

"Growing God's Family To Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DEACONS

Starting in February we made some changes with the deacons and serving. We are trying to use only 6 deacons each Sunday with floaters in the front and back to help out. We felt this would help us out by not needing so many deacons each week, as it has been difficult in the past to find enough people to serve each Sunday. Because of the smaller number, it is very important that if you are scheduled to serve, that you show up or you yourself contact someone else to serve for you. If you no longer want to be a serving deacon, we need to be aware of that, so we will not schedule you and depend on you to be there on Sunday mornings. You need to contact the church office if you want to be removed from our deacons serving rotation. Please prayerfully consider your obligation and responsibility to our church and God's work.

BEAN DAY #46 ? ? ? ?

Thanks to everyone who has indicated they will help if we have Bean Day on March 30th. This year's fundraiser will benefit the Kitchen Renovation Project. Still needed are: 35 volunteers, 11 pies, 2 cakes, items for the food and craft tables. Call Betty at 262-5004, Sarah at 263-4475 or sign up at the tables near the 8th Street Entrance.

EASTER LILIES

It's time to order your lilies. Fill out and return the enclosed sheet or call the office to order your memorial lily today.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Girl Scout Sunday is March 13th. All Girl Scouts in our congregation are needed for a special part of the service that Sunday. Contact Jackie as soon as possible if you can help.



JON MAYHUE! BECKY NELSON!

Jon Mayhue's name was left off of the March Birthday Calendar!!!! Yikes! Jon's birthday is March 22. Also, change Becky Nelson's birthday to March 11th instead of March 9th! Please put Jon's name on your calendar...and I'll put it on mine for next year! Sorry Jon & Becky! If anyone else's birthday or anniversary has disappeared from our lists, please give me a call and I'll make sure the name is put back on.

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, Sarah Beauchamp, Jim Ed Hicks, Spc. Sam Shehorn, Spc. Marvin Bailey III, and Jacob Shaw

OPERATION PRAYER SHIELD

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

SERVING IN MARCH

Diaconate: Ray Street, Paula Street, Harold Mobley, Jay Griggs, Bonnie Griggs and Elizabeth Snow
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Alice Jeanne McGuire & Dana Tate
Camera Person:
Elder on Call: Larry Peterson
Sanctuary Straightener: The Seybold's
Greeters: Betty Winterheimer & Betty John

ELDERS SERVING

March 6, 2005: Larry Peterson & Pat Williams

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on Thursday night, March 10th at 7:00 P.M.

JIM'S E-MAIL AND SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS

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Those listed: Mary Lou Owen, Gordon Kirkman, Russell Peterson, Alberta Sawyer, Orlando E., 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE – THIS SUNDAY

Our Relay for Life Team will be having a bake sale immediately following the service on Sunday. Come on back and check out the goodies!

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. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, March 24th at noon at the Church of God and Friday before the service @ 11:30 A.M.

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. 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!

I would like to thank the Chi Rho and CYF of the First Christian Church for thinking of me in their prayers the other day. You are so kind and it means so much to me. I would appreciate it if you will keep me in your prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.

Waive Loeffler



NEW ARRIVALS!

Caitlyn Grace Sigler was born to Aaron & Alisa on February 13, 2005 @ 5:15 P.M. The little miss weighed 7 lb. 8 oz., and was 19". Welcoming her home is big sister, Kira, grandparents Ron & Judy Sigler, and aunts and uncles.

Nathan Matthew Deputy was born to Matthew & Olivia on February 22, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs. And was 21". Welcoming him home are grandparents, Steve & Lynn Deputy and Great-grandmother Pat Williams.




VALENTINE DINNER

A big thank you goes out to my mother, Priss Parmenter, my sisters, Julie & Lisa, Becky Nelson, Marsha Foshee and everyone who helped make the Valentine Dinner such a huge success! The youth made over \$300.00. Also a big thank you to those who came and helped support our youth!

Amanda

GARAGE SALE IS COMING.....

The Chi Rho and CYF are planning a Spring Garage Sale. Start saving your items that you might want to donate. You can bring them to the church, or call Amanda for pickup.



Just for Kids
God's Plan

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He appeared to his disciples, and he told them about the plan of God.

On the blanks in the first section, write the words that fit the definitions. Transfer those letters to the numbered lines in the second section. Read the Scripture verse. Unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

- Water that falls from the sky
- Birds lay them in nests
- A newly hatched hen
- Bloom in the spring
- A caterpillar transformed
- Dirt mixed with water

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
 2. Birds lay them in nests 5 6 7 8
 3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
 4. Bloom in the spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
 5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
 6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

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 29 16 31 1 G 16 32 .’”
 (taken from John 20:17, NIV)

Jesus has _ _ _ _ _ !

Answer: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud
 “Jesus said, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
 Jesus has risen!

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SUNDAY SERVICE – March 6th

Sermon: “Who is blind?”
 Rev. Jackie Summers
 Scripture: John 9:1-41

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. 27th

General	\$2,059.70
Church School	22.60
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$2,082.30
Initial Offering	1.00
Week of Compassion	76.00
Tsunami Relief	100.00
Fellowship Time	44.46
TOTAL-Special Offering:	\$221.46
Grand Total Offering:	\$2,303.76

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
 2/27 154

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea.</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
2/27	11	73	84	\$22.60



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