

The Crosswalk

First Christian Church
2501 N Park Lane

JANUARY
2018



Church Attendance Is More Important Now Than It Used To Be

In a sermon a few weeks ago I asked, why is it important to come to church? We could find a sermon online from a much better preacher. With a quick google search we could listen to and sing along with music from a much better worship band. We could have a meaningful worship experience and never leave the comfort of our couch. So why come to church? Different people may answer that question differently, but I found my answer in Hebrews 10:23-25. “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Not only does this verse tell us to meet together, it gives us multiple reasons to do so, or at least it gives us a list of things we ought to be doing *together*. First, it tells us to hold fast to our confession of hope. Coming to church helps us stay true to our faith. Every year before the NFL playoffs start, millions of football fans begin checking the standings of their favorite team every week. They know how many games they need to win to make the playoffs, who else needs to win or lose, and what they need to break a tie between the other teams. *Every week* they check these standings to see if their hopes of a Super Bowl are still alive. As Christians we have a hope for our salvation and that is tied up in the person of Jesus Christ. Every week we come together to remind one another that he is faithful, and he will return for us. We might not know when, but we know we’re one week closer than we were last week. Our hope is still alive, and coming together helps us hold to that truth when life is hard, and it looks like we’re falling behind in the standings. Not only do I receive that from attending church, but my presence at church helps remind others of these things as well.

Second, that verse tells us to stir up one another to love and good works. Some of the greatest things I’ve done for the kingdom weren’t my idea. Someone else in church inspired me, or offered me an opportunity, or was already doing something and I was simply able to jump on board. Nobody really looks forward to announcement time at church. Most people look for ways of shortening, streamlining, or getting rid of that time all together, but there have been days when that was my favorite part of the service. It’s during announcement time that we get to hear of what God is doing in and through the church and how we can get involved. Yes, at times it’s tedious and boring, but God’s Spirit is at work in other Christians and inspiring them to do great things. By coming to church we learn of those ministries and are inspired to jump on board with them or do something similar ourselves.

I don’t know when Jesus is coming back, but I know we have seven fewer days than we did last week, we have 365 fewer days than we did at the start of last year. That is why church attendance is more important this year than it was last year. As we see the Day drawing closer and closer we need to be more and more encouraging to one another because we have that much less time to get the message out there to those who need it, that much less time to prepare ourselves for his return, and that much less time to love our neighbors. So, in 2018 let us resolve to not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, and let us resolve to encourage one another, and all the more as we see the Day drawing near.

In Him,
Ben

JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 GIRL SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE NOON-6:00PM	3 S&A Meeting 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	4 YFBS 6:00PM	5 PCG-6:00PM	6
7 GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	8	9	10 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	11 ELDERS MTG 6:00PM DEACONS MTG 6:30PM BOARD MTG 7:00PM YFBS 6:00PM	12 PCG-6:00PM	13
14 HBS-6:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	15	16	17 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	18 YFBS 6:00PM	19 PCG-6:00PM	20 FH Reserved Baby Shower
21 GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	22	23	24 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	25 YFBS 6:00PM	26 PCG-6:00PM	27
28 HBS-6:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	29	30	31 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM			

Happy New Year 2018

Serving In January

January 07

Meditation: Rick Weinkauf
Servers: Bob McGuire, Carol Carson
 John Signorelli, *Wanda Jones
Nursery: Sunday School - Ben & Kristen Partin
 Worship Service - ? , ?
Children's Church: Roma Weinkauf
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson, Randall Coffman
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Bob & Jane Clark
 *Offering Prayer

January 14

Meditation: Randall Coffman
Servers: Doug Tritle, *John Signorelli
 Katie Bronson, ?
Nursery: Sunday School - ? , ?
 Worship Service - Katie Bronson, ?
Children's Church: Sarah Skiles
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson, Randall Coffman
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Bob & Jane Clark
 *Offering Prayer

January 21

Meditation: Don Skiles
Servers: *Iris Felix, Jackie Morey
 Jane Clark, John Signorelli
Nursery: Sunday School - Marilyn Wright, Wanda Jones
 Worship Service - Richard & Christina Barnes
Children's Church: ?
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson, Randall Coffman
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Bob & Jane Clark
 *Offering Prayer

January 28

Meditation: Jerry Gibson
Servers: Brenda Gibson, *John Signorelli
 Jordan Bronson, Richard Barnes
Nursery: Sunday School - Jackie Morey, Wendi Noon
 Worship Service - Brian & Colleen Buss
 Nova Noon
Children's Church: Jordan Bronson, Randall Coffman
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson, Randall Coffman
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
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In Our Prayers

Judy Folkner - cancer
 (Kathy Morrow's friend)

Nick Williams - ALS
 (Altus teacher)

Jo Parnell - inoperable lung cancer
 (Lee Barnes' son's mother-in-law)

Debbie Cleland - cancer
 (Christina Barnes' co-worker)

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone that you still want on the list, please let us know and we will be glad to put them back on..

If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

01/07 Bob McGuire

01/17 Crystal Crawford

01/18 Robert & Crystal Crawford

01/20 Gabriel White

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

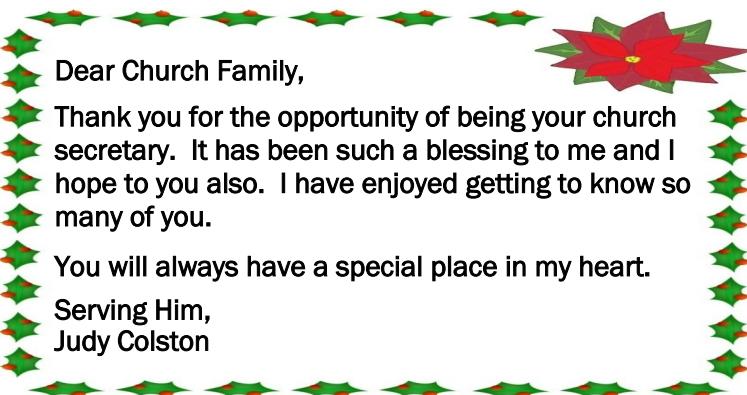
Wednesday Services

Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

Secretary's Report

December 2017

Average Attendance	55.6
Average Visitors	7.8
Total Average Attendance	63
Total Offerings	\$13,359.00



Your Elders
 Phil Carson, Randall Coffman,
 Doug Dalton, Jerry Gibson, Jim Jones

Your Deacons
 Richard Barnes, Jordan Bronson, Bob Clark,
 Jackie Morey, Mike Morrow, Brenda Risner, Don Skiles

START YOUR

new year

OFF RIGHT

JOIN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:



SUNDAYSCHOOL
Growing Together In Christ



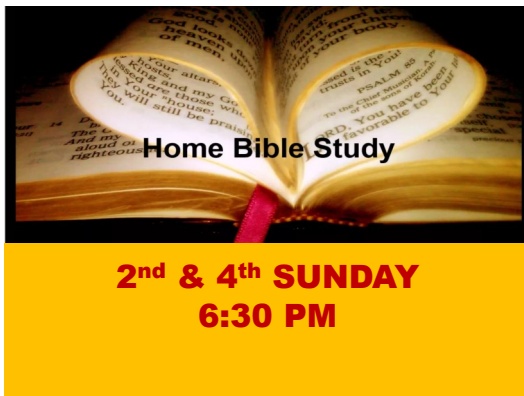
YOUNG FAMILIES
EVERY THURSDAY
6:00 PM
Bible Study



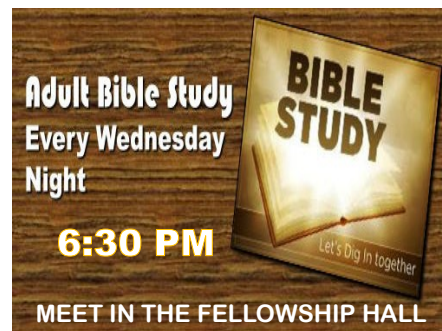
**PART IN
COMMUNITY
GROUP**
DOING LIFE
TOGETHER
EVERY FRIDAY, 6:00PM



*Ladies
Bible Study*
EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:30 AM



Home Bible Study
2nd & 4th SUNDAY
6:30 PM



Adult Bible Study
Every Wednesday
Night
6:30 PM
BIBLE STUDY
Let's Dig In Together
MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL