

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.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

Next Newsletter

November 27



Sunday, November 18

after 10:40 Worship

Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy,
dressing, green beans, salad and pumpkin pie

Warrensburg Christmas Parade

The Warrensburg Downtown Christmas Parade will be held on Friday evening, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. Mark Goodwin and Kathy Ramser will prepare a float for our church, and our congregation is invited to ride on the float or walk beside it during the parade. We would like to have a nice group representing our church. If you would like to be part of the parade, please let us know by calling the church office or contacting Donna Elliott. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. on November 30 for pizza, then we will transport you to the parade site. join in on the fun.

Notes From the Pastor,

I'll use my allotted space this week to re-run the letter I sent out after the board meeting last Wednesday in case any of you did not receive it.

To My Dear First Christian Family and Friends,

I am having a very difficult time getting this letter started. I've thrown several stops and starts away because I am very torn about what I need to tell you.

So, I'll just say it: I am planning to retire (semi-retire) as of October 1, 2019. I turn 65 on October 2, 2019 and will begin preaching (part time) at Central Christian (Disciples of Christ) in Higginsville. The opportunity in Higginsville presented itself recently and they are willing to wait until October for me to begin. I'll work in the office probably 2 or 2 ½ days per week and preach on Sundays. This could be a really great deal as I did not want to do interim ministry. We plan to stay where we are as far as living arrangements go. The Baldwin family has been so kind to us and I want to thank them. We talked about moving to the St. Joe area to be half way between our kids (read that as "grandkids") but decided against that plan.

Hopefully you will all understand that this is a very tough decision. Vyrdel and I love First Christian and have had a great experience here. Over the coming months we will have discussions of my exit. I found out 12 years ago that leaving a pastorate is not always an easy experience.

As you can tell from the tone of the letter, I am sad to be ending this portion of my ministry. Vyrdel and I love being here, but the next part of our lives has arrived. I have been warmly welcomed by the folks in Higginsville and look forward to exploring the possibilities there. As I said, I really do not want to do interim ministry, so this should work out perfectly for us.

Again, thank you all for the love and kindness you've shown us over the past 12 ½ years. There should be sufficient time before my departure to get everything in order.

Blessings!

Pastor Basye

YOUTH SALES

Our Youth are selling a variety of homemade jams, snack mixes, and canned vegetables that will be nice as gifts for the holidays or for enjoying yourself. The money earned from these sales will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for Angel Tree Children in our community. The Youth will appreciate your help, so they can help others.

DOC

The DOC is meeting on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the CLC. Dinner is provided. A lesson and good fellowship are part of the evening. The group is focused on college age young adults, high school young adults, as well as any young adult that would like to join us.

Please contact Nancy Huff at (660)909-6443, if you have any questions. Hope to see everyone there!!



CROP WALK Local Thanksgiving

For the local Thanksgiving Dinner First Christian Church is responsible for collecting either money or the ingredients itself for the Sweet Potatoes. The cook is requesting 25 cans 40 oz sweet potatoes (@about &1.88 per can), 3 bags of 16 oz brown sugar (@about \$7.00 per bag) and 4 bottles of 59 oz orange juice (@ about \$2.85 per bottle). They also hope to raise about \$30.00 in cash to "Adopt -a-turkey" and \$10.00 to "Adopt-a-potato. Checks can be made to CROP Johnson County and I will deliver everything to UMC at 5 pm Wednesday before.

Kathy Ramser

Thank You!

We wish to thank our church family for thinking of us on our 63rd wedding anniversary. We had a nice visit with Janette Howard when she brought us our flowers.

Thanks

Jerry and Phyllis Evans

Don and I say "thank you" for all the telephone calls, cards and messages, for those who stopped by to chat, for food and other goodies. We say a special thanks to the Sunday School boys and girls (adults too) for the "Get Well, Don" poster and was delivered by Bruce and Mary. It cheered us up every day as we looked on the room door at John Knox Rehabilitation Center.

We thank you for all the prayers and concerns expressed. We are deeply thankful for great friends and First Christian Church family.

Pastor Jerry, thank you for your many visits, (no matter where we were) calls, prayers and concerns.

All of you mean so much to us. Knowing so many are on this journey with us makes a difference.

Love to all,

Don and Linda Hoover

Thank you for your prayers, cards and kind and loving expressions of concern for me and my family during the past few weeks after Neal's accident.

We also appreciate the many donations made to the Church Building Fund in Neal's memory.

Carol Holmes and Family



Join the
Handbell Choir

Join us to ring bells and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Practices are on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and all are welcome to join.

See Gary Grigsby if there are any questions.



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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.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon

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

Janelle Sellman
 Shirley Moore's son, David
 Carol Handly (Mark's Wife)
 Mary Lynne Family (LuAnn Stillwell's family)
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns



November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Brenda Dooley	11-Jeff Quinn	19-David Stuck
1-Katie Kirkbride	12-Glenn Borum	20-Rick Dooley
1-Jerry Miller	14-Millie Burton	20-Laura Ludemann
2-Phil Shumard	15-Marshall Good	22-Jana Hakes
6-Austin Frandsen	15-Whitney Ogar	22-Travis Seigfreid
8-Teri Goodwin	16-David Ritchhart	23-Maggie Stuck
9-Andrew Russell	17-CL Holdren	23-Michael Wakeman
9-Kyle Shackelford	18-Brent Baldwin	24-Toni Frandsen
9-Janette Welch	19-Gene Lang	26-Paul Osborne
10-Nathan Piper		

Happy Anniversary!

1-Al & Anita Gosney	14-Ryan & Shelley Russell
3-Jerry & Phyllis Evans	24-Brad & Tori Hunter
4-Scott & Carol Dunham	27-Roger & Connie Baldwin
5-Robert & Sharon Cochran	