

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.*

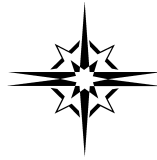
Come to worship

this Sunday at
10:40 a.m.

**Invite friends and
family.**

December 17:
**"A Birthday
Celebration"**

Luke 2:1-14



Christmas Eve

Worship at

First Christian Church

December 24, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Service of Candles and Communion

Join us for a candlelight service. The Lord's Supper will be served, and this will be a special service in honor of Christ the Lord.

Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service

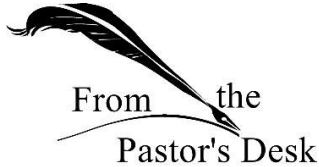
December 24, 2005, at 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

141 E Gay St., Warrensburg, MO.

It's traditional and good for First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, and First Presbyterian Church to join together in an ecumenical service on Christmas Eve. This year we will gather at First United Methodist Church for a service of readings and carols.





With his permission, I want to share an original piece written by Alex Wales, pastor at the Presbyterian Church here in Warrensburg. It is exactly what I think but don't have the talent to express this as Alex does. My thanks to him for allowing these words to be printed here. Enjoy them and have a blessed and Merry Christmas. Continue to pray for peace.

The blanket of snow that covers the ground,
So Fluffy, so vivid, so bright,
Reminds us of how in the passage of time
Things can come in the span of a night.
And all of the clutter, the mess and grime
Is covered by inches of snow,
Concealed from our vision, as though it were not,
In spite of the fact that we know
That there still remains the things we can't see
The dross of an oft' messy life,
The battle with matters that fill up our days,
The grief and the pain and the strife.
And as the snow melts, revealing the stuff
Which the beauty has covered so well,
We know what remains can be ugly and bleak,
Our junk in the place where it fell.
But snow should remind us of what Christ has
done, In helping us stand before God,
His blood and his mercy will cover our sin,
With his grace all our pain has been shod.
With garments as white as the pure, driven snow,
In faith we can stand straight and tall,
For now God does see us with eyes filled with love,
From sin, Christ now offers release,
We repent, seek our savior and kneel at his crib,
And discover the joy of God's...

Blessings,
Pastor Basye



CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago, in December, 1996

The cantata, “. . . Of His Kingdom There Shall Be No End,” was presented by the Chancel Choir under the direction of **Mary Beth Taylor**. Featured soloists were **Shanna Files, Jonathan West, Nathan Snedden, Eric Meurer, Larry Cammack** and **Ruth Satele**.

Members of the congregation shared in a community event entitled “Journey to the Manger,” which began at Sacred heart Catholic Church and continued with stops at The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, and concluded at First Christian Church with the welcoming of the Wise Men. Following the closing segment of the journey, our church hosted a time for refreshments and visiting.

At the Christmas Candle Lighting Service the members of Chi Rho and CYF led in the worship service as they “built” a Jesse Tree, a variety of symbols which tell the story of our faith This was followed by the Sunday School children presenting the Christmas story and a “living nativity.” The service concluded with the lighting of candles and the singing of “Silent Night.” A Birthday Party for Jesus, with refreshments, was held in the Parlor following the service.

In lieu of purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary, members were invited to donate to “Angels of Care” by giving eight dollars in memory of, or in honor of, someone or something. Forty eight families, representing 87 individuals, donated in honor of 99 named individuals, groups such as homeless children, church school teachers, children and grandchildren, and the season, giving a total of \$672. These contributions were divided among the Show-Me Christian Home, Warrensburg Food Center, the Christmas Store, Survival House and Western Missouri Mental Health.

Attention!

The Warrensburg Ministerial Association is in charge of the Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship and the Baccalaureate service and is in need of funds.

You may donate to the church office and mark them "Warrensburg Ministerial." It will be added to your yearly giving statement.



Sun. 24-9:30 am Sunday School
10:40 am Worship
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service at the First United Methodist Church

Mon. 25-Merry Christmas

Tue. 26-Office Closed

Wed. 20-No Choir

Thur. 28-5:00 pm United Soccer in CLC

Sun. 31-9:30 am Sunday School

10:40 am Worship Service

No Youth Meetings



*The week of Christmas
25-31 there will not be a
Newsletter published.
Merry Christmas!*



We need 2 Sunday school teachers each month to volunteer for the 2007 year. Contact Dianne Maness at 747-7334.



Congratulations Smith Family

Stacey and Stephanie Smith have twin baby girls, Ella Louise and Grace Marie. The twins were born December 15. Ella weighed 5lb. 15oz and was 18 ½ in long, and Grace was 5lb. 3oz. and was 17 ½ in long.



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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.

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

Name

*Karen O'Dell
*Lauren Quick
*Diane Corbett
*Ed Ellis

Notice: Pledges for 2006 must be turned in to the church office by December 31, 2006 to be counted this year.

December Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

20-Nita Good 28-Mary C. Handly
24-Ben Huff 30-Kristal Dougherty
26-Don Patterson
26-Stacey Burton

Happy Anniversary!

20-Paul & Judy Osborne
20-Kit & Christi Lindsay
22-Noel & Shirley Dougherty
27-Jerry & Joyce Miller