

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.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional
Service

Sermon for Sunday
"Unbelievable!"

1st Scripture Reading
Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon Scripture
Luke 1:26-38

Attention: Forty Niners (Past & Present)

Sixty years ago a new Sunday School Class was organized at First Christian Church. Members chose the name "Forty Niners."

To celebrate this 60th anniversary, we would be pleased to have you join us on December 13. Class meets at 9:30 in the Education Building; we hope to sit as a group during the 10:40 worship, and then we will go to the Christian Life Center for the monthly Campbellite Dinner (\$6.00). Following dinner we will go to the parlor for a time of fellowship. Come for all or a part of these events.

Youth Pancake Supper

We want to thank you all for the loving support you give to the church youth group. We served 75 people pancakes, sausages and ham. We cleared \$203, which will be used for our Sunday evening meals. Thank you all for your generous support.

Campbellite Dinner



**Come join us this Sunday, December 13, for
good food and fellowship.**

**Menu: Pork tenderloin, meat loaf, fried apples,
scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert**



Chapter Six of the book “A Handbook for Today’s Disciples” is titled, “Disciples and Moral-Ethical Issues.”

Disciples’ Traditions:

From their origins as a rural people and their belief in the sovereignty of individual choice, Disciples were slow to develop a collective social consciousness.

The rapid industrialization of America during the final decades of the 19th century spawned a wide range of social issues that awakened a new moral concern among Disciples. Among those issues were violent disputes between labor and management, the quality of life in a rapidly urbanizing society, growing classes of economically and politically oppressed persons, and a broad array of questions in the area of human and civil rights. This caused questions in the area of human and civil rights. This caused the Disciples to re-examine and begin to delve into social issues on a broader scale.

Although 19th century Disciples rarely spoke with one voice on controversial social questions, there was one striking exception: the sale of liquor which Disciples universally opposed and against which they exerted political influence wherever possible. The sensational exploits of Carry Nation brought national attention to the Disciples and to their staunch support of prohibition.

Since then, Disciples have been speaking out and are involved with many social concerns. In its General Assemblies the church has spoken more than 220 times through formal resolutions. This allows the Disciples to use their collective voice to influence the social environment. However, these declarations never presume to speak for all Disciples. Resolutions on moral-ethical issues call the church to study and engagement, but do not impose universally held positions on its members. This is one aspect of Disciples’ tenacity in defending the freedom of individual opinion. Going back to the impetus of their own founding, Disciples are still a people quick to challenge any source of authority that does not begin with an act of individual choice.

The Disciples have clearly developed a social awareness and usually speak forthrightly on issues in the socioeconomic, political, and international arenas. On matters of personal morality, Disciples hold a deep confidence in the ability of individuals to form judgments for themselves. In other words, when it comes to individual decisions, Disciples will not provide a systematic blueprint for your personal behavior. It will, however, insist that you carefully study the moral and ethical teachings of Christ and assume full moral responsibility for your own personal decisions.

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry

Library News!

There will be Christmas books and videos available in the Children’s Library.
Parents, please take a look with your youngsters.

December 6 Attendance

Praise Service: 55
Sunday School: 61
10:40 Worship: 153

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades
December Calendar

**13-5:00 p.m.-Christmas Party/Bring Snacks
and a \$5 gift for game**

**20-4:00 p.m.-Youth and Family Christmas
Caroling**

27-NO YOUTH

**6-12th graders-We need a definite count for
Branson's Young Christians Weekend on
March 26-28, 2010 and a \$20 deposit is due by
December 30. Total cost is \$75 per person and
fundraisers will offset this cost. Balance is due
by February 15, 2010.**

Thank You Notes!

*It was so nice to be remembered by my church
family on my birthday.*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful flower
brought by Kathy Ramser. It was a special joy to
visit with her.*

Hooley Lewis

*Richard and I would like to thank each of you for
your cards, emails, calls, flowers and prayers.
The outpouring of love and support has been truly
humbling. Our God is an awesome God and our
church family is love. What a combination. I
look forward to seeing you in the spring.*

Peggy Dudley

Dear First Christian Church,

*Thank you for hosting our November luncheon
at the church. Our members enjoyed coming to
your building and seeing it. Thank you for the
warm welcome.*

*Erin Sims
Chamber of Commerce*

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

50 years ago in December, 1959

The young people of Chi Rho and CYF presented *Why the Chimes Rang* at the Sunday evening Vesper Service. . . . From the Christian Church News, December 26: *All of the classes and departments of the Sunday School held some kind of a Christmas Party. Many of the classes brought toys for the Orphans Home or food to fill a basket for a needy family. The whole Sunday School participated in the special Christmas Offering which totaled \$399.45. During the last half of the Sunday School hour last Sunday the entire Sunday School assembled to sing carols and to make the special offering. The always favorite, Jingle Bells, was inserted among the carols listed on the mimeographed programs. Filmstrips with sound were shown to a number of the groups. These consisted of: When the Littlest Camel Knelt, Christopher Mouse, Holy Child of Bethlehem, and The Lost Angel.*

Recipe Correction

The recipe is on page 78, "Grandma Betty's Meat Loaf". It should say 1 can of vegetarian vegetable soup (not 3 cans).

Judy Cammack

Congregational Meeting

**December 20, after the Praise Service and after
the 10:40 Worship Service.**

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

There are still some open slots that are in need of being filled as Bell Ringers at Bi-Lo. If you are interested in doing an hour, please call Oscar at 660-747-2576. Leave a message if there is no



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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.

Name

Louise Kendrick
 Pam Black (Louise & Don's daughter)
 Chloe & Chance Lemos Family
 Peggy Dudley
 Guy Spear
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed

FARM FRESH EGGS!

\$1.75 per doz.

\$2.50 per 18

**Call James Dooley to order
 660-429-5825.**

December Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

December

1-Evan Stuck	15-Ella Smith	28-Mary C. Handly
1-John Sellman	15-Grace Smith	30-Kristal Dougherty
3-Mary Frances Hall	16-Kathy DeFoe	31-Robin Russell
7-Anita Gosney	17-Nancy Seigfreid	
8-Kenneth Martin	17-Ryan Wiss	
9-Helen Simon	20-Nita Good	
9-Larry Elliott	24-Ben Huff	
10-Jo Sterling	26-Stacey Burton	

Happy Anniversary

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