

“Growing God’s Family To Share God’s Word”

First Christian Church



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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.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study starts back on Wednesday January 5th, 2005. We will meet at 6:00 P.M. for a potluck meal followed by a NEW study on Jesus’ Parables. Invite a friend, call for a ride if you need one!

POINSETTIAS

We would like to thank all of you who donated a Poinsettia this year it helped make our sanctuary so beautiful. A complete list of donors are included in this edition of “The Visitor”.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS MEMBERS GIVEN GIFT

The Bible Study Class members received a Christmas gift from their teacher, Jack Singer at their Christmas Party. A DVD of “The Passion of Christ” was donated to the church library in honor of their faithfulness to their Christ, by their leadership in the church and by their study of God’s Word.

The Bible Study Class invites you to check it out and find the real meaning of Christmas. God, The Father, sent His son to reconcile us back to him! Colossians 1:15-23

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 JANUARY

Diaconate: Ray Street, Paula Street, Ricki Hays, Bryan Calverley,
Debbie Calverley, Marc Calverley, Lisa Benedict, Ben
Benedict

Custodial Deacon: Ray Street

Communion Preparers: Evelyn Frick & Mary Jo Birley

Acolytes:

Camera Person:

Elder on Call: Pat Williams

Sanctuary Straightener:

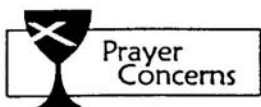
ELDERS SERVING

January 02, 2005: Barry Roberts & Gayle Conrady



BABY BLESSINGS

On Sunday, December 19th we welcomed two little ones into our church family. Anna Grace Gill and Kira Rose Sigler were brought forward by their families. We welcome these two precious little girls.



Those listed: Orlando E., Guy More, Trudy Lewis, Margaret Brookheart, 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
APO AE 09315-9997

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

We had several Christmas greetings on our Christmas Card Tree this year, the following sent their holiday wishes to our Church Family:
Maxine Baird & The Ferrari Family; Lexington Theological Seminary; Fred Deadmond; Kemper CPA Group; Jay, Tonya, Eli & Elliot Johnson; Christian Church Foundation Staff; J.E. Shekell, Inc.; Ruth & Elaine Spencer; Melvin & Marilyn Hocking; Ada Kleinschmidt; Mary Jo Birley; Len & Ruth Brummett; Harold & Sharon Mobley; Ken McRaven & Family; Betty Taylor; Ralph & Jean Raber; Genell McDaniel; Betty & Mike Foshee; Burley & Martha Herren; The Staff of Camp Walter Scott; Bill & Pat Beesley; Jim, Jackie, Clayton & Kate Summers; Wanda Robinson; Helen, Norman, Mary Jo and Sharon Luth; Charles & Esther Calverley; Dorothy & Paul Schafer; The Lathrop Family; Tony & Ruthie Bowles; Disciples World Magazine; Tom & Nelda Simpson; Hope Pregnancy Center; Ray, Paula, Zach & Troy Street; Marilyn Spruell; Steve, Judy, Stephanie and WCHD Staff; Margaret Brookheart; and Corwin Printing Company.



**JIM SUMMERS
JACKIE MEECE SUMMERS
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www.afnews.af.mil/iraq/balad.htm - Balad AFB Website**

SUNDAY SERVICE – Jan. 2nd

Sermon: Rev. Jackie Summers
Scripture:
Choir Practice 8:30 AM
Morning Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES Sunday Worship

12/19 154
12/26 84

CHURCH SCHOOL

Date	Tea.	Pupils	Total	Offering
12/19	8	47	55	\$15.00
12/26	6	23	29	\$18.00



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OFFERING – Dec. 19th

General \$3,090.00
Church School 15.00
TOTAL-General Offering:
\$3,105.00
Building Use 15.00
Missions 20.00
Christmas Offering 427.00
Messiah Tickets 37.00
Thanksgiving 5.00
Love Offering 115.00
TOTAL – SPECIAL OFFERING:
\$619.00

GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:
\$3,724.00

OFFERING – Dec. 26th

General \$1,905.00
Church School 18.00
TOTAL – General Offering
\$1,923.00
Building Use 15.00
Elevator 90.00
Fellowship Time 24.00
Evergreen 30.65
Christmas Offering 118.00
Memorial Fund 55.00
Love Offering 10.00
Poinsettias 20.00
TOTAL-SPECIAL OFFERING:
\$362.65
GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:
\$2,285.65

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