

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

January 9.



Thanks to Kathy Ramser and Mark Goodwin for creating this outstanding float to represent our church in the Warrensburg Christmas Parade. The theme of the float was "Jesus, Name Above All Names!" We had a nice group that rode on the float and several that walked beside the float. It was great to have such enthusiastic participation!



We enjoyed another wonderful “Hanging of the Greens” service last Sunday, Dec. 3. I always look forward to beginning our Advent journey. I had never seen such a service until coming here 11 years ago and now I hope it will be part of my Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this service so successful and worshipful. We will gather on Dec. 17th in the CLC for both services. The move is due to the fact that our Sunday school program needs more room to stage the performance. There just isn’t enough room on the alter area of the Sanctuary. Again, my thanks to everyone who will work together to make that happen on the 17th.

Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. We will have regular worship in the morning and then gather again that evening at 6:00 for our annual Christmas Eve candle light service. I always look forward to this service. My thanks to all who have volunteered to read and take part in the advent and Christmas Eve readings.

We had a great turnout of participants on our float for the Warrensburg Christmas parade last Friday evening. Thanks to Mark and Kathy for working so hard to decorate and pull the float; and for Larry and Donna for providing the low-boy. There was a nice picture of the float in the Daily Star Journal on Tuesday, December 5.

I’ve had several people approach me about church safety issues after the shooting in the Texas church. It’s a topic that definitely needs to be explored and one that has no easy answers.

Blessings!

Pastor Basye

Thank you notes!

Thank you for letting our Boy Scout Troop use your facility for our craft fair.

Thank you

From Troop 673

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Thank you so much for extending the facility for such a great event for our Girl Scouts. They had a wonderful Mother/daughter dance in your CLC.

Alicia Todaro

On behalf of Girl Scouts 657

CELEBRATING OUR 50 year MEMBERS

At this time of year, we recognize those people who are celebrating 50 years of Membership at First Christian Church.

Andy Gelbach
Nick Nichol
Vivian Parsons
Janice Wolff

*As for me and my house; we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15*

Nursery Attendants Needed

We need Alternant Nursery Attendants at First Christian. The Alternant Attendants work when our regular attendants are unavailable. To be considered for this position, you must be at least 16 years of age. This is a paid position, and the 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, or if you know if anyone that might be interested, please contact Donna Elliott (747-8387).

December Youth Calendar

24-NO YOUTH-Merry Christmas!

31-NO YOUTH-Happy New Year!

January Youth Calendar

January 7 - Holiday Party for All - 4-7 p.m.

January 14 - Regular Meetings:

Chi-Rho/CYF - 4:00 p.m.

Supper for All - 5:00 p.m.

JYF - 6:00 p.m.

January 21 - Regular Meetings:

Chi-Rho/CYF - 4:00 p.m.

Supper for All - 5:00 p.m.

JYF - 6:00 p.m.

January 28 - Regular Meetings:

Chi-Rho/CYF - 4:00 p.m.

Supper for All - 5:00 p.m.

JYF - 6:00 p.m.

Wonderful!

The Youth Group thanks our congregation for another year of your great support of our sale of jams, canned veggies, and snack mixes. With your help we were able to purchase gifts for 4 Angel Tree Children, and we were also able to make donations to Manna Harvest Nehemiah Feeding Program, Recovery Lighthouse Limetree Women, and Destiny House.



Austin Granger and Werica Martins were married on Saturday, November 25 in Columbia, Maryland.



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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.

Family of Earl Uhler
 Family of Charlene Droege
 Celeste Long's Mother
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
Those with continuing health concerns



January Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Missy Whisenhunt	15-Cynithia Stillwell	22-Ashlea Forrest
2-Tori Hunter	16-Ivanna McConnell	23-Robert Cochran
3-Clint Godrey	17-Nick Nichol	23-Sterling Granger
5-Cindy Howard	17-Mary Ann Younce	26-Towanda Lawler
5-Kyle Ritchhart	18-Duane Sterling	27-Gary Grigsby
12-Karla Seigfreid	19-Eller Duke	29-Jane Russell
15-Shirley Fitterling	21-Chris Simon	

Happy Anniversary

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