

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

First Christian Church



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WEEK OF COMPASSION

Did You Know.....The share of U.S. national household income going to the top 5% of the population reached its highest level on record in 2001, while the share going to the bottom, the next to bottom and the middle fifths of the population fell to all time lows.

(www.census.gov)

Nearly 2.5 billion of the world’s 6.3 billion people lack access to basic sanitation. One billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Contaminated water kills 2.2 million people per year.

(www.undp.org)

In the last 50 years, almost 400 million people worldwide have died from hunger and poor sanitation – that’s three times the number of people killed in all wars fought in the 20th century.

(www.worldhunger.org)

Week of Compassion’s annual offering observance is fast approaching. It is these regular, undesignated gifts that enable WOC to respond immediately to disasters like the tsunamis well before the first designated gifts arrive. They also enable us to respond to disasters throughout the year on average of once every two days – every 1.7 days in 2004! Already this year, besides the response to the tsunamis, WOC has responded to emergency/humanitarian requests from Sudan, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Grenada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Palestine and in five U.S. States – Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The Week of Compassion Special Offering will be collected on February 20 & 27. It’s remarkable what your gift will do.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the fabulous Pancake Supper kitchen crew, to those who helped set up and clean up, and to all who shared in fellowship and worship.

The Worship Committee

NEW GROUP FORMING

Would you like to lose a few pounds? Would you like to share recipes and healthy eating tips with others? Would you like to exercise somewhere where you don’t have to worry about being the only one at the gym who is out of shape? Well, maybe it’s time for you to “Lighten UP”! Meet with us on Thursday evenings at 5:00 P.M. here at the church. This will be starting February 24th. We’ll be getting together to share recipes, discuss healthy eating tips, read scripture, encourage each other and enjoy a little exercise. Call the church office if you need child care! So, “Lighten UP” and you can lose weight and gain faith!

LENTEN CROSSES

Jesus said, “Take up your cross and follow me.” We have something a little different planned for Lent this year. Sunday, during worship, I will ask a representative of each adult Sunday School class, plus the Chi Rho, CYF, and one person not attached to a class to receive a cross necklace. You are invited to wear or carry the cross with you for one week and then pass it on to someone else in your class or a person not involved in a class. This will continue during the six weeks of Lent. The cross will be a simple reminder for each of us of who we are and what Christ sacrificed for us. We invite you to share stories of your week with your class and friends.



VEGGIE TALES NIGHT

Mark you calendar now for Friday, Feb. 25th at 6:00 P.M. We’ll watch Sumo of the Opera and Duke and the Great Pie War if time permits. This event is open to families, children, youth and adults. Come enjoy a fun family night out. Soft drinks and popcorn will be provided. You are welcome to bring blankets and pillows to get comfortable!

MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Sgt. 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, Joe Swift, Bill Raney, Sarah Beauchamp, Jim Ed Hicks, Spc. Sam Shehorn and Spc. Marvin Bailey III

OPERATION PRAYER SHIELD

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

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Diaconate: Heather Folz, Sherman Deisher, Karissa Anderson,
Beth Browning, Lizzie Irelan, Lori Roberts
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Sandy Gibson & Ruth Buchanan
Camera Person: John Bellessa
Elder on Call: John Stelzer
Sanctuary Straightener: Mary Jo Birley
Greeter: Mary Jo Birley

ELDERS SERVING

February 20, 2005: Mike Gill & Barry Roberts



Those listed: Cheyenne Easterday, 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, Ray Farrar, Don McClane, Jake Raibley, Nell Kinney, Bonnie Burns, Alice Warmoth, Bea Alka, Phyllis Crow, Dwight Hughey, Edythe Randolph, our country, its leaders and all service men and women.

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COMMUNITY CHOIR

We will be forming a community choir to sing at the Good Friday Service on March 25th. This is a community noon service at the First Church of God with lunch, starting at 11:00 A.M. If you are in town and available to sing, please plan on joining us. Watch The Visitor for a rehearsal time.

TROY STREET'S ADDRESS

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thanks to everyone who showed up last Saturday for our first Property Department Winter Work Day. We got a lot accomplished, but there is a lot more to do. Watch the Visitor for the next work day!

DEACON CHANGES

If you have been to church lately you might have noticed that there have been some changes made to the way the Deacons serve communion. We are trying to serve with six deacons, and so far it is working very well, but for it to continue this way we need the full support of the diaconate by being here to serve when it is your turn. It is imperative that if the deacon can't be at church to serve, then they should find a replacement.

FEBRUARY 27TH – LIVING WATER SUNDAY

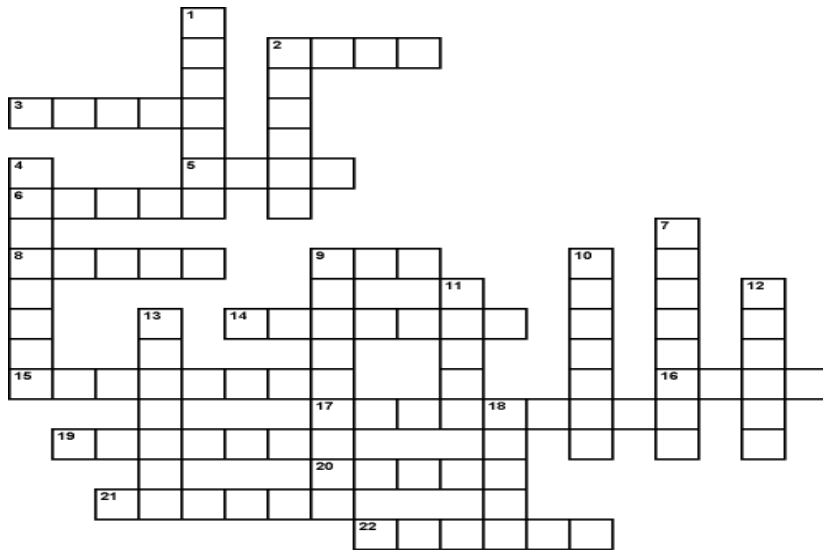
Want to know what this is all about???? Make plans and be here for worship and you'll find out!

YOUTH BAKE SALE – THIS SUNDAY

The youth will be holding a bake sale this Sunday immediately following worship, be sure to stop and help support our youth!



Women of the Bible Puzzle



Across

- 2. Mother of Jesus
- 3. Wife of Elimelech
- 5. Wife of Esau
- 6. Sister-in-law of Ruth
- 8. Egyptian handmaid, given to Abraham
- 9. Mother of Abel
- 14. She was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance
- 15. Wife of Felix
- 16. Wife of Boaz
- 17. King David saw her bathing
- 19. Queen of the Ethiopians
- 20. Daughter of David
- 21. Only one woman of this name appears in the bible
- 22. Wife of Jacob

Down

- 1. Was paid to discover Samson strength
- 2. Sister of Moses
- 4. Mother of Moses
- 7. The wife of Moses
- 9. Mother of John the Baptist
- 10. The wife of Ahab King of Israel
- 11. Daughter of Jacob
- 12. Sister of Mary
- 13. Early follower of Christ, who helped support Jesus from her personal resources
- 18. Wife of Abraham

Answers in the next edition of "The Visitor"

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SUNDAY SERVICE – Feb. 20th

Sermon: "Not My Problem"
 Rev. Jackie Summers
 Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM
Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Pastor's Class	10:35 AM
Sunday School	10:35 AM
CYF	3:00-5:00 PM

OFFERING – Feb. 13th

General	\$1,771.00
Church School	35.25
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$1,806.25
Fellowship Time	52.50
Helping Hands	20.00
Kitchen Renovation	200.00
Outreach	8.00
Relay For Life	44.46
Pancake Supper	121.43
TOTAL-Special Offering:	\$446.39
Grand Total Offering:	\$2,252.64

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
 2/13 143

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
2/13	9	60	69	\$35.25



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