

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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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.*



For the Christmas gifts from the church, Campbellite Ministry and the church members.

Jerry Basye, Cindy Howard, George Long, Anita Grigsby, Gary Grigsby, Nancy Huff and Margaret Klein

It's 'Souper Bowl' Time

The Johnson County Food Center is asking for our help to stock The Food Center with soup for 2016. This is the 21st year for the 'Souper Bowl' campaign that feeds those who are hungry. Last year the community collected over 35,000 cans for soup, and the goal is to provide at least that much again this year.

First Christian provided 7,561 cans of soup for the 'Souper Bowl' event in 2015. We will hope to provide that much, or more, this year.

A contribution of \$10 will purchase 28 cans of chicken noodle, vegetable, or tomato soup. If you would like, we can shop for you. Just make your contribution to the church and mark it for 'Souper Bowl.'

If you prefer to shop yourself, the Food Center also likes to receive cream soups. Just bring your soup to the Christian Life Center, and we will deliver it on February 7.

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 27.



I want to thank everyone who made the Advent season so special. I was especially moved at the Christmas Eve service and really felt the presence of the Spirit in the sanctuary. There is always a natural let down when it's all over but the memories Christmas creates are lasting ones. My prayer for us is that Christmas will live on and on in our hearts.

Now, on to 2016. Can you believe we are already over 15 years into this century? I don't know about you, but the years are going by quicker all the time.

As we move forward, please know that Easter is very early (March 27) and so Lent will be here soon. Ash Wednesday is February 10 and we will have the service at 7:00 p.m. with imposition of the ashes. Then, during Lent I'm thinking of having a 5-week book study. I'm looking at several things and will decide for sure in the next while.

I believe there will be several children to be baptized on Easter Sunday. If so, I'll have a Pastor's class during Lent, also.

Holy week will include Palm Sunday worship on March 20, Maundy Thursday worship at 8 p.m. on March 24, and again, Easter Sunday on March 27.

It's time to gear up for another "Souper" bowl where we collect cans of soup for the Warrensburg Food Center.

Our church has always done a good job of this, and I know we will this year, as well.

We need to keep uplifting the need for giving to "Week of Compassion" to aid in the clean-up for flood victims here in the Midwest, especially Missouri.

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry



January 17-5:00-7:00 p.m.
 January 24-5:00-7:00 p.m.
 January 31-5:00-7:00 p.m.

New Books In Library

Four books have been added to the library, two by Traci Peterson, Nicolas Sparks latest book "See Me" and "The prisoner in the Third Cell" by Gene Edwards. This is a book of comfort, told as an unforgettable drama, for those in circumstances they do not understand.



Thank you to the First Christian Church for the lovely carnation delivered to me on my 84th Birthday. Also thanks to Jane Russell for taking time to deliver it.

Ken Martin

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Thank you everyone for sending Christmas cards. Thank you to the youth for the visit and the angel.

Charlene Droege.

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Thanks to my church friends at First Christian Church for my birthday flower. My pink carnation was delivered by Mary and Bruce Howey. I enjoyed the nice visit with them.

Thanks again, Mary Catherine Handly

The youth group thanks our congregation for their outstanding support of our recent sale of jams, soups, and snack mixes. With the proceeds of the sale, and with your generous donations, we were able to purchase gifts for 4 Angel Tree Children.

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Dear Youth Group & Sponsors,

Thank you so much for the special-made turkey; such a cute idea. I have him in the middle of my table surrounded by colorful leaves that I cut out.

Louise Elsberry

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First Christian Youth Group,

I thank you for the cookies and the turkey. I will enjoy them. I can keep the turkey for a few years. I like what you bring; it is so thoughtful.

Your friend, Lorraine Witherspoon

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Thank you very much for the carnations and recognizing our 59th wedding anniversary. Noel and I had a very good visit with Janette Howard. The carnations are beautiful, in red, white and the ferns in green. Very Christmas like.

Thank you very much.

Noel & Shirley Dougherty

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First Christian Church, What a Treat! The visit from Larry & Donna Elliott, What A Bonus! The lovely bouquet, recognizing our birthdays and anniversary. Thanks a lot!

Lin & Jeanette Welch

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Dear Youth Group, We thank you for the boxes of cookies and brownies, and we thank you for the lovely Christmas angels. We will cherish them.

Lorraine Witherspoon & Sadie Mapes

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Youth Group, Thank you for coming by and singing the lovely Christmas carols. The cookies were delicious too.

Jean Damron (Margaret Klein's grandmother)

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To First Christian, Vyrdel and I want to thank you all for remembering us during this Christmas season with such a nice gift. Also, thanks to all the individuals who have cheered us with cards and gifts. We are so lucky to be a part of a loving community of Jesus.

Blessings! Jerry & Vyrdel



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Come to Worship!
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.

- Joan Mees
- Nellie Grigsby
- David Stuck
- Our Children
- Our Law Enforcement
- Our Military



JANUARY

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 2-Tori Hunter | 15-Shirley Fitterling | 23-Sterling Granger |
| 3-Clint Godfrey | 17-Mary Ann Younce | 26-Towanda Lawler |
| 5-Cindy Howard | 17-Nick Nichol | 27-Gary Grigsby |
| 5-Kyle Ritchhart | 18-Duane Sterling | 29-Jane Russell |
| 12-Karla Seigfreid | 23-Robert Cochran | |

Happy Anniversary

8-Richard & Peggy Dudley