

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.*



First Christian Church 2017

Please prayerfully consider your giving to the church for next year, complete and return the card to the church. You can mail it to the church or place your envelope and card in the offering plate on Sunday.

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

December 20.

2016 Christmas Store

The collection dates start on Friday, December 9 and you may bring items to the First Christian Church lobby and we will deliver them to the First Baptist Church, or you may take them there if you wish. If you would rather write a check, just make it payable to FCC and we will send one check. Or you can mail it to Christmas Store, c/o Shiloh Baptist Church, 212 N. Main St, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Children's Program

The children are practicing for their Christmas program during Sunday School. They will perform their program on Sunday, 18 Dec 2016, at the 10:40 service. Please come and join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings if you would like to participate.



I want to share a piece called “Two Babes In A Manger” with you. It’s a bit long but very powerful and food for thought as we begin our annual Advent Journey.

In 1994, two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on biblical principles) in the public schools. They were invited to teach at prisons, businesses, the fire and police departments and a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. They relate the following story in their own words: It was nearing the holiday season, 1994, time for our orphans to hear for the first time, the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins I had brought with me. No colored paper was available in the city.

Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squared squares of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown and an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia, were used for the baby’s blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States. The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help.

All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat. He looked to be about 6 years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy’s manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger.

Quickly, I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger. Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at this completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately—until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger. Then Misha started to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, “And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don’t have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn’t, because I didn’t have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, “If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?”

And Jesus told me, “If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me.” “So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him—for always.”

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him—FOR ALWAYS.

I’ve learned that it’s not what you have in your life, but who you have in your life that counts.

Blessings! Pastor Basye



THANK YOU

Sharon and I would like to thank the church for the card and also the yellow carnations in recognition of our wedding anniversary. Equally important and appreciated was the visit with Donna Elliott who delivered the carnations. It is always a pleasure to visit with her.

Bob & Sharon Cochran



There will be the first meeting of a cancer support group for women on December 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. It will last 1 to 1 ½ hours depending on how many attend the meeting. This will be a Bible based support group pertaining to my walk with Christ and listening to each other as we tell our stories.

If you have questions please contact me at 660-441-7970.

I look forward to seeing you.

Walking with Christ
Joan Mees

POSITION AVAILABLE



Alternant Nursery Attendant

We have an open position for Alternant Nursery Attendant at First Christian. At this time, the Alternant 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.

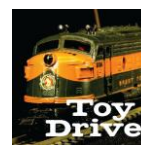


December Youth Calendar

December 11 -Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.

December 18 -Youth visit Care Centers 2:00 p.m.

December 25 -No meeting - Merry Christmas!



Toys For Tots

We have a collection box in the CLC Lobby for toys. Bring these toys unwrapped and place in the box. Please consider helping out this worthy cause.



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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.

Rich Dudley
 Toni Frandsen
 Gary Baldwin
 Dennis Gillette(Jeanette's dad)
 James & Cecil(Elliott Sanders' Brothers)
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns



December Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Evan Stuck	17-Nancy Seigfreid	28-Abigail Duke
5-Pat Cook	17-Ran Wiss	28-Mary Catherine Handly
7-Anita Gosney	20-Nita Good	28-Adam Lang
9-Larry Elliott	21-Lyman Hannah	29-Blaine Duke
9-Helen Simon	21-Patricia Smith	30-Kristal Dougherty
9-Lin Welch	24-Ben Huff	31-Robin Bull
16-Kathy DeFoe	27-Andrew Harris	

Happy Anniversary

11-Bruce & Mary Howey	22-Noel & Shirley Dougherty
16-Lee & Tammie Crabtree	27-Jerry & Joyce Miller
16-Travis & Karla Seigfreid	28-Scott & Betty Wilson