

# 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 Title**

"Supersize It!"

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 9:24-28

**Sermon Scripture**

Mark 12:41-44



The Worship Committee needs your help on Sunday, **November 22**, after the 10:40 Worship Service as we get the Sanctuary and Christian Life Center ready for our Advent Season on November 29 and the Hanging of the Greens service on December 6.

We need to get decorations from the attic, make sure bows, wreaths, garland and lights are in good condition, set up the tree and get a tree for the CLC, set up the Advent candle wreath, and so much more. Please-- we need everyone to help with this.



### *Community* **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Johnson County H.E.L.P. along with many volunteers will be putting together the Community Thanksgiving Dinner here at First Christian Church in the Christian Life Center on November 26. If you wish to volunteer to serve, you must call Paula at 747-5332 or 747-4357.

We have been asked as a group to provide the dressing. We will need donations of celery, onions, eggs, and lots of bread on or before November 25.



This week I want to continue the chapter called “Disciples at Worship.” This week we focus on Prayer: The scriptures brim with the language of prayer. The eloquence of prayer is found in the Psalms, in Job, and in the lamentations of the prophets: it’s perfection, in the prayers of Christ. It is the only language that expresses the full depth and breadth of our lives.

Prayer is the means through which human kind intimately relates to God. Often defined as “communion with God,” prayer opens the heart and mind to receive the touch of grace, to liberate the soul from the sag of mediocrity. It is the most critical and essential experience in the life of Christian faith.

Public worship provides prayer in many forms. There are prayers of adoration, prayers of thanksgiving (expressing gratitude), prayers of contemplation when we rest and reflect, prayers of confession where we submit our true selves to God, prayers of intercession where we seek help for others, and prayers of petition that contain our personal request for God’s blessing.

#### Disciple Traditions

Disciples have always viewed prayer as the major discipline of the Christian life. The emphasis has been more upon private prayer than upon a formalized public ordering of prayer in worship. The private nature of prayer among Disciples has always been supplemented with participation in public worship, keeping the private experience from descending into a sentimental self-centeredness. Listen carefully, and one will note that Disciples’ prayers in the public sanctuary and in the privacy of the heart are dominated by thankfulness.

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

#### **Attendance for November 1**

**Praise Service: 43**

**Sunday School: 42**

**10:40 Worship: 122**

**Help a child or family have a bright, happy Christmas! *Project Shining Star*** is the Christmas gift-giving program for current Catholic Charities’ clients in Warrensburg. This gift-giving program invites groups, families, or individuals to sponsor a family for Christmas. A “wish list” is provided with gift-buying ideas in late fall. Gifts are delivered by case managers in early December. Suggested budget for each recipient is \$25-\$40. Contact Velina at 747-2241 or e-mail [Project.Shining.Star@ccharities.com](mailto:Project.Shining.Star@ccharities.com) for more information or to receive wish lists.

## Youth News!

6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades

### November Calendar

8-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting  
15-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting  
20-7 p.m.-H.S. Play (sit as a group)  
22-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting  
29-NO YOUTH

The youth are selling Home Interior candles and food mixes to raise money for a trip in the spring to the *Young Christians Weekend* in Branson, MO.

### Salvation Army Needs Volunteers with Bell Ringing Campaign

Money raised in Johnson County through the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign is used year-round to provide help in emergencies to those in need. If anyone would be willing to help this holiday season by being a bell ringer, please call Oscar Robertson at 660-747-2576. Leave a message if no answer.

### October Financial Report

#### Income

General	\$14,315.50
Outreach	1,249.65

#### Expenses

General	\$17,225.90
Outreach	1,369.52

#### Building Fund

Giving Income	\$ 5,793.75
CWF Special Gift (applied on principal)	7,500.00
Building Payment	5,927.00

### CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

#### 25 years ago in November, 1984

Congratulations were extended to **Ray & Judy Looper** on the birth of a son, **Jesse Earl**. **Helen Simon** is the maternal grandmother, and **Iva Goucher** the maternal great-grandmother. Several FCC youth members were recognized for their achievements in school events: **Amy Elsberry** placed fifth in the Mid-America Gymnastic Society competition; **Kara Weston** won the vocal music competition for the Missouri Music Teachers Association; **Kim Grigsby & Jay Miller** were in the WHS Marching Band that placed second place in the Music Bowl competition; **Shannon & Allison Sterling, Sara & Eva Cochran** were on the WHS Lady Tigers team that finished third in the Class 3-A Volleyball tournament; **Jay Miller** finished as an All-State runner in sixth place, to help the WHS Cross Country team take first place in the 3- A State Championship. The newsletter began featuring stories of people and happenings at various events, reported by a church mouse named **Goliath**. Articles were illustrated by original cartoon drawings depicting the gossipy little fellow around the church.

### Thank You Notes

*First Christian Church,*

*Many thanks to my Christian Church friends for the pretty carnation for my birthday and to Mary Howey for bringing it. Her parents was good friends of mine. It was so nice to visit with her.*

*Being remembered by you all helped make my day a happy one.*

*Dee Bodenhamer*

### Thanksgiving Special Offering

For decades now, Disciples, like you, have been providing resources to further the education of Disciples students at Disciples institutions of higher education. The 2009 Thanksgiving Offering provides the way for more Disciples to have that shared experience with a particular group of people. Please give generously and let us support **our Disciples students at our schools!**



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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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Return Service Requested



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

**Name**

Family of Flo Mullis  
 For those who have inadequate health Insurance.  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed  
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Please turn your pledge cards in if you have not done so already.

# November Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Jerry Miller    | 14-Millie Burton   | 19-Chloe Lemos      |
| 1-Brenda Dooley   | 15-Ruth Smith      | 20-Rick Dooley      |
| 1-Katie Smith     | 15-Whitney Turner  | 22-Travis Seigfreid |
| 2-Phil Shumard    | 15-Marshall Good   | 23-Michael Wakeman  |
| 6-Austin Frandsen | 16-David Ritchhart | 23-Maggie Stuck     |
| 7-Don Kendrick    | 17-Faye Kimbley    | 24-Toni Frandsen    |
| 8-Teri Smith      | 17-C.L. Holdren    | 28-Marge Barry      |
| 9-Cathy Jones     | 18-Doris Schroeder | 29-Sanai Hayes      |
| 12-Glenn Borum    | 18-Brent Baldwin   | 30-Hooley Lewis     |

**Happy Anniversary**

- 1-Anita & Al Gosney  
 22-Floyd & Ganna Walker  
 3-Phyllis & Jerry Evans  
 27-Connie & Roger Baldwin  
 4-Carol & Scott Dunham  
 5-Sharon & Robert Cochran