

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 2019

Elders:

6th Steve Turrentine and Ron Sutton
13th Steve Turrentine and Ron Sutton
20th Steve Turrentine and Ron Sutton
27th Steve Turrentine and Ron Sutton

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

Kathy Yates

Visiting Elders

Steve and Brenda Turrentine

Deacons: *Jr. Deacon

[Unavailable at time of print]

Worship Leaders:

6th Lindsay Griffin
13th Hale Stancil
20th Randy Alvord
27th Glenda Harper

Greeters:

6th Keith and Nancy Newnam
13th Shelly Zahn
20th Rick and Shirley Nolen
27th Judy Brombacker

Acolytes:

6th Jayden Harris and Aaron Burgess
13th Nate Stevens and Kaitlyn Alvord
20th Zackary Harris and Trinity Turrentine
27th Rett Stevens and Gabriel Harris

(Schedule subject to change)



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Epiphany

Epiphany means "manifestation" and is the official Season for proclaiming the identity of Christ. Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas – January 6th, the day commemorating the Wise Men coming to Bethlehem to worship the Baby Jesus. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be observed on Wednesday, March 6th, this year. The last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2:12



Rev. Terry Harps...

New Year's Resolutions: resolving to do or change something. It's that time of year again. Time to lie to ourselves, and set ourselves up for failure. What will be your New Year's Resolution this year? Will you try to cut your smart phone usage in half, lose 150 pounds or buy a gym membership and never miss your twice-a-day workout? Maybe you will resolve yourself to never get angry at another driver, or maybe you will decide to smile and talk kindly to family members even when they make dumb choices. Reality Check. Failure is imminent.

As your pastor or the curly headed man who wears the same black dress every Sunday morning, let me simplify things for us this New Year's Day. Forget all those typical New Year's Resolutions and do something meaningful and obtainable. In the rock musical GODSPELL we learned the song, "Day By Day" by Stephen Schwartz. The words are: *"Day by day, Day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly. Day by day."* Now that's a resolution worth keeping.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was of all the commandments, he said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Mat. 22:37-40 NRSV). Jesus wasn't saying that we could ignore all the other commandments. He was saying that if we love God and love our neighbors then all the other commandments will fall into place.

Now, back to our New Year's Resolutions. Resolutions are nothing more than our attempts to get our lives back on the right track, but most New Year's resolutions only treat the symptoms and not the disease itself. Therefore, let's try something different this year. Let's resolve to see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly each day this year. If we start our new year being resolved to do these three things a little better each day, then all the other things will start falling into place.

Happy New Year, Terry

In Need of Prayers

In hospital: Dottie Hoffer-Ross (MRMC)

Among our people: Diana Baril, Suzi Robertson-Blomberg, Jim and Ramona Burgess, Dolly Dixon, Lola Duncan, Claire Gauthier, David Gilbert, Marene Guare, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Esther Hinz, Barbara Hunter, Bill Kerns, Basil Komas, Dick Marr, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Rob and Phyllis Robinson, Bob Schrepferman, Linda Schultz, Bill Smedley, Harold Stancil, May Wakelin, Rob Windischmann, Andrea Wright, Eileen Zimmerman

In retirement/rehab residences and homebound: Marian Cope (Ocala Health), Claude Cray (Haven House), Marie D'Orsi (Hampton Manor), Richard Lane (Timberidge), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Eric Brombaker (Judy Brombaker's son), Donald Chase (Esther Hinz's son), Bill Duncan and Pitts Duncan (Lola Duncan's sons), Virginia Edling (Donna Lee's sister), Dakota Fisher (Ashley Fisher's brother), Gary Gauthier (Claire Gauthier's son), Florence Gross (Ronnie Sutton's sister-in-law), Kitty Hamm (Ruby Moore's sister), Edward Hazelton (Kaye Sullivan's son), Delanna Hess (Mary Kay Kerns' sister), Tom Hinds (Maxie Hotz's brother), Randy Hinz (Esther Hinz's husband), Mark Hotz (Maxie Hotz's son), Anne Hovendon (Kathy Yates' sister), Jimmy Hubbard (Sue Wright's stepfather), Bob and Patsy Keith (Chuck Keith's brother and sister-in-law), Tony Kerns (Bill and Mary Kay Kerns' son), Paige Porter (Gus & Vera Agosta's daughter), Wayne Riggs (Ruby Moore's brother), Kay Tew (Bob Ringgold's sister), Doris Valdez (family of Jane Dunning), Geraldine Williamson (Daryl Williamson's grandmother), our military who are serving and those in harms way

(Please call the church office if someone needs to be placed on or removed from this list.)



Sundays at First Christian Church

Meditation Time
8:30-9:00 AM

Elders' Prayers in the Library
8:45 AM

Fellowship Time
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM – (Nursery available)

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Church Leadership and Staff

Minister Rev. Terry Harper
Moderator Randy Alvord
Visitation Minister Kathy Yates
Administrative Assistant Lorraine Daniels
Director of Music Rev. Lori Lynn Wachter
Church Musician Cindy Warringer
Sunday Staff Jim Burgess
Nursery Orlene Parks

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Disciple Women's Fellowship News...

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 7th, 2019 in the Oden Building.
- **Phoebe Circle** will meet on Monday, January 7th, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet on Monday, January 14th at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Miriam Circle** will meet on Thursday, January 10th, at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet on Monday, January 28th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

Interfaith Serving Schedule

January 24th Lydia Circle
February 28th Miriam Circle
March 28th Discussion Class

Sewing and Crafts

Sewing and Crafts will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like something printed in the next newsletter please email or drop off your information to the church office by Tuesday, January 22nd.

Yard Sale Donations

Donations for the Yard Sale in June will be accepted beginning January 8th. Items may be brought to the storage building on Sunday and Tuesday mornings between 8:00 AM and 12 noon. For pick-up of large items please call the church office.

Holiday Office Closures

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Elders Planning Meeting

All Elders are asked to attend the annual Elder Planning Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6th, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. If you can bring a salad or dessert, please contact Connie Combs. We will welcome our new Elders, divide our duties for the coming year, elect our representatives for the Church Board, and choose a new leader. (Spouses are cordially invited to attend.)

Leadership Event

The annual Leadership Event will be held on Saturday, January 12th, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in Memorial Hall with Leadership Training for all Officers and Ministry Chairs.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th, at 7:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

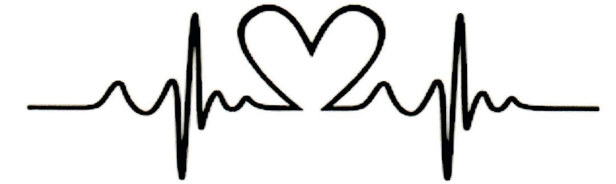
Finding the *Heartbeat* of God

“Embracing the Sacred in the Middle of Life”

Adult Camp Experience

January 4-6, 2019

Beginning with supper on Friday and closing with an early lunch on Sunday



This retreat allows adults of all ages to experience all that's good about camp: Fun, Fellowship, Bible Study, Worship, Singing, Crafts, Campfire, S'mores, Love, Community and most importantly, the knowledge of God's presence, grace, and calling.

Cost: \$140 per person if staying on grounds • \$110 per person if staying off grounds

Winter Family Camp

February 1-3, 2019

Come join Mr. Popper, Captain, Stinky, Lovey, Loudy, Bitey and Nimrod as we learn to appreciate the important things in life.

Cost: Adults 18+ - \$150; Youth (12-17) \$100, children (4-11) \$75, 3 and under are FREE

But wait, there's more! IF you register before January 9th, EACH family member will receive a \$25 discount!

Where: The Retreat at Silver Springs, 6455 East Silver Springs Blvd., Silver Springs, FL

“Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.'”

Luke 15:4-6



JANUARY Calendar

- 1 Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 2 6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
- 5 8:00 AM Girl Scout Cookie Rally (MH)
9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 6 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
12:00 PM Elders Meeting
- 7 9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)
- 8 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
N/A Board Reports due!
- 9 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 10 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (FH)
- 12 10:00 AM Leadership Event
9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 13 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 14 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
10:30 AM Galatians Circle (FH)
12:00 PM Evangelism/Membership (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 15 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
6:30 PM Board Carry-in Dinner (FH)
7:15 PM Board Meeting (FH)
- 16 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
11:30 AM Red Hats
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 17 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)

- 19 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 20 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 21 Office closed for Martin Luther King Day
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 22 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
- 23 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 24 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
5:00 PM Serve at Interfaith
6:00 PM Order of Arrow (FH)
- 26 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 27 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 28 9:00 AM DWF Board Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 29 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
- 30 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 31 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)

FEBRUARY 1-4 Calendar

- 2 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 3 11:45 AM Cabinet Meeting (FH)
- 4 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)

*Please check your Sunday bulletin and E-Life
as calendar is subject to change.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Claire Gauthier
- 3 Hale Stancil
- 4 Bettye Turrentine
Dottie Hoffer-Ross
- 5 Lorraine Daniels
- 6 Jodie Dietz
Nate Stevens
- 7 Elizabeth Raines
- 10 Jim Shelton
Jean Schore
- 11 Kay Ringgold
- 16 Bob Schwed
- 17 Hayley Alvord
- 22 Ramsey DeVille
- 23 Gabriel Harris
Zachary Harris
- 29 Suzanne Stancil
- 30 Mary Kay Kerns
Loretta Vadas

JANUARY Anniversaries

- 8 Randy and Esther Hinz
- 14 Karl and Sandy Windischmann



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Hutchinson
- 2 Ted Schore
- 5 Rob Robinson
- 7 Lois Philbrick
- 12 Bob van Goethem
- 14 Gene Kutun
- 18 Sarah Schore
- 20 Betty Adams
- 24 Karen Reaves
Charles Rea

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

- 1 Dick and Sue Marr
- 2 Jason and Marci Daniels
- 15 Rick and Mary Ann Harris
- 17 Neal and Peggy Dixon
- 19 Leo and Jackie Roy

