

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

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DEACONS AND ELDERS – WHAT ARE THEY?

Biblical qualifications for Deacons and Elders can be found in the Bible in 1 Timothy 3:1-13. More specifically in our church family there are certain leadership roles carried out by these groups.

We see Elders every week at the Communion Table giving a meditation or prayer. They also give the Deacons the elements and later serve them. Elders are the head of Membership Care Groups in our church, with three Elders over each group. Within the care group there are Deacons over smaller groups. Once a month a different Elder assumes the role of being "On Call" for the month. If the minister is out of town, that Elder will step in for hospital visits or other pastoral care as needed. Elders take Communion to the Homebound three times a year. The Elders are considered Spiritual Leaders of our church family. Besides the duties listed above, Deacons receive the offering and serve communion to the congregation each Sunday. Some Deacons, instead of serving communion, prepare the trays to be served and clean up communion after worship. Each of these are elected positions within the church family. Each of these are also callings from God to serve in God's church.

LOST!

We have lost the Pre-school Sunday School Teacher's Packet. If you should have this item, please return it to the church office. Thanks!



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

Hope Pregnancy Center is starting a new program called Adopt-A-Mommy. This program is aimed at uniting churches or groups in churches with a mom and child who have little or no support and to provide them with Christian support and caring. For more information contact Gail Morgan at the Hope Pregnancy Center – 262-2636.

GATHERING FOR WOMEN 2005

"Global Positioning – Search for God's Direction" is the theme. We will go on Saturday, April 2nd, 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 and 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: 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:

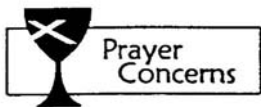
Camera Person:

Elder on Call: Pat Williams

Sanctuary Straightener: Eudine Tyler

ELDERS SERVING

January 23, 2005: Jerry Lathrop & Judy Sigler



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, Ray Farrar, Don McClane, 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 E-MAIL AND SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS

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RELAY FOR LIFE COORDINATOR

We are looking for a new Relay For Life Coordinator for our Church Team. The relay will be held June 3-4, 2005 in Mt. Carmel. If you think you could serve in this capacity, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our denomination's General Assembly will be held July 23-27, 2005 in Portland, OR. If you are interested in more details or want to attend, please contact Jackie very soon.

FEELING BORED?

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him. They were too far behind the times, with tiresome tunes and meaningless words. The father put an end to the complaining by saying, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?" The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. The year was 1690 and the teenager was Isaac Watts. "Joy to the World" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" are among the nearly 350 hymns he wrote. He also wrote "How Long, O Lord, Shall I Complain." Evidently, just long enough to write his first hymn.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – Jan. 23rd

Sermon: Rev. Jackie Summers
Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23
Choir Practice 8:30 AM
Morning Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
1/16 145

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea.</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
1/6	8	54	62	21.05

OFFERING – Jan. 16th

General	\$1,397.01
Church School	21.05
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$1,418.06
Initial Offering	6.00
Tsunami Relief	233.45
Memorial Fund	15.00
CFC Interest	147.42
Thelma Carrell Interest	305.09
TOTAL-Special Offering:	\$706.96
Grand Total Offering:	\$2,125.02



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