

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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Thanks to all for Birthday Party
Thanks to the Membership Committee and to everyone who helped bake cakes for the party. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels for Valentine's Day
Youth from 6th grade through high school will be selling chocolate covered strawberries and chocolate covered pretzels over the next couple of weeks. Show your sweetheart you care with this sweet treat (or just buy them for yourself) and support our youth at the same time. Pretzels will be available to be picked up Sunday evening, Feb. 12 or Monday, Feb. 13. Limited delivery is available, also. Contact any of the youth or call the church office to place an order. Strawberries must be ordered and paid for in advance. Strawberries will be \$8.00 per half-dozen and pretzels \$3.00 per bag.



First Christian Church
Sunday Morning Schedule
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Our Mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, seek the unity of all Christians, and lead people to love God, love others and serve the local and global communities.

*Our vision is to be the LORD's Church:
L—Loving faithfully
O—Offering hospitality
R—Relevant
D—Discipling
S—Serving*

Ladies' Night

Don't miss Ladies' Night on Saturday, February 4, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



We will watch a Chonda Pierce video—entertaining and inspiring, play some games and share some snacks. Everyone attending, please bring a snack to share.

Blanket drive continues

The Women's Fellowship blanket drive will continue through February 12. Each \$5.00 donated will buy a blanket and wrap a refugee child in warmth. Envelopes have been placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary or just mark 'blankets' on the memo line of your check.

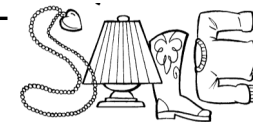


Raskals almost at goal of 300 pairs

We are almost there!! After services Sunday the count for socks was 277 pairs. One more Sunday and we should reach our goal, plus. Your donations made all the difference. Thank you so much for supporting the Raskals in this ministry.

Garage Sale this Saturday

The Annual All-Church Garage Sale will be held this **Saturday, January 28, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** This is an important fundraiser for our workcampers. Let's support them in this effort.



Retreat at Rickman Center will give church leaders an opportunity to plan future ministries

The Board officers, committee chairs and members of the Transition Team will meet overnight at Rickman center to make plans for First Christian Church in the coming years. The church has approved a mission statement and a vision statement that will guide us into the future and the church leaders will plan ministries that reflect who we are and what we do according to those statements. (Mission & Vision statements are printed at top of this page.)

From the Pastor

I suppose there comes a time to every person, if they're fortunate to live long enough, when they realize that they're not as young as they used to be. That happened to me two weeks ago. I was in Mexico and on my way back to the office for a meeting. I needed to get new stickers for my license plates, so, on the off chance that I could get in and out of the DMV office quickly (!), I stopped there. I must have arrived at a particularly good time because when I walked in I discovered that I was next in line! There was only one person - an older lady - ahead of me and she was being helped! I smiled at my good fortune. I'm going to be out of here in no time, I thought to myself. I'm going to make it to my meeting on time. But it didn't work that way. The older lady ahead of me was in no hurry. In fact it seemed to me that she was incredibly slow. She went through her papers incredibly slowly as though she'd never seen them before. She wrote her check at a glacial pace. Then she entered the check in the registry of her checkbook. Then she laboriously did the subtraction at a rate that was barely perceptible. I thought a few times that the tip of her pen had gotten stuck to the paper. I was watching all this with understanding and compassion, but (I must admit with some embarrassment) with growing impatience. Just then, a DMV agent came over to the lady and asked her to confirm her birth year. The lady answered and it took me a moment to register the fact that this lady is three years younger than I! I'm definitely not as young as I used to be.

Someone once said that old age begins the moment you begin to believe there isn't something wonderful about to happen just around the corner. In some people this occurs early in life, but for others not at all. God is a God of new beginnings, always bringing forth the new and exciting. May we all have eyes to see and lives to embrace God's newness, and may we always know that something wonderful is about to happen.

Joe

From the Children's Ministries Coordinator

RASKAL stands for Random Acts of Service, Kindness and Love! That is the name of my youth group and our number one goal is to teach the kids about serving others, showing kindness and love to others! Isn't that what God wants us all to do? These kids know what service is all about. We had a chance to do that last week as we made our trip to volunteer at the Food Bank. Fourteen kids made the trip! Special thanks to Caryl Allen, Stephanie Green, Jana Hoffman and Erin Eastin for their help with the trip! We bagged 1200 pounds of macaroni! The kids did a good job, had a good time and I am proud of them as always! A stop at McDonalds made our evening complete. As one lad said when he sat down at McDonalds, "Pam, I would have to say this counts as a very good day!" I couldn't have said it better myself.

About 15 joined us for movie night Friday night. RIO was a fun movie and a good time was had by all. Special thanks as always to Jana Hoffman, my favorite popcorn lady, and all the parents for helping to clean up afterwards! I truly love evenings spent with my church family!

Sunday was another opportunity for Christian fellowship when we joined together to celebrate our birthdays. Special thanks to the committee for their hard work in organizing and to all those who baked the cakes!

Ladies mark your calendar for "Ladies Night" Saturday, February 4 at 7 pm. We will watch a Chonda Pierce DVD, play some games and of course, share some snacks. It is always a good time, so ladies, young and old, come join the fun in the fellowship hall. Bring your own lawn chair if you would be more comfortable for the movie!

God bless! See you on Sunday!

Pam

JOYS & CONCERNS

MARILYN JOHNSON had back surgery on Tuesday. She is recovering at home.

We extend Christian sympathy to *DICK PERKINS* and family on the death of his grandson, Wesley Webber, on Sunday, January 22.

We extend Christian sympathy to *GEORGE COX* & family on the death of his mother, *RUBY COX*, on Monday, Jan. 23. Services were held Thursday at the Oliver Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Jimerson officiating.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for our friends and family members who are dealing with difficult illnesses and difficult circumstances in their lives.

Please add *TERESA RITCHIE LIGHT* to your prayers. She is having a double mastectomy this week. Teresa is Bob & Myrt Ritchie's daughter.

REGINA VICK

BILLIE EATON

JULIE BROOKS HAYS

HAZEL STRAWN

JIMMY JONES

CINDY WAINSCOTT

TOM & FRAN WARREN

BOB & DENISE BECKER

MELINDA COMPTON

BARBARA BUCK

AIDAN JONES

BRENDA HINES

ANGIE TAYLOR

BRAD SCHRAMM

LOUISE SEARS

PENNY SHEPHERD

MOE & DOT ZOELLERS

RALPH MARTIN

KEITH DAVIS

MAX NEWBERRY

ALAN JONES

PAULINE HARSHBARGER

RALPH OSTMANN

JIM HUTCHENS

JAMES ARNOLD

LADELL BRADLEY

JASON SNELL

Members who are in nursing homes

- ◆Heritage Hall: Ollie Chandler, Hazel Strawn, Mable Bradley, Lydia Draper, Claude McDonald
- ◆Stuart House: Lois Grinstead, Thelma Houston, Kenneth Randolph
- ◆Bristol Manor: Pauline Armontrout, Dot Zoellers
- ◆Lenoir: Pauline Harshbarger
- ◆Monroe Manor, Paris: Peggy Pool, Verle Brooks
- ◆Veterans' Home, Mexico: Moe Zoellers
- ◆Pin Oaks, Mexico: Billie Eaton

Serving Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

ELDER: Wayne Rice
ASSOC. DIACONATE: Hoffman, Gevermuehle
Wheeler, Dieker, Calhoon, Wells

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ELDERS: Monika Coureton* & Vickie Collins
ASSOC. DIACONATE: E. Greene, Torreyson,
J. Greene, Breedlove, Adkisson, Wells, Salisbury
SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28
SERMON: *One with Authority*
COMM. PREP: March, Collins, Breedlove, Kaiser
ELEVATOR ATT: Tammy Ladwig
*Indicates Elder serving at the table.

Your Church

Your presence last Sunday: Jan. 22

Sunday School: 41

8:00 Worship: 68

10:30 Worship: 87

Your gifts:

Gifts last Sunday \$ 3,296.00

Gifts to date \$ 136,535.81

Disbursements to date \$ 127,767.86

May we realize: that there is more to life than accelerating its pace; that surely we are blessed in order that we may bless; that our stewardship is measured in God's sight not by how much we give, but by how much we keep for ourselves.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK

Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Garage Sale

Sunday, January 29

Usual Sunday morning services

6:00 p.m. 6-8 Youth Group Mtg.

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Mtg.

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 a.m. Bible Study

4:30 p.m. Serve at Loaves & Fishes

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 2

3:30 p.m. Raskals' meeting

Saturday, February 4

7:00 p.m. Ladies' Night (F.H.)

Sunday, February 5

Usual Sunday morning services

6:00 p.m. 6-8 Youth Group Mtg.

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Mtg.