

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

First Christian Church



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BEAN DAY IS COMING! MARCH 30TH!

We are continuing a tradition at First Christian, Bean Day is scheduled for the last Wednesday of March. Serving will be from 11:00-2:00. Donations are needed for the Craft and Food Table. Candy, cookies, jams, jellies, noodles, bread, snack mix, etc., along with a variety of crafts are welcomed. If you want to volunteer for the 29th or 30th and have not signed up, please call Betty Foshee or Sarah Wiser. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND!**

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Girl Scout Sunday is March 13th, this Sunday. All Girl Scouts in our congregation are needed for a special part of the service that Sunday. Any Girl Scouts wanting to participate should meet at the back of the sanctuary at 9:00 A.M.

EASTER LILIES

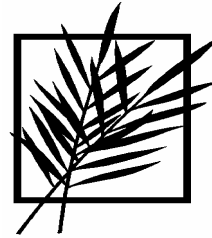
It's not too late to order that special Easter Lily. Just call the church office as soon as possible.



Seder Meal

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Final plans are being made for our first Seder Meal at FCC. The meal will be held on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. Details will be forthcoming in a future issue of The Visitor. You can go ahead and make reservations by calling the church office. You don't want to miss this impressive dinner.



PALM SUNDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

First Christian Church of Allendale is hosting a Palm Sunday Men's Breakfast at 6:30 A.M. on March 20th. Men of all ages are invited to attend. Shane Whetstone will bring a short message and special music will be provided.

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 Winternheimer & Betty John

ELDERS SERVING

March 13, 2005: Janis Roberts & Gary Bellessa

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.





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.

ELDER AND DEACON WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23rd. This is for all Elders and Deacons and will be held in Olney. Please watch The Visitor for more details after Easter.



THANK YOU!

*The Daisy Scouts and their leaders wish to thank the First Christian Church for the use of their Fellowship Hall this week.
Deana Shehorn, Lisa Benedict and Jackie Summers*

GOSPEL SING

There will be a Gospel Sing at the Brubeck Auditorium at Wabash Valley College at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 20th. Make plans to attend this special concert. Our own Jackie Summers, Alison Mayhue and Amanda Gill will be performing.



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.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – March 13th

Sermon: “The Death of Lazarus”
Rev. Jackie Summers
Scripture: John 11:1-45

Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM
Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Pastor’s Class	10:35 AM
Fellowship Time	10:35 AM
Sunday School	10:45 AM

OFFERING – March 6th

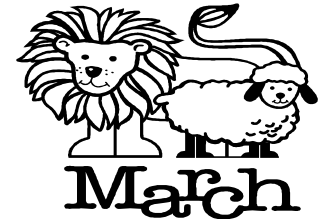
General	\$1872.97
Church School	21.81
TOTAL-General Offering:	\$1894.78
Initial Offering	1.00
Week of Compassion	52.65
Easter Flowers	60.00
Relay For Life	101.10
Blessing Basket	97.12
TOTAL-Special Offering:	\$311.87
Grand Total Offering:	\$2206.65

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
3/6 143

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
3/6	9	60	69	\$21.81



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