

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

First Christian Church



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Christmas Cards



The Christmas Card Tree is up! Please send us your Christmas Cards to share with the congregation and we'll be sure to put your card on the tree!



Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve Services will be at 8:00 P.M. and 11:30 P.M. Friday night, December 24th. Our youth will be handling the 8:00 P.M. service, and there will be a Candlelight Communion Service starting at 11:30 P.M.

RECEPTION – DECEMBER 19TH

There will be a special reception after worship on December 19th, to honor Jim before he is deployed to Iraq. His departure date has been moved from January 1st to December 26th. There will be a "Love" Offering taken to help with travel expenses, phone cards, etc.



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

Our Elders will be taking communion to our homebound this Sunday after worship. If you would like to receive communion, please call the church office as soon as possible.



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, SPC 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 19, 2004: Judy Sigler & Betty Foshee



Those listed: Trudy Lewis, Margaret Brookhart, 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.

JIM'S NEW ADDRESS

Chaplain Major Leslie J. Summers, Jr.
332 AEW/HC
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If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, the story would've been a bit different.

- The women would have asked for directions instead of trying to follow a light in the sky.
- The three women would have arrived in time for the birth, assisted Mary and congratulated Joseph.
- They would have cleaned the stable, found bedding for the manger, shopped for whatever was needed and prepared food and drink for all.
- And when the Baby cried, they would have taken turns to lovingly hold, sing and talk to the baby born to be a King.



TNT CLASS PARTY

The TNT Class will be having their Christmas Party this Sunday, December 19th, 5:30 P.M. at Dana Tate's. Please bring a dish to share, meat and beverage will be provided.

SUMMERS OPEN HOUSE

The Summers Family will be hosting a Christmas Open House this Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to drop by and enjoy Christmas goodies!



HOUSING FOR CHORAL STUDENTS

Our church is hosting the Transylvania University Choir January 8th and 9th. They will perform a free concert at the Brubeck Theatre at Wabash Valley College on Saturday January 8th at 7:30 P.M. They will sing in worship at First Christian on Sunday, January 9th at 9:30 A.M.

We need people to host 2-4 students in their home overnight and provide breakfast in their home for them on Sunday morning. We will have a potluck lunch on Sunday following Sunday School for the choir. Please contact Pat Williams or the church office to help.

Transylvania is one of our Disciples' Colleges, located in Lexington, KY. This is also Jackie Summers' alma mater and the same choral director she had while in college.



FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER @ VFW HALL

If this Christmas finds you in need of companionship, good food-or both...Please join us for Christmas Dinner with turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings at the VFW Hall – 101 S. Market Street – Mt. Carmel, IL. Serving starts at 11:30 A.M. and continues until 1:00 PM on Christmas Day. Everyone is welcome – dress casually – No charge and No obligation. If you have no transportation, call for a ride. If you can't get out, we'll deliver. Sponsored by friends who wish all to have a Festive Holiday! Before Christmas Day Call: 262-4151, on Christmas Day Call: 263-3377. Please call before 12:00 PM on Christmas Day.





The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said Jesus would be called.

CODE:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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X Z O O V W D L M W V I U F O

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T L W V E V I O Z H G R M T

U Z G S V I K I R M X V

L U K V Z X V

Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

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www.geocities.com/fcc_doc_mc - Website
www.afnews.af.mil/iraq/balad.htm - Balad AFB Website

SUNDAY SERVICE – Dec. 19th

Sermon: “All On Faith”
Rev. Jim Summers
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

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| Choir Practice | 8:30 AM |
| Morning Worship | 9:30 AM |
| Reception For Jim | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 10:45 AM |
| Summers Open House | 2-4 PM |

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
12/12 154

CHURCH SCHOOL

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Tea.</u> | <u>Pupils</u> | <u>Total Offering</u> |
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| 12/12 | 11 | 66 | 77 \$12.00 |

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
803 Market Street
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OFFERING – Dec. 12th

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| General | \$2,731.35 |
| Church School | 12.00 |
| TOTAL-General Offering | \$2,743.35 |
| Building Use | 15.00 |
| Missions | 20.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 230.00 |
| Operation Share | 400.00 |
| Reimbursement | 33.14 |
| Thanksgiving | 25.00 |
| Poinsettias | 80.00 |
| TOTAL – SPECIAL OFFERING: | \$803.14 |
| GRAND TOTAL OFFERING: | \$3,546.49 |



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