

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.*



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.

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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

February 14.

Ham 'N Beans



The theme for this year's Ham and Bean dinner on March 19 is "Join Us for Ham & Beans at the Construction Site." We need creative people to "adopt a table" and make a centerpiece using a building construction theme. We also need paint tarps, tool boxes, etc for decorations (Please label them so we know who they belong to.) If you can help please call Cindy at 747-6815.



In my sermon last Sunday I shared an illustration about remembering those who pointed you to your spiritual journey. Several asked about it, so here it is:

The Gospel according to Norton is a humorous, but touching story about a young man, a fictional character named Norton who, like Andrew, was a disciple of John the Baptist. The first time Norton met John the Baptist he was struck by John's appearance. He described him like this: wearing a "double-breasted camel hair suit (wrong-side out), platform high-top sandals, teased hair, the works..."

The first night by the river, says Norton, was the beginning of a deep friendship with John. "In only four days I was arriving early enough to get a front rock!" is the way Norton put it. "in short, I became an ardent follower...he was my hero—great dresser, unique, distinctive, outspoken, honest. I tried more and more to be like him..."

Until one afternoon Norton was with John when John baptized Jesus. Norton says he was amazed at John's attitude toward Jesus, at his strange statements—statements like, "(I) should let you baptize me..." and "(I'm) not worthy to tie your shoes." He was amazed at John's general sense of awe in Jesus' presence.

Later Norton hears that Jesus has a group of disciples following him "further back up the river." One night he goes to scout out this new teacher and his followers.

The first time he hears Jesus teach, it happens! Here was the Messiah about whom John had been preaching! In just three visits, says Norton, he transferred his membership! Like Andrew, he left John the Baptist and became a follower of Jesus and John became a distant memory.

One day Jesus asked Norton if he had seen John lately. Norton chuckled, thinking about his crude, bombastic former teacher. Jesus frowned. Then Jesus asked Norton why he chuckled. Norton replied, concerning John: "oh, he's still wearing that double-breasted camel hair suit and preaching blisters on his throat..." and he added a few other curt, sarcastic things as well.

At this, a disappointed Jesus looks at Norton and asks, "Norton, do you know where you'd be if it hadn't been for John?"

Norton blushed, squirmed and dropped his eyes. "Still snitching fruit hanging...(and) around the market," he replied.

"Exactly," Jesus said...and at that point, Norton says, Jesus taught Norton one of the greatest lessons he had ever learned—that young idealists frequently find their Messiah and then spend their time belittling his Forerunner!

Blessings! Pastor Basye

THANK YOU

I want to say thanks for the pretty pink carnation from my church family and friends. Linda Hoover brought it and I enjoyed the nice visit with her.

Mary Catherine Handly

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I want to thank the youth and the leaders for the visit and the goodies they brought.

Charlene Droege

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*FCC Youth Group,
You're Appreciated! Thanks So Much!*

Lorraine Witherspoon



January Youth Calendar

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

February Youth Calendar

February 5 - No Meeting (Super Bowl)

February 11 - 2:00 p.m. Visit Care Centers

February 19 - 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

February 26 - 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting



Mr and Mrs Joe Klein

The family of Joe and Kendra Klein would like to invite you to a celebration of their marriage.

Please come by and join in the celebration on February 4, 2017, at First Christian Church in the lobby to the Christian Life Center between 1-3p.m.

POSITION AVAILABLE



Alternate Nursery Attendant

We have an open position for Alternate Nursery Attendant at First Christian. At this time, the Alternate 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. in CLC
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m. in CLC
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in CLC

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

Family of William Turnbow

Lin Welch

Kevin Howard

Our Children

Our Law Enforcement

Our Military

Those with continuing health concerns



February Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Mike Revels
 2-Anita Grigsby
 4-Doug Blevins
 5-Janette Howard
 5-Jeanne Jackson
 6-Madison Walsh
 9-Jennifer Dunn

9-Karen Renfro
 12-Sadie Mapes
 14-Carrie Cromer
 16-Skylar Beebe
 16-Keegan Newberry
 20-Ray Fitterling
 21-Leslie Basye

23-AnnaBelle Gates
 24-Judy Cammack
 26-Philip Dougherty
 26-Sherin Sellman
 27-Bryce Seigfreid
 28-John Howard

Happy Anniversary

11-Allen & Victoria Charles