

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Our Mission

God calls us...

And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

Next Newsletter

January 24.



The Johnson County Food Center is asking for our support as they embark upon their 22nd year of providing warm soup for many that are hungry in our community. In Romans 12:13, we are told to "Share with God's people who need help."

Last year the Warrensburg community donated 48,000 cans of soup for the "Souper Bowl", and First Christian provided 12,447 of those cans of soup. We will hope to provide that much, or more, this year. If you want to contribute money, just indicate "Souper Bowl" on your check and we will shop for you and get the soup to the Food Center.

If you prefer to shop yourself, please leave your soup in the lobby of the Christian Life Center. The "Souper Bowl" campaign will end on February 5.



As always, my thanks to everyone who helped make for another wonderful Advent season. I thought the Christmas Eve service was very special and we survived Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays! Not my favorite day for them to fall, believe me.

Next year will be interesting as Christmas will be on a Monday so we will worship on Sunday morning and then come back for Christmas Eve that evening.

Also, great thanks to everyone who has helped in the dismantling of the sanctuary. It has been remarkable to watch and I am amazed at how quickly it has all been accomplished. I am excited to see how things progress and I know the time will pass quickly until we are again worshiping in the sanctuary. Also, thanks for the orderly transition to worship in the CLC and all who have worked so hard to make that happen!

We are fortunate this year that Lent begins a bit later than usual. Ash Wednesday is not until Wednesday, March 1 and Easter is April 16. We will probably have the Ash Wednesday service in the CLC and be back in the Sanctuary by Easter. I know I will have several baptisms this year. And, on that note, we'll be dedicating Reed Thomas Crate this Sunday. Reed is Debbie Haller's grandson (daughter Sarah and husband, Tom). Always a joyous occasion.

Thank you all for serving on this board. It is a vital part of our ministry here at First Christian! My wish is a Great and Happy 2017 for us all.

Blessings! Pastor Basye

THANK YOU

To Our Church Family,

Thanks for the beautiful pink and white carnation bouquet for our 60th Anniversary. The flowers are still beautiful. Thank you to Donna Elliott for delivering them and sharing with us our Church friendship.

Noel & Shirley Dougehrt

Thank you for the Poinsettia. It is beautiful and thoughtful.

Lorraine

Thank you to the people that helped take down the Christmas decorations on Monday from the Sanctuary. This was a big task and handled smoothly by all that were here. Thanks to all that came back in the early afternoon on Monday to finish putting things away where they belonged so the workers could start dismantling the Parlor and Sanctuary area.

Noel & Shirley Dougherty



January Youth Calendar

January 15 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

January 22 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

January 29 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting



We appreciate the Christmas gift from the board and gifts from individuals.

Thank you all!

Jerry Basye

Cindy Howard

George Long

Anita Grigsby

Gary Grigsby

Margaret Klein

Gillian Godfrey

Nancy Huff

POSITION AVAILABLE



Alternant Nursery Attendant

We have an open position for Alternant Nursery Attendant at First Christian. At this time, the Alternant will only be needed when our regular attendants are unavailable. In order to be considered for this position, you need to be at least 18 years of age. Hours of service are 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Sunday mornings with a possible need for special evening services held at the church. If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office to fill out an application.



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Everyone is Welcome!

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Family of Delbert & Lee Bodenhammer's family
 Tom Neal
 Joyce Miller
 David Stuck
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns



JANUARY

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Missy Whisenhunt	15-Shrley Fitterling	22-Ashlea Forrest
2-Tori Hunter	15-Cynthia Stillwell	22-Roy Milam
3-Clint Godfrey	16-Ivanna McConnell	22-Pat Turner
3-Heather Milam	17-Nick Nichol	23-Robert Cochran
5-Cindy Howard	17-Mary Ann Younce	23-Sterling Granger
5-Kyle Ritchhart	18-Duane Sterling	26-Towanda Lawler
10-Olivia Ellgass	19-Eller Duke	27-Gary Grigsby
12-Karla Seigfreid	21-Melvin Simon	29-Jane Russell

Happy Anniversary

8-Richard & Peggy Dudley
 14-Don & Linda Hoover