

# 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:  
"The Most Beautiful  
Story"**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:  
Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Sermon Scripture  
Reading:  
Matt. 1:18-24**



First Christian Will Host The  
Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 7:00 p.m.



*From the Staff  
Of First Christian Church*





What a wonderful day last Sunday was here at First Christian! Even with “iffy” roads and sidewalks many people came out to support our children and youth’s presentations. Thanks to many but especially to Megan Holter for her tireless work. The kids’ play about the Jazzy, Snazzy Shepherd girl was great and put us all in the mood to worship. Then, Sunday evening our youth presented four skits that all had a wonderful message. The food was great, the atmosphere festive, and the fellowship uplifting. Thank you all!

We now speed toward Christmas. If you’re in town on Christmas Eve, please join us for the community Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First Christian at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 24. This is always one of my favorite services during the year. Several other congregations will join us as we celebrate Christ’s birth with hymns, readings, special music, communion, and the beauty of the candlelight.

I want to share with you this week a poem simply called: “Christmas.”

### **Christmas**

The evergreen, in a corner  
In your home on Christmas Day,  
Will be all decked in glory  
With lights so bright and gay;  
Tinsel will hang from the branches,  
Ornaments of radiant hue,  
All for the festive season  
That brings such joy to you.

Your cards, with joyful message  
Of friendship, well-expressed,  
All spread around your doorways  
To greet each welcome guest,  
Or will your heart with pulsebeats  
Of merry, o’erwhelming bliss,  
As with each precious wording  
Comes thoughts you would not miss.

And somewhere, with apt devotion,  
You’ve made a manger scene  
With Mary, Joseph, Angels,  
And men of wisdom keen  
All bowed in adoration  
Of the Infant, Saviour King  
Who came to earth at Christmas  
God’s love and grace to bring.

Yet, not in ancient symbols  
Is Christmas truly shown,  
But it’s in the ancient symbols  
Is Christmas truly shown,  
But it’s in the yearlong living  
That Christ is really known  
As we walk in all life’s pathways  
As He, Himself, once trod  
To bind in love together  
Each one of us and God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Basye

### **Attendance for December 16**

Sunday School: 59  
Worship: 137

## Counselor Notes...

### A Great Gift

A thoughtful gift that we can give ourselves as well as others is being free of cold and flu viruses throughout the holidays. The stress of the holiday season can lower our immune systems leaving us vulnerable to these viruses. Have you been to work, church, or a party where someone is sneezing or coughing, spreading their “cheer “to everyone? This week we will discuss some of the choices you can make to help you stay healthy.

Food is often a major part of the holiday celebration. Here are some choices that can help you stay healthy throughout the season. Drinking herbal teas such as chamomile or peppermint have a calming effect. They are a good choice to help you unwind at night and prepare for sleep. During stressful times, the body has an increased need for vitamins A, C, and the B vitamins. Vitamin A & C are found in orange and yellow fruits and vegetables, citrus fruits, baked potatoes and leafy greens such as spinach. The B vitamins are found in liver, nuts, bananas and whole grains.

Drinking caffeine is a big temptation to get a quick pick me up. However, too much caffeine can cause palpitations, jittery nerves, insomnia and elevated blood pressure. Caffeine is also a diuretic; too much caffeine can leave you dehydrated, which can lead to fatigue and headaches. Try to drink 6-8 oz glasses of water daily and see what happens to your energy level. When we feel well, we make better decisions and are more pleasant to be around. Paul reminds us in 1 Cor 6:19 that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Be aware of the choices you make that will keep your temple a joyous and virus free home this Christmas.

Kerry Morell  
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### **CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE**

#### **10 years ago in December, 1997**

Because we came up short in pledging enough money to fund the basic needs of the church in the 1998 budget, a challenge was issued by J.P. Mees for us to demonstrate our belief in our Mission Statement. Many individual members stepped up to meet the challenge by increasing giving. Significant to reaching the needed goal was the commitment of \$10,000 from the Campbellite Ministries group, led by **Debbie Haller**, who intended to meet their commitment by a year long series of “fund” raising efforts, planning breakfasts, lunches, dinners and other events to raise funds and stimulate fellowship. This was the beginning of a ministry that continues to the present day.

A special Sunday worship was the *Festival of Lesson and Carols*, led by **Mary Beth Taylor**. The choir sang several anthems, accompanied by a variety of brass instruments played by students from CMSU. **Ren DeShong** offered a special organ prelude accompanied by **Will Halsey** on the trumpet. The new handbells had their debut as a part of the worship service.

**2007 Giving  
Must be received in the church  
office by December 31 or  
postmarked by December 31  
to be counted on this year's  
giving statement. This is an  
IRS rule.**

How Awesome!!

The youth Dinner Theater was a great success. After the food expense they have a profit of \$302.94, and this will be donated to the Food Center. Thank you for your support.



**No Newsletter  
During Christmas  
Week**

*Natalie is finally home. We want to thank the church family for all their prayers, support, and well wishes during the birth and hospital stay of our granddaughter. God truly has blessed us with a wonderful early Christmas present.*

*Jay & Ren DeShong*

*I want to thank my Church Family for the pretty carnation brought to me on my birthday by Linda Hoover. She brought Easton, her grandson with her, and he sang "Happy Birthday" to me. That made their visit extra special.*

*Bless you all,  
Mary Hall*

*Dear Church Family,*

*My thanks to Peggy for bringing the birthday carnation. Her visit was special.*

*Also "Thanks" to Pastor Jerry for his calls and prayers after my falls within the past year.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Jo Sterling*

## “Angels of Care”/ “Poinsettias”

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Poinsettia/Charity</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>
<i>Lee, Tammie &amp; Marissa Crabtree</i>	<i>Food Center</i>	<i>Nathan Thomas Crabtree</i>
<i>Lee, Tammie &amp; Marissa Crabtree</i>	<i>Food Center</i>	<i>Sarah Lee Crabtree</i>
<i>Larry ,Donna Elliott &amp; Family</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>Clifford &amp; Zelma Lee Oechsli</i>
<i>Larry, Donna Elliott &amp; Family</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>William &amp; Chessie Elliott and Janice Rice</i>
<i>Don Patterson Family</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Mickey Patterson</i>
<i>Vivian &amp; J.C. Sutton</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Dian Barnes</i>
<i>Jane Russell</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Marion &amp; Hazel Dyer</i>
<i>Jane Russell</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>Eddie Russell</i>
<i>Charlene Droege</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Gilbert Droege, Nancy Droege Francis and Parents</i>
<i>Shirley Brockman</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Bob Brockman</i>
<i>Shirley Brockman</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>Clinton Coonrod</i>
<i>Helen Simon</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Ed Simon</i>
<i>Noel, Shirley, Steven, Philip and Kristal Dougherty</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>S.M. &amp; Mary Hartman</i>
<i>Noel, Shirley, Steven, Philip and Kristal Dougherty</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>A.J. &amp; Blanch Dougherty</i>
<i>Mary Catherine Handly</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Lynn Y. Handly</i>
<i>Yvonne &amp; Dale Slifer</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Our Parents, Amy &amp; Bert Hurloy Gretta &amp; George Slifer</i>
<i>Donna Hays, Denise, Deanna, Delores, Duane, Heather, Stephanie Nicole, Marcie, Dallas, Hayden &amp; Kegan</i>	<i>2 Poinsettias</i>	<i>John McKinley (Dad &amp; Grandpa) Vera McKinley(Mom &amp; Grandma)</i>
<i>Bruce &amp; Mary Howey</i>	<i>Food Center</i>	<i>Marion &amp; Lillian Morley</i>
<i>Bruce &amp; Mary Howey</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Red &amp; Eva Flanders</i>
<i>Rosalie Elwell</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Bud Elwell</i>
<i>Rosalie Elwell</i>	<i>Poinsettia</i>	<i>Diane Schell Johnson</i>
<i>Dianne, Wes Maness &amp; Megan Holter</i>	<i>Food Center</i>	<i>Velma McCloud</i>
<i>Milfred &amp; Mary Hall</i>	<i>J.C.E.C.C.</i>	<i>Walter, Lela, and Marion Reynolds</i>
<i>John &amp; Janette Howard</i>	<i>Food Center</i>	<i>Lester &amp; Tillie Howard</i>
<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Poinsettia/Charity</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>
<i>Bruce &amp; Mary Howey</i>	<i>Survival</i>	<i>Earl &amp; Gindy Howey</i>



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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 Jayne Ulett  
 Diane Corbett  
 Ron Fitterling  
 Glenn Borum  
 Family of Imogene McMillan (Harland & Paul Osborne's Cousin)  
 Tammy Slifer's Family (Her father passed.)  
 Our Military that are deployed  
 Our Law Enforcement

# December Celebrations

## Happy Birthday!

1-John Sellman	10-Jo Sterling	24-Ben Huff
3-Mary Frances Hall	15-Ella Smith	26-Don Patterson
7-Anita Gosney	15-Grace Smith	28-Mary C. Handly
8-Kenneth Martin	17-Nancy Seigfreid	30-Kristal Dougherty
9-Helen Simon	17-Ryan Wiss	31-Robin Russell
9-Larry Elliott	20-Nita Good	

## Happy Anniversary!

11-Mary & Bruce Howey	22-Shirley & Noel Dougherty
16-Tammie & Lee Crabtree	27-Joyce & Jerry Miller
17-Sherin & John Sellman	
18-Dana & Earney Burchard	
20-Judy & Paul Osborne	
20-Christi & Kit Lindsay	