmas Offering we collected.

Thank you First Christian Church for your continued generosity and for “being the church.”

If you were not able to attend this service we hope you will go to our church Facebook page and watch the video for a very inspirational hour.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

As Friends of Serenity Corner we have made it possible for 71 homeless individuals to receive unbelievable surprises for Christmas 2020. When they came to Serenity expecting to receive their usual Hearten Food Bag filled with ready-to-eat food items they also received a shoebox filled to the brim with goodies. These shoeboxes have been provided by members and friends of First Christian Church as well as from other churches and friends of the ministry in the City of Terrell. Each box, many containing meal gift cards or cash, were packed and gift wrapped with love by the giver or by volunteers.



This really generous outpouring of love and compassion, I believe, is an expression of our need to show our gratitude for all the blessings that continue to pour into our lives in spite of the conflict that surrounds us as well as a raging pandemic that has taken so many lives.

Our members and friends had fun packing and wrapping some of the shoeboxes which were displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 13th.



2021 SERVING ELDERS

Dana & Sherry Skelton

January 3	August 1
February 14	September 12
March 28	October 24
May 9	December 5
June 20	

Mike Siemann & Scott Gilmore

January 10	August 8
February 21	September 19
April 4	October 31
May 16	December 12
June 27	

Craig & Prissy Shaffer

January 17	August 15
February 28	September 26
April 11	November 7
May 23	December 19
July 4	

Raymond Sparks & Linda List

January 24	August 22
March 7	October 3
April 18	November 14
May 30	December 26
July 11	

Linda Johnson & Robert Ballard

January 31	July 18
March 14	August 29
April 25	October 10
June 6	November 21

Helen Remes & Dale Hogue

February 7	July 25
March 21	September 5
May 2	October 17
June 13	November 28

2021 WORSHIP LEADERS

January	David Dickens
February	Linda Conder
March	Ron Compton
April	Jan Compton
May	Scott Gilmore
June	Raymond Sparks
July	Craig Shaffer
August	Dale Hogue
September	Colleen Metcalf
October	Janet Baska
November	Helen Remes
December	Linda List

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Clay Norris, Reese Norris

Liz Palmer

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Remington Cross
(Will serve on a rotating basis)