



November Newsletter

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Randall Coffman
Doug Dalton
Jerry Gibson
Jim Jones



Diaconate:

Vacant
Bob Clark
Jackie Morey
Mike Morrow
Brenda Risner



Official Board Members:

Randall Coffman (Interim)
(Chairman)
Vacant
(Vice-Chairman)
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Megan Everett
(Worship)
Jane Clark
(Service & Action)
Jackie Morey
(Education)
Don Skiles
(Administration)

A Word from Ben...

This month we will have our annual congregational meeting. At this meeting we vote to appoint new elders and deacons. These are the only two offices for the church outlined in scripture. But they *are* outlined in scripture. There are two specific places that we see lists of qualifications for these two offices (1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1). What I'm saying is that this vote we are having is not an election, this vote is to determine if these men and women meet the qualifications as outlined in scripture.

Elders are also called "overseers," or "shepherds" in scripture. Their role is the spiritual guidance of the church. They are to minister to the sick, teach the word, and pray for the church. If you are having a spiritual crisis or need guidance in your life these are the guys to call. The word deacon comes from the word servant. These are the servants of the church. They get their hands dirty with the business of the church. In Acts 6 the church was having issues with food distribution, so they appointed seven deacons. If you need a job done in the church, these are the people to call.

Both of these positions are leadership positions within the church and so require people of integrity who are well respected. This newsletter contains a list of people we are nominating to these two offices. I would encourage you to look over that list alongside the qualifications outlined in those passages mentioned above and prayerfully consider if they are qualified. If you have questions or know of any reason these people should not be in these positions, please come talk to either Ben or one of the elders BEFORE THE VOTE on the 11th.

Qualification of Elders (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

- Above reproach
- Husband of one wife
 - o I do not believe this means he could never have been married before, simply that he is faithful and true to the wife he has.
- Sober-minded/disciplined
- Self-controlled
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Not a drunkard
- Not violent, but gentle
- Not quarrelsome
- Not arrogant or quick-tempered
- Not a lover of money/greedy for gain
- Manage his own household well
- Not a recent convert
- Well thought of by outsiders
- A lover of good; upright, holy

Qualifications of Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- Dignified
- Not Double Tongued
- Not Addicted to Much Wine
- Not Greedy for Dishonest Gain
- Holding to the Mystery of the Faith with a Clear Conscience
- Blameless
- Husband of One wife
- Manages Household Well

November 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

*Please Note Committee Meetings:
Worship @ 5:30pm on the 6th
Service/Action @ 10:30am on the 7th
Education @ 1:00pm on the 7th
Admin. @ 10:30am on the 7th*

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Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon After Worship Service

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MBG @ 6:30AM
JCMA @ 9:00AM

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CWF @ 9:30AM
LIFT @ 5:30PM

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Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

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Annual Congregation Meeting After Worship Service

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CWF @ 9:30AM
LIFT @ 5:30PM

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17
Church Work-day 8:00AM to Noon

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Community Service @ 6:30PM (First Baptist Church)

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Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

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Decorate Sanctuary for the Season @ 9:00AM

25
Hanging of the Greens Service @ 6:30PM

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CWF @ 9:30AM
LIFT @ 5:30PM

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"Original Group" Mike & Kathy Morrow's! 6:30pm!

Serving in November

Communion Preparation - Wendi & Nova Noon

Nov. 4

Communion Meditation:	Randall Coffman
Diaconate:	*Wanda Jones, Carol Carson, Bob McGuire & John Signorelli
SS Nursery:	Kristen Partin & Wanda Jones
WS Nursery:	Kendra & Matthew Whitaker
Children's Church:	Rick & Roma Weinkauff
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Nov. 11 (Congregational Meeting)

Communion Mediation:	Jim Jones
Diaconate:	*John Signorelli, Brenda Risner, Doug Tritle & Mike Morrow
SS Nursery:	Elisabeth White & Keli Jonas
WS Nursery:	Nicole Stanfill & Carol Carson
Children's Church:	Don & Sarah Skiles
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Nov. 18

Communion Meditation:	Dan White
Diaconate:	*Iris Felix, Jane Clark, Bob McGuire & Brenda Gibson
SS Nursery:	Marilynn Wright & Wanda Jones
WS Nursery:	Jackie & Mark Morey
Children's Church:	Keli Jonas & Carol Carson
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Nov. 25

Communion Meditation:	Doug Dalton
Diaconate:	*John Signorelli, Jackie Morey, Brenda Risner & Doug Tritle
SS Nursery:	Jackie Morey & Wendi Noon
WS Nursery:	Brian & Colleen Buss
Children's Church:	Nova & Wendi Noon
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Thank you for your service to the Church!

PLEASE NOTE: This list is subject to change.

*Indicates leads Offering Prayer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Jimmy & Carole - Surgeries/recoveries
 Mary Hershey - Peace/comfort
 Kathy James (AHS Counselor) - Healing/peace
 J. White family - Safety/comfort/strength/peace
 Wendy P. (Tara's cousin) - Healing/Peace
 John S. - Comfort/Peace
 Nick Williams - ALS (Altus teacher)

Mike Chase - Health issues
 Mark & Jackie - Surgery recovery/comfort/peace
 Jerry Gibson - Health issues
 Bart Graves - Health issues/recovery/comfort
 George Signorelli (John's dad) - Health issues
 Our Church/Our Pastor

PRAISES

Our Visitors Good Health God's Family Rain Outreach programs Wednesday LIFT

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone in err, please let us know.

Mark Your Calendar!

Things are busy in **November...**

Nov. 4th - The Service/Action Committee hosts a *Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon*. Plan to bring your favorite holiday dish to share!

Nov. 11th - *The Annual Congregational Meeting*. Please find the proposals below. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Ben or one of the Elders.

Nov. 17th - A **church workday** is scheduled for 8:00am - noon. If you can help with cleaning and/or some small repair work inside and outside the building, we need you!

Nov. 18th - The annual Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church is always a favorite with Altus families.

Nov. 24 - This is the Saturday before our Hanging of the Greens Service in which we meet at the church and start decorating for the Christmas season and our Chrismon service.

Nov. 25th - Our annual *Hanging of the Greens Service* is when we decorate the Sanctuary tree with handmade Chrismons.

Annual Congregational Meeting November 11th

Here are the proposals that church members will be voting on. Please take time to review them and give them thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify Ben or one of our Elders.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

The 2018 FCC Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Official Board.

Elder

- Jerry Gibson

Diaconate

- Ruth Carson
- Keli Jonas
- Elisabeth White

Eldership

- Don Skiles

Don Skiles currently serves on the Board as a Deacon.

First Christian Church of Altus - PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET			
	Budget 2018	Budget 2019	Inc / Dec
Office	\$74,702.00	\$75,742.00	\$1,040.00
101 Salary			0
101.1 Pastor Salary / Med / Taxes / FICA	\$37,892.00	\$37,892.00	\$0.00
101.2 Housing Allowance	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00	\$0.00
101.3 Secretary Salary / Med / Taxes / FICA	\$15,000.00	\$15,520.00	\$520.00
101.4 Custodian Services (52 wk @ \$110)	\$5,200.00	\$5,720.00	\$520.00
102 Staff Expenses			0
102.1 Convention / Staff Training	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
102.2 Soc, Tax, Medicare 2018 941 Carry Over	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
102.3 Christmas Bonus	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
102.4 Postage	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
102.5 Telephone / Cable / Internet / Fax	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$0.00
Administration 201	\$30,210.00	\$33,210.00	\$3,000.00
201.1 Utilities 12 X \$1000	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
201.2 Repairs/Maintenance/Equipment/Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00
201.2.5 Church Sinking Fund		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
201.3 W/C and Insurance	\$9,210.00	\$9,210.00	\$0.00
201.4 Yard Maint	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
201.5 Office / Custodial Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Education 301	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
301.1 Adult/Youth Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
301.2 Children's Church / Youth Services	\$500.00		-\$500.00
Worship 401	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00
401.1 Worship Service Needs	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
401.2 Choir Music / CCCLL License	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
401.3 Sound Booth / Piano / Organ	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Service & Action 501	\$10,906.20	\$11,206.20	\$300.00
501 10% Missions	\$10,906.20	\$11,206.20	\$300.00
Total Budget	\$119,968.20	\$124,308.20	\$4,340.00
Formula for figuring Missions 10% of Budget	\$10,906.20	\$11,310.20	\$404.00