

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

First Christian Church



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The CCF this past week delivered 125 items to the WADI Food Pantry. Thank you to those who give and thank you to our youth who packed up the items and delivered them!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We welcomed Jake Gill into our Church Family during worship services on January 16th. Welcome Jake, we're so glad to have you as a member!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Boy Scout Sunday is February 6th. All Boy or Cub Scouts in our congregation are needed to form a Color Guard for the service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 A.M. that day to prepare.

DEACONS MEETING

The Deacons will be meeting immediately after the worship service this Sunday. All Deacons should plan on being there.

CAMERA OPERATOR MEETING

Anyone interested in operating the camera during Worship services is requested to attend a seminar. The seminar will begin at approximately 10:30 this Sunday morning. We could sure use the help!

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 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 30, 2005: Janice Alka &



ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 9th

Ash Wednesday is coming soon! We'll be having a Pancake Supper starting at 6:00 P.M. followed by Worship with ashes at 7:00 P.M. Make plans to be there!

ATTENTION CYF MEMBERS

CYF will be meeting on Wednesday nights during the month of February. We will try this for a month and see how this works out. The CYF should be here at 7:30 P.M. and will meet until 9:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on Thursday night, February 3rd at Bonnie Griggs' home, 123 E. 5th Street at 7:15 P.M.

Dear Everybody:

Well it's hard to believe that by the time you all read this letter in the weekly church Visitor that I will have been here one month. Time does fly when you are having fun and when you are busy in a war zone. The weather is still cool here especially in the evenings but that will start to change in March. The days fly by here because there is always so much more to do. Sandy Gibson wrote me a couple of letters and asked me some questions that I will answer for everyone. She asked about the type of counseling we do here. Well, being a Chaplain I am the only person in the military who has the right of confidentiality according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). I cannot speak specifically about any counseling but only to say most of the problems we find are home troubles and here troubles. Home troubles – people who are having trouble back home with family, especially those deployed for long periods of time. Here troubles – we also deal with people who are having trouble adjusting to being over here in the combat zone. Many people have asked me what can I do to help. Well folks, I hate to break the news to you but we get more anonymous care packages than we can handle. We are looking forward to the Girl Scout cookies. There is one way that you can help. We have three fine Airmen First Class who are our Chaplain Assistants. They protect us and help us in invaluable ways. Their names are A1C Trudie Rickman, A1C Geoff Rogalia, and A1C Tim Stanford. If three different people could adopt these young men and women and send them at least one package a week it would go a long way toward morale. The address is:

(Name of Airman)
332 AEW/HC
APO AE 09315-9997

Of course if more than one person wants to take one, that would be great but don't over do it! They don't need 25 packages a week. We have had some interesting times here, but fortunately, not too interesting. I am doing well. I even had an Army Sergeant tell me in the Dining Hall this morning that I was way too happy for being here. Keep us in your prayers and I will write you all again soon.

God Bless you All,,,,,,,,,,,,,Jim

***Office Note: If you want to help with packages, please call the church office so we can coordinate names and weeks.**



We can't fully express how much we have appreciated the love and support that we have received over the years from the Mount Carmel church. Last year several car loads of people from the church drove to

Nashville to see Dad in the nursing home and it really made his day! We were all touched that folks came. Our step-mom, Millie, finally got to meet some of the folks that Dad had talked about over the years. Cynthy and I were just sorry we had to work that day.

In any event, my brother, Tom, Cynthy, and I will always have a little piece of Mount Carmel in our hearts. We'll never forget the lessons that the Mount Carmel Christian Church taught our family about love and giving when my mother was ill many years ago. We won't forget the unexpected gifts of money that came to pay for medications and medical bills or the boxes of wrapped presents that appeared at our door at Christmas when my parents had no money left to buy them. We'll never forget how Mary Hulda Allen, the associate minister, came to babysit on Saturdays so that Dad could finish writing and studying his sermons. The church members were truly a blessing in our lives then and even now. By email we have leaned on the strong shoulders of Bob Riester and Doris (Chapman) Beckerman as we have grieved our loss of Dad. So we thank you for touching our lives and those of Mom and Dad and our dear step-mom Millie, over the years! Wishing you all the very best!

Fondly,

Ceci Estill, daughter of Allen and Fan Estill and step-daughter of Millie Moak Estill.



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.



What is a Seder Meal? It's a meal served on Maundy Thursday (3/24/05 – 6:00 P.M.) that remembers the Passover meal celebrated by Jesus and his disciples. If you are interested in learning more or helping plan this meal and worship service, please join us on Monday, January 31st at 7:15 P.M. at the church.

The Worship Committee of First Christian Church



FEBRUARY 6TH, 2005

Bring change to throw in soup pots held by our youth. All donations stay locally to help with area food pantry. This is part of a world-wide collection raising over one million dollars for local needs!

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, or \$15.00 per couple. 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. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, February 6th. 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!

THANK YOU FROM TRANSYLVANIA

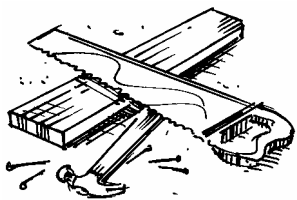
Dear ones,
We are safely returned and we have performed our “home” concert. Now, on to “An Evening at the Cabaret,” then the Mozart “Piccolomini” mass and finally a spring concert featuring many of the Duke Ellington “Sacred Concert” selections.

Thank you very much for your promotion, hosting, acts of kindness, and terrific support for the 2005 Transylvania Choir tour. I am deeply grateful. I hope to see you and perhaps to perform in your wonderful venues in the future.

Gary Anderson, Conductor
Transylvania Choir
ganderson@transy.edu



“I suspected it was done that way.”



BOARD NOTES FROM JANUARY 19

The "new" Administrative Board got off to a good start at their first meeting. Several committees have already met, but some still need members. As of this board meeting, David is still needing a Stewardship Chairman.

Noting the need for more camera operators, the Worship Committee will have a training session on January 30. All interested or just curious people who are willing to help are urged to attend. Call Melvin or Marilyn Hocking with any questions. This committee has plans for a Pancake and Sausage supper prior to the Ash Wednesday service (Feb. 9).

Betty Foshee gave a short history of Cookie Day. This ministry was started in 1959 by the Kum Join Us class and then passed to the Membership Committee. In 2004, Cookie Day volunteers made 350 visits to home-bound or hospitalized members. Volunteers are needed to keep this activity in operation. Contact Betty if you can help on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Even if you can only help once in a while, it would be appreciated.

The Property Committee plans to reinstitute Saturday workdays in the near future. They plan to paint, clean, do minor repairs, and other jobs as needed. Coffee and donuts will begin the workday and lunch will be provided. Watch for the dates as more help makes the work easier.

Amanda reported that Chi Rho attendance has been running 25-30 kids. Not all are from this Church, but they are in need of the fellowship they find with this group.

CYF will change their meeting times in February from Sunday to Wednesday night. They are planning another Valentine's Spaghetti Supper on February 13 as a fundraiser. Last year was great fun and they promise another great meal, marvelous atmosphere, and fantastic entertainment. If you have a card table that you could loan them, please call Amanda or the church office.

SouperBowl Sunday is February 6. Our youth will be collecting canned soup and/or cash to be donated to WADI.

F.C.C. will be cooperating in a Wabash County Historical Museum project which will feature churches of the county. The Museum is assembling a display which should be ready by the first part of February. We will offer tours of our church on a Sunday afternoon to be announced later.

Tsunami Relief donations can still be credited to your 2004 donations BUT is has to be done by the end of the month. Contact Gary or Marilyn Bellessa if you need more information.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – Jan. 30th

Sermon: "Living God's Word"
 Rev. Jackie Summers
 Scripture: Psalm 15
 Matthew 5:1-12
 Choir Practice 8:30 AM
 Morning Worship 9:30 AM
 Sunday School 10:35 AM
 Camera Operators 10:35 AM
 Deacon's Meeting 10:35 AM
 CYF 3:00-5:00 PM

OFFERING – Jan.23rd

General	\$2,724.35
Church School	15.25
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$2,739.60
Initial Offering	11.00
Tsunami Relief	308.00
Memorial Fund	10.00
Fellowship	34.50
TOTAL-Special Offering:	\$363.50
Grand Total Offering:	\$3,103.10

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
 1/23 126

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea.</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
1/23	10	68	78	15.25



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