

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.*



Spring Into March

With

Ham and Beans

at First Christian Church

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

March 23.

CWF Annual Ham'n Bean & Soup Supper
March 13, 2016, 4:30-7 p.m. Christian Life Center

Tickets are available from any CWF member in the parlor after worship and in the church office. Adult tickets are \$7 and child tickets are \$3.

We also need volunteers to sign up to work and sign up to bring pies.



I want to thank again, everyone who worked so hard to collect over 12,000 cans of soup for our “Souper” bowl effort. Special thanks to the Elliott family for all their efforts.

I also want to thank everyone who came to our book study “24 Hours That Changed the World.” I thought it was well worth the time and energy.

Holy week will be here shortly. March 20 is Palm Sunday. Then on Thursday, March 24, we will gather for our annual Maundy Thursday service. This is the “Service of Shadows.” This service begins at 8:00 p.m. as the sanctuary needs to be in darkness. I still need one reader for that evening. Then on Friday March 25, on Good Friday, we will gather in the Christian Life Center at 6:00 p.m. for a meal (please bring a side dish or dessert) and then we will watch the movie “Heaven is for Real.” Easter Sunday is March 27 and we will have 2 baptisms at the 10:40 service.

Please don't forget to turn your clocks UP one hour this weekend as we begin Daylight Savings time.

Please enjoy the following.

Something You Can't Fake

Comedian Tommy Smothers once quipped: “The best thing about getting older is that you gain sincerity. Once you learn to fake that, there's nothing you can't do.”

Of course, faking sincerity is a lot like boasting about humility! It rather misses the point!

To be sincere is to be real. To be genuine. To be honest. And even...to be vulnerable. No easy task! Furthermore, sincerity begins with something that cannot be faked—honesty with yourself.

The Wall Street Journal once printed a little piece titled “Sincerity.” It goes like this:

“I wish I were big enough honestly to admit all my shortcomings; brilliant enough to accept praise without it making me arrogant; tall enough to tower above deceit; strong enough to welcome criticism; compassionate enough to understand human frailties; wise enough to recognize my mistakes; humble enough to appreciate greatness; staunch enough to stand by my friends; human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and righteous enough to be devoted to the love of God.”

I may never be that strong, that compassionate, that wise or that loyal. But I can be genuine. And somehow, I know that will be enough.

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry

A Special
THANK YOU

*First Christian Church Youth Group,
Hi-We thank you for the Valentine's
cookies and candy. Sadie is waiting for her son
to pick her up; she is going home to his house
until the carpet gets laid in her house.
Lorraine Witherspoon
Sadie Mapes*



March Calendar

- March 13 - No Meeting (Ham & Bean Dinner)
- March 20 - Visit Care Centers at 2:00 p.m.
- March 27 - No Meeting (Happy Easter!)



Holy Week Schedule

- 20-8:30 a.m.-Praise Service/Palm Sunday
 - 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School-All ages
 - 10:40 a.m.-Traditional Palm Sunday Service
With Coffee Fellowship to Follow
- 24-8:00 p.m.-Maundy Thursday/Service of Shadows in the Sanctuary
- 25-6:00 p.m.-Pot luck Meal to Share in CLC
 - 7:00 p.m.-Movie in CLC
- 27-8:30 a.m. Easter Praise Service
 - 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School-All ages
 - 10:40 a.m.-Easter Service with Baptisms
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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.

Mildred Wood
 Joan Mees
 Kirk Dougherty
 Vicki Charles
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military



March 13

March Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

4-Dana Baldwin	17-James Dooley	22-Ray Cook
6-Chris Burton	17-Donna Hays	24-Garrett Osborne
7-Jake Turner	17-Caroline Smith	25-Vyrdel Basye
9-Carol Dunham	19-Cynthia Gabel	26-Christina Blevins
10-Mary Shoop	20-Noel Dougherty	26-Janet Ritchhart
14-Debbie Haller	20-Sam Jones	27-Kaylin Piper
14-Kameron Key	20-Lee Younce	28-Kirston Newberry
16-Noah Cromer	22-Easton Burchard	31-Katelyn D'Orazio

Happy Anniversary

24-Ray & Pat Cook	11-Jon & Toni Frandsen
26-Lyman & Claudeen Hannah	28-Neal & Carol Holmes
17-Lee & Mary Younce	13-Jim & Megan Stuck