

THE FRIEND

First Christian Arlington, Disciples of Christ | Centered in Christ, Formed in Relationships

Calendar

Nov. 11 — Wednesday

- 12 p.m. Weekly Prayer Time
- 6 p.m. Kids' Zoom
(link through Carol)
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Zoom
(link through Dana)

Nov. 15 — Sunday

- 10 a.m. Worship on
Facebook Live &
Church Website
Zoom Coffee Fellowship
immediately after worship
- 3 p.m. Youth Meeting
@ FCC Parking Lot
(Details through Bill)

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 22 @ Noon on Zoom
FCC Board Meeting to
Approve 2021 Budget and
Leadership Slate

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**Zoom Coffee Fellowship Link**  
[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/  
81925576003?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81925576003?)



## First Christian Arlington – Advent 2020

Jesus was born into a world through which his teachings would challenge and call for transformation. The history of humanity is fraught with pain—especially the pain that comes accompanied by fear and leads to violence of one people against another.

The opening words of an anonymous Jewish poet, “I believe in the sun, even when the sun is not shining,” were scrawled on a wall during the Holocaust. Through this theme song for our season, the power of narrative and music will call us to a response of transformation and reconciliation through hope, love, joy, and peace.

This Advent and Christmas, let us fill the night with music and light and affirm and act on the reasons why we still can “believe, even when” we are discouraged.

@www.worshipdesignstudio.com/believe, ALT

## Options for giving your tithes & offerings

As we continue “gathering” electronically for worship and church meetings each week, we can continue to give our tithes and offerings in several ways:

1. On our church website, [www.firstchristianarlington.org](http://www.firstchristianarlington.org), click the “Giving” tab at the upper right. You can make a one-time gift **or** set up automatic “payments” from your bank account or by credit card (an extra fee is charged to the church for credit card transactions).
2. You may set up electronic payments directly to the church from your bank through its website. These gifts can be one-time or recurring, usually with no fees.
3. You can mail a check to the church office or drop it off during church office hours.
4. The GivePlus Mobile app is available through most phone App stores. To locate FCCA, search by our ZIP Code, 76010, and select “First Christian on Collins Street.” From there you can set up an account or select “One-Time Gift.”

As we make our way through these challenging times, First Christian Church Arlington is grateful for your financial support of our ongoing ministries and outreach. If your church can be of help to you, please call the office at 817-277-2634.

*Offerings may be mailed all week.*

## Blanton Angel Ministry– How To Help



During this COVID-19 Pandemic, we are needed more than ever to help with Christmas gifts for our Blanton Elementary School Little Angel Project. If you can sponsor a Blanton child or a sibling, please call, text, or email Hope Minatra and put your

name on the list to receive an Angel. Hope is coordinating and needs a count as soon as possible of how many Angels we can support this year. We are starting with 30 names. Can we do more???

Thank you, First Christian Church, for your generosity in helping with our Blanton Little Angel Project. Many parents and children will be blessed by your care and concern.

– Betty Thomas, Blanton Committee

**Please call, text or email Hope Minatra 817-688-2698 or [rhminatra@att.net](mailto:rhminatra@att.net), if you can commit to:**

- I will contact Hope to receive my Angel(s).  
(Specify age and boy/girl in your email or call.)
- I can connect with my Sunday School class or a friend(s) about going in together on gifts.
- I can donate through the church but will need someone else to handle shopping for me.
- I can be someone’s shopper.
- I would enjoy ordering my own gifts but will need support navigating online shopping.
- I have Christmas wrapping supplies to donate so Blanton parents can wrap their gifts for their children at home.
- I can take my *unwrapped, tagged* gifts to church on Dec. 6 or 13, Noon – 2 p.m.
- I will need help getting my gifts to the church.
- I can be a gift picker-upper to take gifts to church from people’s homes.
- I can help drive gifts over to Blanton on our designated day.

## Among God's Own

### JOYS

Mary Beth Sandercox (granddaughter of **Helen**) married 10/25 to Conor Spinuzzi

The **Troegles** will welcome their 5th grandchild in June (Clayton and Faith)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

*Mission Partners: South Asia*

**Jean Martin**

**Kristi Weil**

Scott McKinney & Susan Feuling  
friends of the **Fenoglios**

Marcus, son of **Eli and Becky  
Martinez**

**Belinda and Ben Avina**

**Jerry Samuelson**

Dianna Herring, Sister-  
in-law of **Don Herring**

**Reasanovers** for JD Cronkite  
Carol Willan, **Cindy Rogers-**

**Thomas' Aunt**

**Katie Mathenia**

**Mary Cathcart**

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlotte Balius for **Chris Martin  
& Allison; Richard Bryant; Lona**

Donahower's granddaughter,

**Crystal Donahower; Fenoglios for  
Brian Carroll & Tom Barnard;**

Joe Gay for **Shay Kemp; Carol &  
Mike Neff for Zac Joplin & Nicole**

**Morgan-Shephard; Sue Phillips' son,  
Jeff Carroll; Roth family;**

**FCC Beloveds; Our Stephen  
Ministers & the people for whom  
they care**

### HOSPITALS

AMH: **Jane Smith**

Interlochen: **Margaret Jayne**

Post-Acute Medical: **Don Childs**

### DEATHS

**Myrtle Parrot Bunge** 11/2

(Former Member)

## Please join us for church!

Worship with us at 10 a.m. Sundays online at the First Christian Church Arlington Facebook Page, Youtube Channel or on the FCC Website.

## Call for "Thanksgiving" Videos!



The Worship Ministry Team invites every member and friend of FCC to make a 5 – 8 second video of thanks for our Thanksgiving Sunday worship service. *We long to see your face and hear your voice in worship!* Here's how: make a video recording on the camera app of a smart phone or computer showing us your smiling face and completing this sentence in 3 words or fewer: "I give thanks to God for \_\_\_\_." If using a mobile device, hold it horizontally. Email your video, send by text or share in a Google file to Dana at [dana@firstchristianarlington.org](mailto:dana@firstchristianarlington.org) or 817-319-9481, by Monday, Nov. 16. Contact Dana if you'd like help with making a video.

## Thanksgiving offering received Nov. 15, 22

Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. This year's offering will take place on Nov. 15 and Nov. 22. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our 15 colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses. In addition, Your gifts help continue the collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Call for Advent Devotionals



The Worship Ministry Team is collecting Advent Devotionals personally written by FCCA members and friends to provide another way to stay connected with our church family. Pastor Don has compiled a list of scriptures representing each day of Advent. If you are willing to write a short devotional, please call, text or email Carol Neff. 817.602.2185 [mckkneff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mckkneff@sbcglobal.net)  
Thanks for your support!



## All Saints Outdoor Worship Was Great

Thank you to all who participated and helped make the service happen, especially Laura Tomlinson- Loose, Tim Moore, Amy Moore, Carol Neff, and Donna Vernon.

## Gardens On The Go Update

No distribution this week while the team discerns the best strategy for the next couple months.

## Join Our Zoom Sunday School Class

You are invited to Zoom Sunday School!

Nov 15, 2020 9:00 AM – Meeting ID: 860 9024 0317. Passcode: Rv9xg1

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86090240317?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86090240317?pwd=TnFzcmlWZGcwU2RzVWl3RFRCQitDZz09)

[pwd=TnFzcmlWZGcwU2RzVWl3RFRCQitDZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86090240317?pwd=TnFzcmlWZGcwU2RzVWl3RFRCQitDZz09)



## Thanks to FCC Members and Staff

We wanted to express our deepest gratitude for the tremendous love and support you have provided these last many years! Your countless prayers, visits, cards, meals, etc. have truly afforded us with a great sense of peace and comfort during some difficult times. You genuinely live out being: “Centered in Christ and Formed in Relationships”.

Your faithful ministry to us through all of Mary-Dawn’s medical challenges these past eight-plus years have demonstrated God’s love in so many profound ways. We consider these last years as a wonderful gift of more time to be together with her. Her Celebration of Life service this past Saturday on the church lawn was PERFECT in every way! Your presence coupled with the gorgeous weather and gentle breeze enabled us to feel the Holy Spirit moving among us.

Although we grieve her loss tremendously, we know she is fully restored, free and smiling down on us (as only she can) waiting for us to join her and the many other Saints in Glory.

Until that day....

God’s Blessings to All! Tom, Trey and Matthew Hudspeth

**Worship Service DVDs: Contact the church for a DVD of the service  
or visit [www.firstchristianarlington.org/worship](http://www.firstchristianarlington.org/worship).  
Worship: Sunday, Nov. 15: John 10:7-18**

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**Ministers** – The Congregation; **Senior Minister** – Dr. Don Wilson; **Associate Minister** – Rev. Bill Jeffreys;  
**Assistant Minister** – Carol Joy Wilson; **Minister of Music & Worship** – Dana Lobaugh; **Organist** – Phyllis Wolf;  
**Keyboardist** – Paul Nelson; **Financial Assistant** – Carole Garis-Graves; **Nursery Director** – Nicole Potts;  
**Nursery Staff** – Susan McEacharn; **Custodians** – Ralph Gutierrez, Helen Flores