

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.**

**Sunday's Sermon:
"Damaged but
Deliverable"**

**1st Scripture Reading:
Luke 20:27-38**

**Sermon Scripture:
II Thess. 2:13-17**

wow!

For the first time in many years we are able to present a budget to the board where every committee gets what they requested. I think this shows the committment we have to our church and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Remember, as stated in our constituion, no committee can spend more than their budget without going to the Stewardship Committee before the expense is incurred.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Kim Godfrey
Treasurer

There will not be a third quarter giving statement mailed out because of the expense of postage and watching the budget. If you have any questions on your giving records, please call the church office and Cindy will be able to help you with that. We will send the fourth quarter end of the year statements out the end of the year.

*Joyful
Noise*

Thank you for giving to the Joyful Noise offering. The total was \$118.75 and will be used to purchase items for children from the Angel Tree.

The children will be collecting change again on November 25.

Campbellite Turkey Dinner

Sunday after Worship

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, salad, pumpkin dessert and drink



We have been talking about spiritual gifts and gifts in general and how we can best use them in the life of our church family. We have many gifts that we can share. In Romans Ch. 12, the Apostle Paul says: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter in exhortation: the giver in generosity: the leader in diligence: the compassionate in cheerfulness." (Romans 12:4-8)

Along those lines, let me share with you a piece called "Job or ministry?"

Job or Ministry?

Some people have a job in the church,
Others involve themselves in ministry.

What's the difference?

If you do it just because no one else will...It's a job!

If you do it to serve God...It's a ministry!

If you quit because someone criticized you...It's a job!

If you kept on serving in spite of criticism...It's a ministry!

If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other things...It's a job!

If you're committed to staying with it, even when it means letting other things go...It's a ministry!

If you quit because no one ever praised or thanked you...It's a job!

If you stay even though no one notices your efforts...It's a ministry!

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done...It's a job!

If you do it because you sensed God saying it needs to be done...It's a ministry!

It's hard to get excited about a job.

It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry!

An average church is filled with people doing jobs!

A great and growing church is filled with people involved in the ministry?

Are you doing a job or are you involved in the ministry?

Blessings,
Pastor Basye

Attendance for November 4

Sunday School: 50

Worship: 155



Congratulations!

Jayne and John Ulett are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Natalie Jayne, born Friday, November 2. She weighed in at 9 lb. 2 oz. and was 19" long. She joins a brother, Andy. Ren and Jay DeShong are the maternal grandparents.

The church website has link you can go to and see pictures and read daily updates on Natalie's health progress. Password is "natalieulett."

Counselor Notes...

The fourth week, in our series of looking to see if we have “safety” deficiencies in our relationships, will find us looking at our spiritual lives. In the book Safe People by Townsend and Cloud, four areas are assessed for signs of spending too much of our time, love, and energy with people who leave us feeling empty and used (unsafe relationships) as opposed to spending time with people who encourage our growth and development as a person (safe relationships). Three areas we have previously looked at are relationships, functioning and physical health. This week we will look at our spiritual lives.

For many years my family participated in Lay Witness Missions in which a group of lay people from across the US were invited to a specific church for a Lay Witness Mission Weekend. It was a time of reflection and growth for the church members as various visiting lay people shared their testimonies of what God was doing in their lives. A particular Saturday night activity was always one of my favorites. We drew our spiritual lives out on a graph. The vertical line of the graph demonstrates how close we felt to God, and the horizontal line represented our age in years. We were to mark with an X when we were saved and the times when felt closest to God through out our journey. Group members then shared their stories through their graphs. One night as I was leading the group, I was reflecting on my graph (again) and I realized that the ups and downs in my spiritual life were parallel to the ups and downs in a relationship I was having trouble with. More astonishing to me was that when I resolved the relationship issues, my spiritual life improved. What I did not know then, but have sensed learned is that our “relational condition” and our “spiritual condition” are as intricately connected as strands on a rope.

Fortunately and unfortunately, our walk with God isn’t an unshakable path which cannot be affected by others. Many people may have lost intimacy with the Lord through believers who wounded them in his name. Others have difficulty developing intimacy with the Lord because of relationships that left them feeling used, empty, and alone. Job says in 6:14, for the despairing man there should be kindness from his friend; lest he forsake the fear of the Almighty. Have you experienced an “unkindness from a friend” that has left you distant from God?

I encourage each of you to take time and draw a simple time line of your spiritual journey with God over the years (months or weeks). Mark the times when you felt closeness and warmth with God, times of doubt or anger, or times when God may have seemed critical, dangerous or even apathetic. Now draw another time line below that and ask the same thing about your closest relationships. Are there any parallels? Remember when evaluating your spiritual life to also look at you life in the world. Spending a lot of our time, energy and love with unsafe people can cut us off not only from a vital arm of God’s resources—his people, but it can cut us off from closeness with God himself.

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Warrensburg Community Center in the ABC Building
November 22, 1-4 p.m.

Shut-ins can arrange delivery of meal by calling 669-747-8158 before Nov. 19.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

50 years ago in November, 1957

Our congregation sent flowers to the Lutheran Church in its Dedication Days Celebration, congratulating them on their beautiful new building, which follows very closely the lines of National Avenue Christian Church in Springfield after which it was modeled.

Harland Osborne returned home from 14 months of service with the Army in Germany, completing two years of active service.

Illness from the flu and fear of contracting it materially cut down attendance at Sunday School and Church Worship during the first three Sundays of the month, with whole families affected by the illness. A check of absenteeism in the public schools indicated that the incidence of illness there was about the same as in the Sunday School. Pastor Woodruff stressed that there was no more likelihood of a child contracting flu in the Sunday School than in the public school and opined that, if a child was well enough to attend school five days a week, parents should not keep them away from church on the first day of the week.

The NEOLA

Camp Program Needs Your Help!

We need a few people to volunteer to lead two canoe trips this coming summer. Both trips will be on the Eleven Point. As a leader you will get to choose the dates of the trip as well as whether you would rather lead CYF or Chi Rho youth.

Please prayerfully consider serving the youth of our Area in this way next summer. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Alex Ruth at the Marshfield Christian Church (417-859-3426).

Thank you so much for hosting the Skate Park Breakfast Fundraiser. We really appreciate all the hard work and time everyone has put toward this community project. With everyone's support, we will make it happen!

Warrensburg Parks and Recreation

Thank you Church family, for the lovely carnation and card on my birthday and to Nita for bringing it. I have enjoyed it so much!

Margaret Barker

A special thank you to my First Christian Church family for remembering me on my birthday with a nice card and pink carnation. Thanks to Nita Good for bringing it to me. I also want to thank everyone who has brought communion to me.

*God Bless all of you.
Dee Bodenhamer*



YOUTH NEWS



JYF Youth Leaders Schedule for November

Nov. 11-Nancy Huff
Nov 18-Jackie Shumard
Nov. 25-No JYF, Thanksgiving weekend

JYF News

The k-5th grade will have their Christmas play on Dec. 16 during the children's moment.

Practices will start during Sunday School soon. We are learning the songs now. So come to Sunday School.

Youth Meals

Nov. 11-Gosney's
Nov. 18-Gosney's
Nov. 25-No Youth
Dec. 2-Gosney's
Dec. 9-Evans
Dec. 16-Evans
Dec. 23-No Youth
Dec. 30-No Youth

All Youth

No youth meetings on November 25, December 23, and December 30.

Chi Rho & CYF

The Chi Rho, CYF will have their Dinner Theater on December 16, from 5-7 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

They are starting to practice during the youth meetings on Sunday evenings.





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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship
 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

Natalie Jane Ulett
 Diane Corbett
 Ron Fitterling
 Earl Howey
 Dorothy Simmons
 Our Military that are deployed
 Our Law Enforcement

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Jerry Miller	12-Glenn Borum	17-C.L. Holdren
1-Brenda Dooley	14-Millie Burton	18-Doris Schroeder
1-Katie Smith	15-Ruth Smith	18-Brent Baldwin
2-Philip Shumard	15-Whitney Turner	20-Rick Dooley
6-Austin Frandsen	15-Marshall Good	23-Michael Wakeman
7-Don Kendrick	16-David Ritchhart	24-Toni Frandsen
8-Terri Smith	16-Rachel Vaughan	28-Marge Barry
9-Cathy Jones	17-Faye Kimbley	30-Hooley Lewis

Happy Anniversary!

1-Al & Anita Gosney
 3-Jerry & Phyllis Evans
 5-Robert & Sharon Cochran
 22-Floyd & Ganna Walker