

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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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.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

Sermon for Sunday

"Hard Not to Judge!"

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Sermon Scripture

Luke 6:37-42



"Souper" Bowl Results

We had 3,846 cans of soup. This is a wonderful response!
Also thank you for all your help loading and getting the soup to the Food Center.

STARTING IN MARCH THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE 2ND AND 4TH WEEKS OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT NEWS, IT NEEDS TO BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE FIRST FRIDAY OR THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 17

We will begin our commemoration of Lent with worship and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Services will continue on Wednesday evenings through March 24. Then we will celebrate Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 8 p.m. Please come join us in this time of learning and reflection.



Please don't forget to plan to come to Ash Wednesday worship on February 17. I always look forward to this very worshipful service as we begin our Lenten Season. We will then gather for worship each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for the next five weeks. Then on Thursday, April 1, we will gather at 8:00 p.m. for the Maundy Thursday Service, the Service of Shadows. Lent is a time of preparation—the time leading up to Easter. So, let us prepare together!

I also wanted to say a word about the newsletter. At the February Board Meeting, it was decided to go to a twice-monthly newsletter. Because of the cost, we will try this for March, April and May. We would like your input on this. Again, this will start in March. You'll get your newsletter the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

I would also like to remind our youth to be at the dinner Friday night to work. This is a fundraiser for the Branson trip, and you all need to be there if at all possible.

For your reading this week please enjoy a piece I ran across from Windsor Christian's newsletter called "Mr. CEO and Bonnie."

Mr. CEO and Bonnie

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher? He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To emphasize his point he said to another guest: "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?" Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" (She paused for a second, then began..). "Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an I-Pod, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make." (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.) "I make kids wonder, I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math. They use their God-given brain, not the man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. I make my students stand, placing their hand over their heart to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, One Nation Under God, because we live in the USA. I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life." (Bonnie paused one last time, then continued.) Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with my knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant... You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make Mr. CEO? His jaw dropped; he went silent.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

February 7, 2010 Attendance

Praise Service: 31
Sunday School: 43
10:40 Worship: 148

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades

February Calendar

21st-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting

26th-7 p.m.-Jr. High Fun Night @ Middle School

28th-10:30 a.m.-Leave for Winter Jam

@ Sprint Center (If we have enough interested in going.)

Attention Committee Chairs

Turn in Annual Reports

To Church Office

As Soon As Possible.

Community News!

Building Blocks Pre-School Night

February 18, at 6:00 p.m.

South East Elementary, 747-9163

Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday, March 25, 2010

6-7:30 p.m. at South East Elementary

Register your child for Kindergarten

You will need: Birth Certificate, current immunization and proof of residency (a bill, or rental agreement)

Dream Walking with God

When is the last time you gave yourself 24 hours to dream and pray in a beautiful outdoor setting? Are you missing that in your busy life? If so, you are invited to seek a time of renewal and inspiration at the Dream Walking Retreat. During the retreat, you will learn a five step spiritual exercise that can help to multiply your dreams and guide you to an increased awareness of God's desires. You will have the option to dive into scripture, experience time alone in silence, hike, reflect with others on the retreat, worship, enjoy music, receive spiritual direction, share meals together or fast and savor the gifts of insight dreaming has for you.

Dates: April 8-9, 2010

Times: 2:00 p.m. Thursday to 2:00 p.m. Friday

Location: Rickman Center, Jefferson City

Cost: \$140 (includes lodging and meals) \$110 Commuter (meals only)

To register online visit: <http://msr-crm.org/courseevents/continuing-ed/dreamwalking-with-god>

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

25 years ago in February, 1985

Under the sponsorship of the Evangelism Committee our church family joined other Christian Church congregations in "unbroken prayer" from the early hours of January 1 until the beginning of Easter morning, April 7. Our link was a 24-hour Prayer Vigil from Friday noon through Saturday noon, Feb. 22-23. Prayer booklets for each participant, which included some devotional materials contributed by members of our church, were made available. . . . Members were asked to turn in birthday dates and wedding anniversaries to the office, or drop in collection plates, so we could begin publishing them in the newsletter each month. . . . Congratulations were extended to **Herb & Rae Weatherby** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 22; to **Julie Toner** who was chosen as an Outstanding Young Woman of America; and to **Tim Weston**, who placed second in a piano competition sponsored by the Jefferson City Symphony.

January Financial Report

Income		
General		\$17,902
Outreach		1,269
Expenses		
General		\$17,981
Outreach		1,327



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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.

Name

Imogene Etter (Greg's Mom)
 Janie Uhler
 Nancy Anderson
 Chris Mahon
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military that are deployed



February Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

2-Anita Grigsby	9-Jennifer Schnakenberg	20-Ray Fitterling
3-Kristal Tappin	10-Ben Etter	20-Bonnie Etter
5-Jeanne Jackson	12-Sadie Mapes	24-Judy Cammack
5-Janette Howard	16-Olivia Petersen	26-Sherin Sellman
6-Maddison Baty	16-Keegan Newberry	27-Bryce Seigfreid
8-Alex Etter	19-Scott Newberry	28-John Howard
		28-Kristen Sullivan

Happy Anniversary

8-Missy & Mike Whisenhunt
 9-Kristen & Sean Sullivan
 14-Nichelle & Scott Newberry