

# 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.**

**April 29:  
"Heroes"**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

**John 10:22-30**

Sermon Scripture:

**Rev. 7:9,14-17**

*Hurry, quick,  
Don't be late!  
May the 5<sup>th</sup> is  
A special date!*

*Can't find a doll?  
Don't have a hat?  
Not to worry-  
We thought of that!*

*Of spare hats we have plenty,  
Dolls and bears, we have many!  
They're just as you come in the door!*

*Need a grandma, a mommy, a daughter or two?  
How 'bout a sister: we have them too!*

*We have temporary adoptions from 1 until 4.  
Like everything else, it's just inside the door.*

*A special day for family and friends,  
(Sometimes it seems like the list never ends)  
We want to set a place at our table,  
So give us a call just as soon as you're able.*

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
To do this, call Cindy at the church or Peggy at 747-7560.  
(Our sincere apologies to any poets in our midst!)*





Hello! It's great to be back after officiating at a wedding in St. Louis over the weekend. I was able to participate at a Catholic Church in St. Charles and it was a wonderful experience. The presiding deacon made me feel so welcome. This was the wedding of a high school buddy of my boys and someone whose family is just like our family. With Bret living out in the middle of Nebraska, it's always good to have everybody together. Thanks to Howard Cupp from Clinton for preaching and for everybody who helped with the service.

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 Disciple's prayers in the public sanctuary and in the privacy of the heart are dominated by thankfulness.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Basye*

#### **Attendance Sunday, April 15**

Sunday School: 33  
Worship: 127



### April Calendar

29 5-7 Regular meeting, work on youth Sunday. Meal by Nita Good.

#### **We Need Your Help**

Youth Sunday will be May 6, and the youth have a request. Since it is the first Sunday of the month, please bring canned goods to the worship service. The youth will pick them up during worship.

**Kyle Johnson**, former organist here at First Christian Church, is finishing his doctorate degree and is inviting everyone to his free organ recital at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, 1001 W. Walnut, on May 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Dear First Christian Church Members,  
Thank you so much for donating your facilities for us to have our fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner. Because of your generosity, we have raised enough money to provide four facial surgeries from Operation Smile.  
Thanks again for your support.  
The Members of National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association

#### **Calling All Graduates!**

Please let the church office know of any graduates in your family. We will be recognizing our high school graduates in May sometime and want to make sure we include everyone.

We also would like to know of other graduates within the circle of First Christian.



### **April 29-May 6**

Sun. 29 8:30 a.m. Elders' Mtg.  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship  
Coffee Fellowship in the parlor  
1:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Mtg. @ Shiloh,  
Potluck lunch.  
5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF and JYF  
Mon. 30 9:00 a.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Tue. 1 9:00 a.m. Johnson-Henry Co. CWF  
11:30 a.m. Retired Teachers Luncheon  
2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:00 p.m. DOC  
6:30 p.m. Evg./Membership Mtg.  
Wed. 2 6:28 p.m. Comm. Meetings  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg.  
7:28 p.m. Board Meeting  
Fri. 4 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bunch @ T.Den  
Sat. 5 10:00 a.m. KinderMusik  
12:00 p.m. Ladies Tea Party in CLC  
Sun. 6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Homebound Communion  
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday  
Coffee Fellowship in parlor  
1:30 p.m. Sunday @ the Farm  
No Youth Meetings

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

#### **25 years ago in April, 1982**

April was Easter month in 1982, and many activities of the church centered around the celebration, including a Palm Sunday Sacrificial Breakfast for all members of the family. The breakfast consisted of rice, tea, coffee, and water. A freewill offering was accepted for relief of suffering, which was sent to the Church Finance Council to help support the basic mission outreach giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our church hosted the annual Maunday Thursday service.

Thanks were extended to the following people who prepared bulletin board the first four months of the year:  
**Ruby Kanoy, Anita Gosney, Sammy Ann Boswell and Charlene Droege.**

New members who were baptized in April were **Katrina DesCombes, Sara Cochran, Eva Cochran, Lori Sellman, Angela Gosney and Chris Mahon.**

The church bus provided transportation for all who needed rides to attend services and other activities.



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**Come to Worship!**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

**Sunday**

**Sunday School (All Ages): 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship: 10:40 a.m.**

**Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.**

**Non-Profit Organization**  
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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 Zelma Oechli

\*Margaret Neal

\*C.L. Holdren

\*Maddie Winger

\*Gilbert Droege

\*Prayers for those being deployed and family

**V.B.S. Leaders Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m.**  
**Shiloh Missionary**  
**Baptist Church**  
**Potluck Lunch**

# May Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

2-Katelin Ritchhart

5-Kathryn Owings

5-Jeanne Nichol

7-Helen Graves

7-Phyllis Evans

7-Katy Klein

9-Brenda Blevins

10-Mary Ruth Googe

11-Georgia Frizzell

11-Andrew Gosney

13-Sampson Stillwell

15-Tom Neal

15-Jacelyn Laws

17-Ana-ashli Baldwin

17-Earney Burchard

19-Kelly Good

22-Jackie Shumard

24-Jerry Evans

25-Karen O'Dell

25-Natalie Good

26-Flo Mullis

27-Marge Dyer

28-Mary Martin

29-Tammie Crabtree

29-Garrett Good

**Happy Anniversary!**

4-Donna & Larry Elliott

6-Terri & Matt Smith

6-Jane & Norman Russell

10-Mary Jay & Gene Lang

18-Renee & Allen Shackelford

23-Jeanne & Nick Nichol

28-Kelley & Joe Good

30-Yvonne & Dale Slifer