

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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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

Joyful Noise
Sunday, March 28
10:40 a.m. Service

Our Sanctuary Boiler is out at this time. Please dress accordingly for Worship.

Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows
April 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday Dinner & Movie
April 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

In the Christian Life Center

Soup & Pot Luck Carry-In

Bring a side or dessert to share if you are able.

Movie to Begin at 6:45 p.m.

The Final Inquiry

All ages are welcome to join in the meal. However, the movie is recommended for 12 and over. Younger children will be entertained in the nursery during the movie if desired. If you are bringing a younger child, please confirm with Brenda Dooley so we will have an attendant.

Sponsored by the Faith Matters Sunday School Class

Easter Sunday, April 4

Campbellite Breakfast

7:30 a.m. in the CLC

Easter Praise Service

8:30 a.m.

Led by Youth

Traditional Easter Service

10:40 a.m.

Bring your flowers to put on the cross.

Baptismal Service during worship



As always, it's hard to believe another Lenten season is quickly coming to an end. Let me lift up several things. Next week is Holy Week. We will gather on Thursday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m. for the Maundy Thursday worship service. This is always a special service as we extinguish the candles and end in darkness. I have readers lined up. (Thanks to Jerry Evans, Kathy Ramser, Vyrdel, and to Anna Huff for helping, also.) Then on Good Friday, the Faith Matters class is hosting a carry-in meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by the movie, *The Final Inquiry*. Easter Sunday is April 4. We will have three baptisms. These students have been with me for pastor's class the past several weeks and, as always, I've really enjoyed our time together. We talk about what religion is, who our church is, what the Bible is about, what baptism is, and who God and Jesus are and how they interact in our lives through the Holy Spirit.

I also want to say a word of thanks to all of you as we've hopefully made it through such a tough winter. We will appreciate spring more fully this year, that's for sure. I hope Easter Sunday breaks warm and beautiful, but even if it doesn't we will still celebrate the empty tomb and the great glory of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This week please enjoy, "Eight Gifts That Don't Cost a Cent To Give."

Eight Gifts That Don't Cost A Cent To Give

1. The Gift of Listening... But you must Really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
2. The Gift of Affection...Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
3. The Gift of Laughter...Funny pictures. Share articles, funny stories and funny greetings. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
4. The Gift of a written note...It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
5. The Gift of a compliment...A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
6. The Gift of a favor...Every day, go out of your way to do something kind. Helping elderly cross the road can be nice.
7. The Gift of Solitude...There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition...The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades

March Calendar

26th-3:30 p.m.-Youth Leave for Branson Young
Christians' Weekend
28th-**No Youth Meeting** (back from trip around
7 p.m.)

Deaconess Training

**This Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m., in the parlor,
for new Deaconesses and any others who would
like to join us for Deaconess training.**

Sign seen in an office in the UCM
James Kirkpatrick Library

**Sorrow looks back
Worry looks around
Hope looks up**

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in March, 2000

Congratulations were extended to **Terri Smith** on the birth of her daughter, **Caroline Olivia**. Grandparents are **Nick & Jeanne Nichol**. Great Grandmother is **Maudie Ross Hoffman**. . . . New member, **Judy Atkin**, was welcomed as she joined by transfer. . . . With the help of members of the congregation, physical improvement was going on in different areas of the building. Among those were the nursery , which was being repainted, and the baptistry, which was under construction. While the men were tearing out the old baptistry, they found a piece of wood that was dated June 4, 1924, with the name of **Fred Nelson** beside it. They planned to reuse that piece of wood and likewise sign and date it. Additionally, the sanctuary roof was replaced. Many members assisted in these projects, including Property Committee, Future Plans Committee, Campbellite Construction Crew, the High School Youth, and other individuals.

World Vision—Feeding the Hungry Children

World Vision has been in the poverty-fighting business for six decades. It all started when an evangelist named Bob Pierce traveled to Korea, where he came face-to-face with children orphaned by war—and decided he had to do something. Since then, our amazing supporters have sponsored millions of kids, providing them and their communities with access to basic needs like clean water, better nutrition, health care, education, and economic opportunity. Today, 3.6 million children benefit from sponsorship programs worldwide. It's about demonstrating God's love to children in need.

Our church congregation here at First Christian sponsors two children. The first one a boy named Jatanbasi Molsom, from South Tripura ADP, India and a second child Ansha Seid from Ethiopia. We send \$65 a month and this feeds them and gives them access to healthcare, education and clean water. We have sponsored Jatanbasi for two years and Ansha for one year. We take up a collection once a month in first service. But you can donate anytime for this endeavor.

You will have an opportunity to help us feed the children on April 20-May 1, as the youth of First Christian Church again do the 30-Hour Famine and collect funds. We will fast for 30 hours, along with several other church youth groups in Warrensburg. The Warrensburg Youth Ministry Coalition is sponsoring this event. It will start at noon with our last meal at school, and we will then meet at First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. We will visit many churches for various events, along with mission projects, (Food Scavenger Hunt for the Food Pantry) until Saturday at 6 p.m. Please help us feed the hungry children. \$30 will feed a child for 1 month. \$360 will feed a child for 1 year. We need your help. You can donate to First Christian Church and mark in the memo line "Famine", or "Hungry."



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**Come to Worship!
 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
 Derrick Myers (Friend of Jerry and Vyrdel)
 Laura Cammack Hopkins
 Richard Schelp (Cammacks' Friend)
 Lanny Lybarger (Toni's Father)
 Hooley Lewis
 Uhler Family
 Family of William McClellan (Former Member)

April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

5-Greg Cobb	11-Vicki Granger	21-Harland Osborne
6-Sarah Haller	12-Nick Etter	21-Janice Wolff
7-Kit Lindsay	13-Hanna Stillwell	21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid
8-Pat Sterling	16-Reylene Harbit	22-Deke Alkire
8-Marshall Erisman	17-Elizabeth Shumard	23-Martha Smarr
9-Nancy Huff	18-Connie Baldwin	25-Jon Frandsen
9-Chuck Owings	18-David Schroeder	25-Brayden Godfrey
10-Kay Elliott	19-Lindsey Davis	29-Courtney Files
10-Sharon Cochran	20-Sherri Ellgass	29-Kerry Tappin
11-Charles Harbit		

Happy Anniversary

1-Carrie & Casey Laws
 1-Kay & Bill Elliott
 10-Shannon & Greg Cobb
 20-Pat & Duane Sterling
 28-Mary Frances & Milfred hall