



GLOW Kids Information

Every Sunday :10:00 - 12:00 Nursery provided for 2 year olds and under

10:00 - 10:45 Sunday School meets in the Big Room

11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary, children's busy bags are located at the entrances.

Prayer List

Heartfelt sympathy to Steve & Susan Jones, Steve's brother, Tim, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 20.

Prayers for: Sally Sullivan, James (Jamie) Wood, , Leo Loftin (Teresa Davis father), Joan Nesbitt, Joan Nelson, Chris Hamil, David Perry, Ernest & Doris McClendon, Delaney Jackson, Richard Culpepper, Bob Stone, Margaret Garrett, Sally Arnett, (Wil Arnett's mother), Shirley Varney, Ted & Brenda McMillian, Laura Hutchinson (friends of Wil & Cathy Arnett), Kathleen Erickson Pardue, Leonard Wood Pardue, Jr (Robin Newman's sister & brother in law), pray for our church and her future, Gregg Heath, Mary Jane Denny Goodson, Carmen & Jimmy Pope, Linda Aitken, Dick Phelan (Mark Parkman's father in law), Mary Jo Brooks, Buddy Farmer (Charlotte Shackelford's brother), June Sorrells, Shaun Maddox, Shields Upchurch, Susan Hall (Melanie's sister-in-law), Jacqueline Roberts, Cason Poss (Paula Swinson's nephew), Jo McGuire (Jerry Eady's sister), Glenda Banks, Beverly Parkman, John Trawick, Kevin Ayers, George Archibald, Joe Kroll, Hal Hall, Jackie Todd, Greg Lavendar.

Please notify the church office of any changes.

Ministry Team.

Call on us if we can serve you in any way!

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Transitional Steering Committee

The Administrative Council has appointed a transitional steering committee to guide our church during this transition period. The members of this team are:

Brett Carter, Cliff Harris, Amy Harris, Brett Ledbetter, Sandra Huey, Stacy Martin, Randy Sisson, Julie Sisson, Alecia Searcy, David Miceli, Andrew Mills, John Harris, Jim Reynolds, Nelson Amaya, Thompson Lewis, Paul Penland, and Wes Griffin.



CARROLLTON FIRST

a Methodist Church est 1828

December 31, 2023 ● 11 a.m. ● First Sunday after Christmas

Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17



The Vision of First Methodist of Carrollton:
*A congregation in which anyone and everyone can
Connect with Christ ~ Grow in Faith ~ and Serve ~
more and more fully in the Spirit of Jesus*

Order of Worship

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Gathering Music

Brad Gambrell

Call To Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Brett Carter

Opening Hymn # 14

Joy to the World

Lealon Anderson

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Alison Tanner

✠Gloria Patri

✠Greet Friends

Children's Sermon

✠Hymn # 27

We Three Kings

Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, & Offertory Prayer

Jill Pierce

Offertory

✠Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"New, NOT Improved"

Brett Carter

✠Hymn of Response #7

Go Tell It on The Mountain

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Brad Gambrell

✠ Congregation standing as you are able

Acolytes: Ellie Patton, Will Jernigan, Maddie Jernigan

Holiday Office Schedule

Church Office Closed Monday January 1. Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!



All in One QR Code

Scan the QR code to record your attendance, send a prayer request, sign up for text messages from the church, and give online. Network: Cfmc-guest password: Cfmc#206

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord---who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Year End Finance Office Update

We're excited about what God has in store for Carrollton First ministry and mission. Anything you can contribute to get us across the finish line is greatly appreciated. We have made a significant dent in our budget shortcomings the last few weeks, but are still behind in meeting our budget obligations. All donations must be postmarked by December 31. Thank you! Blessings to you and yours!



We are so thrilled to announce the following exciting news for our congregation. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee, along with our steering committee, has vetted some exceptional consultant Church organizations and has unanimously agreed to retain the services of Center for Healthy Churches. Their representative Joel Snider will begin in an interim pastoral role starting January 7, as we proceed along our faithful

discernment path forward. CHC's information may be reviewed at this link - <https://chchurches.org/> CHC has placed over 200 pastors across multiple denominations with a 97.5% success rate to date. We will be following defined established processes which will involve full engagement with our entire congregation for pastoral profile development along with vision and mission casting. This process may take 6 months to a year to complete. Additionally, I am thrilled to announce Alison Tanner has agreed to an interim worship planning role, and will work with Joel in his interim pastoral role to ensure we have well established worship order and planning during this transition period. Joy Griffin has graciously agreed to assist Alison as needed. Please join me in welcoming Joel Snider and Alison Tanner in their new interim roles, and in thanking Joy for the exceptional worship planning she has led for the past several weeks since our disaffiliation, and her continued assistance in doing so. If this weren't enough exciting news for one announcement, I am thrilled to also add Nelson Amaya, who has agreed and been approved by our Staff Parish Relations Committee to lead our Hispanic Ministry, beginning January 1. To God be the glory as we seek to be His faithful church, where all are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship. God's vision for our future is spectacular.