

Waxahachie Christian Newsletter



January
2019

Big Happenings! On November 18, we shared a pulpit swap and Thanksgiving dinner with Jim Street Christian Church. On December 18, we took the lead on Night of Wonder at Shackelford Elementary School, along with Jim Street Christian Church.

Night of Wonder is a program led by a local group called Mission 75165. It works through the school counselors to invite families who need assistance with providing Christmas for their families to participate. A hot meal is provided. Adults hear the Christmas story, share prayer time, and then volunteers help load their cars with a Christmas food basket and gifts for their children. In the meantime, the children hear the Christmas story in a different room and have crafts and games.

This year local churches covered 17 school campuses (13 public schools in Waxahachie and four Life Schools) and 600+ children and their families. There were seven families and 18 children to care for on the Shackelford campus. Pastor Denise managed the details, Pastor Myron preached to the adults, Pastor Kerry delivered the hot food, and I shared the Christmas story and crafts and games with the children. The event went very well, in no small part because of our collaboration with Jim Street Christian Church. We had a total of 21 volunteers from both churches.

Our vision for the coming year includes strengthening our relationship with Jim Street Christian Church and finding more opportunities to witness together to the goodness of God in our community.

Jim Street Christian Church, recognizing a much-needed ministry, is looking forward to starting an afterschool program in their facility along with a computer lab for the use of Waxahachie school children. Their twice-a-month mobile food pantry through the donations from North Texas Food Bank is already making a difference. Our mobile pantry volunteers are proving to be very faithful in helping our Jim Street brothers and sisters.

We hope Jim Street will share in our next "Big Shoe" talent show and shoe parade as well as the fourth of July parade float. We are starting a shared Facebook page this week. I will let you know the details when I have them.

We won't close our doors and move to their facility and they won't close their doors to move to ours. Instead, we are Disciple seeds spread out across our community sharing the Gospel of God's open table in all kinds of ways and doing the work of reconciliation as we go.

Blessings,
Pastor Marcia



**SUPER (SOUPER)
BOWL SUNDAY
FEB. 3, 4:30 PM
IN THE LIFE CENTE**

Make your favorite soup or chili and enter the competition to win the chromium ladle for best soup or the bois d'arc paddle for best chili. If you choose not to bring a soup or chili creation, donations of crackers, chips and dips, desserts, or drinks will be appreciated.

If sports watching is not your idea of fun, bring your favorite board games to play or just plan on visiting with friends.

Don't forget your donation of soup for Waxahachie CARE



**First Christian Church Serves
A Leadership Role for
Night of Wonder**

Once again, First Christian participated in Night of Wonder to provide assistance in providing Christmas gifts and food to needy families of children enrolled in local schools.

Our church was asked to lead the activities for Shackelford Elementary School.

Parents and children are treated to a hot meal. While the adults hear the Christmas story, share a time of prayer, and, with the help of volunteers, load their cars with gifts for the children and a food baskets, in a different area, the children hear their Christmas story and have a time of crafts and games.

We were blessed to have volunteers from the Jim Street Christian Church along with people from our church, including: Kim Boshier, Gillian Braden, Miranda Braden and friend Mia, Kerry Campbell, Marcia and Gale Hagee, Christi and Hayley Nutt, Janette Pierce, Denise and Sam Prose, and Becky Thomas.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are back at school after our Christmas vacation. Hopefully, everyone is rested and renewed to begin the final semester.

Christmas was a lovely time as always. The Art Classes, directed by Mrs. Melanie Trojacek, created decorations using various paints and materials to make decorations for the building as well as making lovely gifts for their parents.

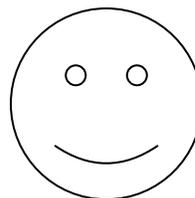
Mrs. Shannon Adams, Music Director, very patiently and very creatively taught the children the glorious songs of Christmas as well as lively yuletide tunes; therefore, insuring very special Christmas programs for friends and family.

So once again, we celebrated this special season of Christmas with art, with music, with treats, with laughter, with parties, with happy wishes to one another, and, of course, the Bible stories of Christmas.

We are (hopefully) now prepared to buckle down and do our best school work ever! If we can teach the importance of an education and get serious about it, another life lesson will be underway.

SMILE—OR LAUGH OUT LOUD

Our days are full of surprises!! Recently, a grandma introduced herself to me in the hallway. She was on her way to pick up her 3-year old twin grandchildren. She mentioned that the little girl wasn't much of a talker while the grandson was a chatterbox. But one day when she pulled out of the parking lot, her granddaughter asked her to turn off the car radio news. "I don't like it," she announced. The radio was turned off. This grandma then asked what the child would like to talk about and the little girl surprised her by saying, "I want to tell you about the Bible." Grandma said, "What about the Bible?" So this 3-year old promptly launched into the story of Noah's Ark. She repeated the story she had heard in chapel and in her classroom. Then she added, "Everything went on the Ark in twos. But the cars went on last!"



JAN. Serving Schedule

Worship Leader: Pam Thyfault

Jan. Serving Deacons
Janet Ralstin, Shirley Hedgepeth
Gene Sims, Lou Jones

Jan. 6

Prayer: Marcia Hagee
Communion: Denise Prose
Elders: Kerry Campbell, Kim Bosher

Jan. 13

Prayer: Stephen Cumming
Communion: Deise Prose
Elders: Gary Grant, Alicia Garoutte

Jan. 20

Prayer: Kerry Campbell
Communion: Denise Prose
Elders; DanEubanks, Gale Hagee.

Jan. 27

Prayer: Denise Prose
Communion: Marcia Hagee
Elders: Pam Thyfault, Gary Grant



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Lisa Dickert
- 25 ... Kim McMillian
- 27 ... Janet Ralstin
- 29 ... Leslie Moon

DISCIPLES

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2019**

General Assembly is scheduled for July 20-24, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Registration opens on November 1, 2018.

The following online information is available:

- Download Bible studies on the theme text.
- Find out who will be preaching on Sunday evening.
- See many of the educational offerings.
- Check out many of the hotel and meal options.
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There is a card on the hall bulletin board with a link for weekly news updates from the Disciples News Service.

AREA MEETINGS

**Leader and Learner
Event**

The Leader and Learner Event will be held at Northway Christian Church on January 26, 2019, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Applications may be obtained from the hall bulletin board. There is also a copy of the workshops which are being offered. It is requested that anyone applying should indicate three workshops in which they are interested or which they plan to attend.

**General Gathering
of the North Texas Area
Women's Ministries**

The North Texas Area women will have their General Meeting on January 19 at FCC in McKinney. Denise will attend and will take anyone with her who would like to engage with other women from throughout the NTA.

The guest speaker will be Sage Appleby; and she will be bringing her message about her Woman-Woman Worldwide experience in Cuba.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

KEENAGERS NEW YEAR

Hey, Keenagers! It's a new year and a new beginning. We will gather in the CLC from 1:00 to 3:00 on Friday, January 11, and spend a couple of hours just visiting and playing some games together.

What's your favorite game? Dominos? Chicken Foot? Uno? Skip-Bo? I'll bring those; and I invite YOU to bring any other game you might want to share and some little snacks or drinks to share.

While we play, I'll visit with you and get some ideas for future events. Hoping that we can plan some really fun things to do together.

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Several ladies have expressed that they would like to start having monthly Disciples Women meetings; and we will be pursuing this as the new year starts. Keep your antennae tuned for a field trip to visit another church's meeting to kick-start this endeavor.

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The CCSW Disciple Women's Leadership Conference will be on March 1-2 at FCC in Abilene. It will begin on Friday evening at 5:00 and conclude on Saturday at 5:00. Registration sheets can be found on the bulletin board. Rev. Dr. Dawn Weeks will keynote and guide us on ways we can "Aspire" toward connecting with other Disciples women and inspire us to grow spiritually and educationally as we seek to share our love for Jesus Christ.

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April 26-28 will be the NTA DWM Spiritual Life Retreat at Disciples Crossing. Let's plan to reconnect with this wonderful event this year by sending a sizeable contingency to represent Waxahachie!

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Call Denise if you are interested in attending any of these events or being apart of starting our monthly meetings.

- Jan. 11 Keenagers Game Day in CLC—1—3 PM
- Jan. 19 North Texas Area Womens' General Meeting - First Christian Church, McKinney
- Jan. 21 Week of the Laity
- Jan. 22-24 Remind & Renew Seminar—Phillips Seminary in Tulsa
- Jan. 26 Leader/Learner Conference, Northway Christian Church, 8:30-3:00, Dallas

- Feb. 2 North Texas Area Men's Breakfast, Denton
- Feb. 3 Souper Bowl Party w/Jim St. Christian Church — Life Center — 4 PM

- Mar. 1&2 Women's Leadership Conference—Abilene
- Mar. 3 Big Shoe Talent Show w/ Jim St. Church —6 PM refreshments afterward
- Mar. 4-9 Regional Men's Mission Trip—Corpus Christi
- Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday service—7 PM

- Apr. 18 Maundy Thursday service — 7:00 PM
- Apr. 21 Easter Service
- Apr. 26-28 Women's Retreat—Disciples Crossing—Athens

- May 4 North Texas Area Men's Breakfast
- May 12 Mothers Day
- May 14 Marcia returns
- May 17-19 Men's Retreat —Disciples Crossing—Athens