

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

## **First Christian Church**



# Visitor

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### **VEGGIE TALES NIGHT**

Mark your calendar now for Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Bring a soda to share, and popcorn will be provided. You are welcome to bring blankets and pillows to get comfortable! We have a big screen TV and VCR generously loaned to us by Rent One of Mt. Carmel! Nothing else to do on Friday night...come on down and have a good fellowship with us.

### **BEAN DAY #46 ? ? ? ?**

Maybe? March 30<sup>th</sup> is the date approved at the Administrative Board meeting provided there is sufficient support by the congregation. Needed are: **50 volunteers...desserts...crafts & homemade items**. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance or call Betty Foshee at 262-5004 or Sarah Wiser at 263-4475. Based on the response, the decision will be made and announced at the March 13<sup>th</sup> worship service.

### **LENTEN CROSSES**

Don't forget to pass your cross on to another individual, if you haven't already done so. Let's keep this going!

### **FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – LIVING WATER SUNDAY**

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

### **GATHERING FOR WOMEN 2005**

"Global Positioning – Search for God's Direction" is the theme. We will go on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the Holiday Inn at Mt. Vernon, IL. The cost before March 15 is \$22.00. See the church office for registration forms. This is a nice day out for women to relax, think about your faith and how you practice your faith. All women of the church and friends are welcome.

### **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

### **WELCOME HOME!**

CPL William (Billy) Cotner

### **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 27, 2005: Janice Alka & John Stelzer



Those listed: Alberta Sawyer, 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.

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

We will be forming a community choir to sing at the Good Friday Service on March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

A "little birdie" told us that last Sunday we had an elf picking up trash around the building and grounds. Thanks so much Tim Wiser, you are priceless.

## 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 March 3rd. 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!

## THANK YOU!

*Dear Jackie,*

*Thanks a lot for letting Heart Smart for Women meet at the church.*

*It was a great place...for everything!*

*See you soon.....Pam Wonnell: Health Educator-Wabash  
County Health Department*

## SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis June (Veihman) Webster Morgan who passed away this past week.

**Phyllis June Veihman Webster Morgan**  
**6-25-32 to 2-19-05**

## THANK YOU

*Rev. Jackie:*

*Thank you so much for giving the memorial sermon and message for my father, Ray Meier. It was a wonderful memorial and a tribute to and celebration of his life. You did a beautiful job; and you were a comfort to myself and my family. Please thank all the church persons for the lovely lunch!*  
*Sincerely, Barbara (Meier) Litherland*

## WEEK OF COMPASSION – FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 6

### What will your gift be?

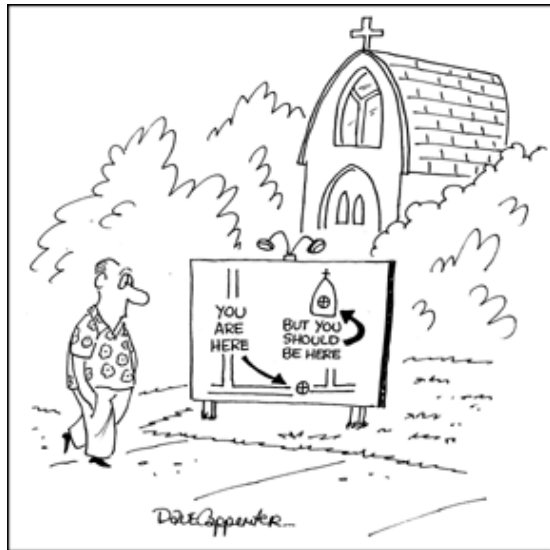
- \$5 – A blanket
- \$17 – Immunization to protect a child for life from six leading childhood diseases: measles, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and tuberculosis.
- \$20 - Carpentry tool set for home construction and repairs.
- \$25 – Four hundred oral rehydration salts kits to save the lives of children suffering from diarrhea.
- \$30 – A mine field probe to detect land mines.
- \$50 – Five hundred small fish for fish farming.
- \$84 – Kit containing basic equipment for a village midwife.
- \$90 – Church World Service Family Shelter Kit (tent, ground sheet, plastic tarpaulin, four blankets).
- \$95 – A bicycle for basic transportation.
- \$1000 – Antibiotics to treat three thousand children suffering from pneumonia.
- \$2000 – Water purification tablets to treat ten thousand gallons of drinking water.
- \$2500 – Five hundred insecticide treated mosquito nets to protect families against malaria.
- \$3770 – Ready to install community well system.

# Women of the Bible Puzzle Answers

- Across:
- 2. Mary
  - 3. Naomi
  - 5. Anah
  - 6. Orpah
  - 8. Hagar
  - 9. Eve
  - 14. Abigail
  - 15. Drusilla
  - 16. Ruth
  - 17. Bathsheba
  - 19. Candace
  - 20. Tamor
  - 21. Hannah
  - 22. Rachel
- Down:
- 1. Delilah
  - 2. Miriam
  - 4. Jochebed
  - 7. Zipporah
  - 9. Elizabeth
  - 10. Jezebel
  - 11. Dinah
  - 12. Martha
  - 13. Susanna
  - 18. Sarah

## COMING EVENTS.....

The Belmont Christian Church will be having a special pianist on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Laurel Jean is a blind Christian woman who travels around to different churches presenting the gospel through her piano playing. Her mission is to share the Good News in word and song and promote gospel joy, fellowship and victory among people of all ages. A free will offering will be taken for her and she will be selling her albums and tapes. If more information is needed call: 298-2637



## SEDER MEAL

Anyone interested in helping plan the Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday, we will be meeting on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 P.M. in the Church Library.

## Fast and feast

Arthur Lichtenberg, when presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, quoted this Lenten advice:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

\* The SourceBook of Wit and Wisdom

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**SUNDAY SERVICE – Feb. 27th**

Sermon: “Living Water”  
 Rev. Jackie Summers  
 Scripture: John 4:5-42

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. 20th**

General \$1,901.00  
 Church School 24.66  
 TOTAL-General Offering:  
 \$1,925.66  
 Initial Offering 2.00  
 Week of Compassion 593.00  
 Upper Room 36.15  
 TOTAL-Special Offering:  
 \$631.15  
 Grand Total Offering:  
 \$2,556.81

**WATCHING OUR FIGURES**

**Sunday Worship**  
 2/20 147

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Date Tea. Pupils Total Offering  
 2/20 10 70 80 \$24.66



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