

*"Growing God's Family To Share God's Word"*

## **First Christian Church**



# Visitor

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*Here's Living Caroling*

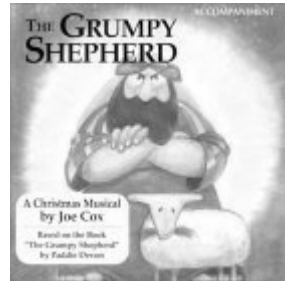
### **CAROLING AND TASTING PARTY**

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> we'll go caroling and enjoy homemade treats. All ages and voice types are welcome. Meet at the church to carol from 5-6 P.M. Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share following caroling at 6:00 PM.

### **THE GRUMPY SHEPHERD – Dec. 12**

The children of FCC will present this Christmas musical on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11:15 AM. There will be a potluck luncheon following the show. All family and friends are invited to come, please bring a dish or two to share with guests.

All preschool age children are invited to be part of the musical by wearing an animal costume and joining in the final scene around the manger. All children present will receive a Christmas gift from the church.



### **ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS**

It's once again time to order poinsettias for the Sanctuary. The price this year is \$10.00. The orders must be in the church office by Friday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to be placed in the Sanctuary by Christmas. Please fill out the order and place it in the offering tray or leave in the church office.

### **ELEVATOR PROBLEMS CURED!**

This past Sunday we had some problems with the elevator. After careful research we have discovered that our problems were not with the elevator, but a squirrel that got caught in a transformer out on the alley, which caused low voltage to the church, in turn, which made the elevator malfunction. The problem is remedied!

### **MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Spc. Zach Street, Capt. Tom Waters, Spc. Michael Gayso, Danny Randolph, Keith Michels, CPL William Cotner, SPC Matthew Buchanan, Troy Street, LCPL Jon E. Arnold, Chaplain Major Jim Summers, E-4 Mark Homan, Jonathan Smith and Joe Swift.



### **OPERATION PRAYER SHIELD**

Please keep all those in service whose pictures are on display in our lobby in your prayers.

### **SERVING IN DECEMBER**

Diaconate: Jay Griggs, Megan Gidcumb, Bonnie Griggs, Calvin Seybold, Zach Street, Troy Street, Herb Compton and John Bellessa

Custodial Deacon: Jay Griggs

Communion Preparers: Pat Beesley & Dana Tate

Acolytes: Ian Wiser & John Foshee

Camera Person:

Elder on Call: Gordon Kirkman

Sanctuary Straightener: Betty John

### **ELDERS SERVING**

December 5, 2004: Gayle Conrady & Bernie Wyatt

### **"BEST CHOICE" LABELS**

Please save your "Best Choice" labels from canned goods and foods from Buehler's Buy Low! If we save so many we can redeem them for CASH! We'll have a place for you to deposit them in the hallway by the office, so take off the labels and bring them on in! All we need is the UPC barcode with Best Choice printed over it. The Chi Rho will do this as an ongoing fund raiser to help buy some meals on Wednesday nights.



## OOPS!

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to Mark and Heather Folz. I put their names on the December Anniversary calendar and then lost them when the computer crashed in March! Heather & Mark...you're back on the list and Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!

## OPERATION SHARE – ANGEL TAGS

Donations of toys and money are needed for the Christmas phase of Operation Share. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or front hall. If you need a suggestion for a toy, please pick up an Angel Tag from the front lobby. Return the unwrapped toy by Dec. 13.



Those listed: Gladys Pope, Dave Duell, Frances Wood, Jeff Ankenbrand, Harold Meadows, Julie Wahler Girten, Eleanor Smith, Patty Sutton, Wanda Robinson, Ray Farrar, Don McClane, Brenda Knuckles, Jake Raibley, Nell Kinney, Bonnie Burns, Alice Warmoth, Bea Alka, Phyllis Crow, Dwight Hughey, Edythe Randolph, Mary Lucille Cox, our country, its leaders and all service men and women.

## MESSIAH TICKETS

The Evansville Philharmonic will present a Sing-Along Messiah on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. Jackie Summers will be one of the soloists. Please call the church office if you would like to go. The tickets are \$10.00 each.

## CELEBRATION CHOIR

The Celebration Choir will sing in Worship on Sunday, Dec. 5. We will rehearse on Friday night, Dec. 3 at 5:00 PM. Please join us as we celebrate in music the Light shining in our lives this Advent.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the worship service.



## THANK YOU

*Dear Members of the Administrative Board: I want to thank you for giving me the lovely plant, gift and card at the close of last week's board meeting. It made me feel so appreciated. We have a very special group of people – you- handling the business of God's church here in Mt. Carmel. We are truly blessed to have each and every one of you taking part in the life of our church. I have felt so supported and uplifted by all of you, and I want you to know I appreciate all of you so much.* Sincerley, Gayle Conrady

## DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

K-2 – Bonnie Griggs

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Kurt Keneipp

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Alison Mayhue

High School – Jon Mayhue

\*The new books are in the office!



Georgia Geneva (Allen) Patton

7-31-15 to 11-28-04

Our condolences go to the family of Geneva Patton who passed away this week.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Rev. Summers: I wish to express to you and the members of First Christian Church (DOC) our appreciation for the gift of three Medicine Box Kits and your cash contribution of \$1,200.00 to complete the Kits. As per your instructions, we will be making the Boxes available for overseas hospitals as "designated for use by Week of Compassion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)." I am pleased that we have been able to join with you and the members of First Christian in reaching out to our international neighbors in this fashion. Thank you for your concern. Without you help, we couldn't be doing this work.

Sincerely, Carol A. Hulver – Assistant Vice-President for Administration

**WILL PROVIDES FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW**

Since the terrible tragedy of Sept. 11, people have focused on things important in life: families, friends, faith. It is sobering to think about having life one moment, and in a momentary flash, life is then extinguished. As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us. Imagine the struggles your survivors might face if you do not have your estate plan in order. Who will decide how your personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can you imagine them struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents? By creating a legal will, you can provide your next-of-kin with peace of mind. A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember the church. A gift through your will demonstrates your love for God and the ministry of Jesus Christ. It also serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. Drawing up a legal will is a simple process, but make sure it is done right. That is the only way your wishes will be done after you are gone.

**JIM SUMMERS  
JACKIE MEECE SUMMERS  
CO-PASTORS**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE – Dec. 5th**

Sermon: Peace  
Rev. Jackie Meece Summers  
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Choir Practice 8:30 AM  
Morning Worship 9:30 AM  
Congregational Meeting 10:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Christmas Concert @ WVC 2:00 PM  
Tasting & Caroling Party 5:00 PM

**OFFERING – Nov. 28th**

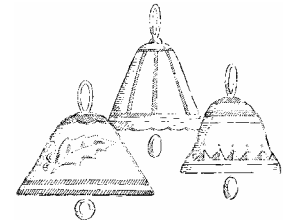
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Church School 22.25  
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Building Use 15.00  
Missions 8.00  
Elevator 135.00  
TOTAL – SPECIAL OFFERING: \$158.00  
GRAND TOTAL OFFERING: \$1,419.60

**WATCHING OUR FIGURES**

**Sunday Worship**  
11/28 122

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Date Tea. Pupils Total Offering**  
11/28 9 45 54 \$22.25



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