

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

First Christian Church



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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.

GUEST PREACHER

Our Regional Minister and President, Dr. Herb Knudsen, will be our guest preacher this Sunday, February 13th. There is a copy of his State of the Region address from the Regional Assembly in the church office. Read the address and come hear him preach to learn more about our Regional church.

CELEBRATION CHOIR

The Celebration Choir will rehearse this Friday, Feb. 11th at 5:15 P.M. We will meet on Sunday Morning, February 13th at 8:45 A.M. to prepare to sing in Worship. Chancel Choir will not meet this Sunday. Anyone interested in bringing praise to God through the Celebration Choir is welcome.



VEGGIE TALES NIGHT

Mark your calendar now for Friday, Feb. 25th at 6:30 P.M. We’ll watch Sumo of the Opera and possibly a second Veggie Tales movie 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!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The First Christian Church Relay for Life Team raised \$144.21 from their bake sale on Feb. 6th. LOOK for baked goods at the next bake sale on Sunday, March 6th at FCC.

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy goes out this week to the families of Ray Meier and Fay Schrader who both passed away this week.

Raymond H. “Ray” Meier
1-21-12 to 2-2-05

Lois “Fay” Schrader
3-2-09 to 2-2-05

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and thoughtfulness shown to Grace during her illness. The many visits from Jim as well as others on cookie day were appreciated. I don’t know the words to use to express our gratitude to Betty Foshee for her visit before Grace passed. We were so comforted by the beautiful music from Marilyn Hocking, Sharon Mobley, and Bob Cunningham and the words from Jackie at her funeral. Your Christian love and kindness continued with a delicious dinner organized and prepared by the Care Groups of Jerry Lathrop and Priss Parmenter with Lisa Benedict, Amanda Gill and Ricki Hays serving. Once again our church family has gotten us through difficult times. How very, very blessed we are to be a part of the First Christian Church family!

Love, Ron & Judy Sigler

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 and Spc. Sam Shehorn

OPERATION PRAYER SHIELD

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

SERVING IN JANUARY

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 13, 2005: Judy Sigler & Jerry Lathrop



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.

VALENTINE DINNER – FEBRUARY 13TH

Our Valentine Dinner will be held on Sunday Night, February 13th at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. The meal will consist of spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and a drink. Childcare will be available with advance registration. Great entertainment will be provided by the CYF and Chi Rho Youth Groups. Get your tickets...it's not too late! Plan to attend!

NEEDED – CARD TABLES

If you have a card table that the youth could borrow, please put your name on it and bring it on down to the church. Please put them on the stage! Thanks!

JIM'S E-MAIL AND SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS

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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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THANKS

Thanks to the FCC for supporting me as I embark on another trip to Jamaica. Our group is going to the mountain town of Mandeville, which is about the same size as Mt. Carmel. This mountain area has very little industry and most people who live there are extremely poor. In this region there are 38 orphanages or boys and girls homes. We will work at several orphanages but mostly at St. Johns Bosco, a boy's home of 160 young males between the ages of 6 years to 18 years old. The boys are taught a trade in animal husbandry and farming and if they complete their time successfully they will have earned a certificate that will help them get a job. We are either fixing buildings damaged by a hurricane or building new structures to enable these boys to have a better life. The Missionary-Coordinator on this eight-day trip is Marty Martin of World Relief Organization (WRO) and most of the people on this missionary trip are from the Mt. Carmel area. Jack Singer

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the two boxes of items for the kits we put together. We met yesterday and used many of the items in our health kits and school kits. As you know there is a great need for those kits here in Florida. There will be a use for all the things you sent. Thank you and glad you thought of us.

In Christian Love,

Martha Manley – Service Chairman – CWF FCC- Deland, FL

EUREKA COLLEGE CELEBRATES 150th!



It stayed open even as most of its students left to fight the Civil War. It remained open during the Great Depression, when many poor families paid tuition in poultry and livestock, and awarded a scholarship and a campus job to a young man who didn't have much money named.... Ronald Regan.

This weekend, Eureka College celebrates its 150th Anniversary – a milestone reached by just 260 of more than 4,000 colleges and universities in the nation.


“Not a lot of places can say they’ve been around for 150 years,” said theater arts and drama professor Bill Davis. “History is part of who we are; it’s part of the heritage and tradition.”

Regan is at the center of that history. A 1932 graduate, the late president was fond of talking about his days at the college. In 1982, he used the college as a backdrop for a speech in which he announced a plan that became the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. Today, the Ronald Regan Museum is the home of an expansive collection of memorabilia. But Reagan is not the college’s only claim to fame. The college was founded in 1855 by a group from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), who freed their slaves and moved from Kentucky to Illinois to escape the institution of slavery, said Paul Lister, the college’s president. Eureka is also the first college in Illinois and third in the United States to admit men and women on an equal basis.

“History pervades this place. Here’s this little tiny school founded by people who weren’t satisfied with the status quo,” said Lister. The college has also produced members of Congress and more than 40 graduates who have become presidents of colleges and universities.




NOT TOO





Love is the greatest commandment!


What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

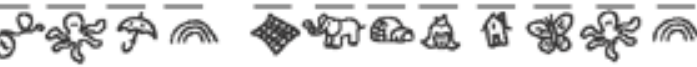
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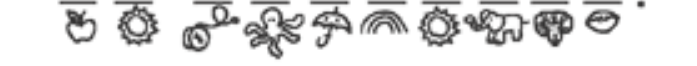












Mark 12:30-31

Answer Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.

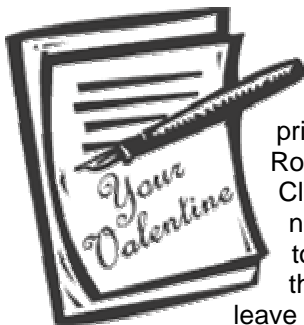
EARLY FOR SUMMER CAMPS

It's not too early to be thinking about Summer Camp. We have several camps for you to be thinking about.

Grandparents N Me Camp – July 6-9th
 ADDaM Camp – July 10-17
 LOGOS Camp – July 18-23
 Call the Church Office for prices and details!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The death toll across tsunami-stricken Asia continues to rise. The latest figures jumped this week to more than 225,000 as the Indonesian government changed the status of tens of thousands of missing or dead. Still, the fate of thousands remains unknown, and many survivors are facing the risk of disease and hunger. Seven weeks after the disastrous events of December 26, the unimaginable damage-physical and psychological-is only beginning to sink in. The response of Disciples congregations, members and friends across the U.S. and Canada continues to be a remarkable expression of generosity, concern and support. The outpouring of designated gifts has enabled Week of Compassion to provide already more than \$300,000 in support of the urgent appeals we have received from Action by Churches Together, Church World Service and numerous local partners in the region. The response is such that Week of Compassion is confident it will meet a goal of one million dollars recently proposed by the WOC Committee for both relief and recovery needs.



We probably think of romance when Valentine's Day comes. That's fine, but there's more to the story than that. St. Valentine was a Christian priest and martyr who lived about A.D. 270. The Roman emperor at the time was Claudius II. Claudius had been a successful general. He would not allow his soldiers to marry, because he wanted to make sure they could go to battle quickly. He thought family ties would make the men reluctant to leave home. Because Valentine promoted marriage and family life, he was jailed and later convicted of going against the orders of the emperor. He was martyred on February 14, the day we remember him and our loved ones. While he was in jail, the jailer's daughter befriended him. He wrote her a letter of appreciation and signed it "Your Valentine." The tradition of exchanging valentines grew out of that heartfelt gesture.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – Feb. 13th

Sermon: "You Have Enough"
 Dr. Herb Knudsen
 Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-8a,13-14
 Luke 17:5-6
 Morning Worship 9:30 AM
 Fellowship Time 10:35 AM
 Sunday School 10:35 AM
 Pastor's Class 10:35 AM
 Valentine Dinner 6:00 PM

OFFERING – Feb. 6th

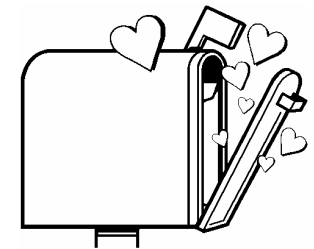
General	\$3,182.00
Church School	29.00
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$3,211.00
Initial Offering	6.00
World Outreach	8.00
Elevator	55.00
Bible Study Book	5.00
Helping Hands	20.00
TOTAL-Special Offering:	94.00
Grand Total Offering:	\$3,305.00

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
 2/6 135

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
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