

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

First Christian Church



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FACES OF THE FUTURE! THANKSGIVING OFFERING

More than 1,500 Disciples students at Disciples colleges, universities, and theological institutions are learning the skills they need to help us be a faithful, growing, church. These institutions also educate more than 23,000 additional students for lives of service both in North America and around the world. They will become pastors, lay leaders and Christian education teachers, as well as physicians, lawyers, business people, and school teachers. These new leaders will strengthen our church for decades to come. Give today to support these faces of the future!



LET’S DO LUNCH!

This Sunday, November 21st, there will be a potluck lunch following Sunday School. There will not be a Fellowship Time due to the lunch. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service (plate, cup, utensils, etc.) C-Cubed

Class will host this event and provide drinks, set-up and clean-up!

SANCTUARY DECORATING

On Saturday, November 27th, following the Christmas Parade we’ll start decorating the church for Advent. Join us to help decorate the sanctuary and prepare for the coming of our Lord – Pizza to follow for all workers!



“BEST CHOICE” LABELS

Start saving your “Best Choice” labels from canned goods and foods from Buehler’s Buy Low! If we save so many we can redeem them for CASH! We’ll have a place for you to deposit them in the hallway by the office, so take off the labels and bring them on in!



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Tuesday, Nov. 30th is the day our church will ring bells for the Salvation Army. Most of the money raised stays here to help Operation Share. We are looking for ringers during the day and night. Watch for more details.

MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Spc. 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, E-4 Mark Homan, Jonathan Smith and Joe Swift.



OPERATION PRAYER SHIELD

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

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Diaconate: Devan Swift, Stacey Swift, Lizzie Irelan, Melvin Hocking, Darla Brooke, Wes Brooke, Rosanna Peterson, Mallory Brown
Custodial Deacon: Devan Swift
Communion Preparers: Alice Jean McGuire & Sharon Mobley
Acolytes: Samantha Patterson & Kaitlyn Osman
Camera Person:
Elder on Call: Gary Bellessa
Sanctuary Straightener: Gayle Conrady

ELDERS SERVING

November 21, 2004: Kay Mundy & Judy Sigler

OPERATION SHARE

Donations of toys and money are needed for the Christmas phase of Operation Share. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or front hall.



UNSOLVED MYSTERY????????????????????

There has been a Bow-Tie quilt top that was left in the old Quilting Room with no identification on it. If this is your item could you please call the church office and identify it? The ladies that quilt on Tuesday morning don't know what needs to be done with this piece.



Those listed: Dave Duell, Frances Wood, Jeff Ankenbrand, Harold Meadows, Julie Wahler Girten, Eleanor Smith, Patty Sutton, Wanda Robinson, Ray Farrar, Don McClane, Brenda Knuckles, Jake Raibley, Nell Kinney, Bonnie Burns, Rosalie Williams, Alice Warmoth, Bea Alka, Phyllis Crow, Dwight Hughey, Geneva Patton, Edythe Randolph, Mary Lucille Cox, our country, its leaders and all service men and women.

CAROLING AND TASTING PARTY

Sunday, December 5th we'll go caroling and enjoy homemade treats. All ages and voice types are welcome. Meet at the church to carol from 5-6 P.M. Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share.



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during the hurricanes. I also want to thank you for the generous check that I received. I've already put it towards good causes. My assistant pretty much lost everything. She is now in the process of cleaning out debris so the old house can be torn down and she can have a new house built. Another assistant I have also worked with is going through the same process. So using the money you sent I gave each of them a "Target" gift card to help them replace some of the items they lost. They were both so thankful and appreciated the gifts. So again, thank you so much for keeping me and others in your thoughts and prayers during the rough times. See you soon!

Love, Hilary Hays

RIDES NEEDED FOR DIALYSIS PATIENT

Patty Sutton (Mary Peterson's Mother) just started dialysis at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. She will go on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 – 6:30 P.M. (Our Time). If you could help with transportation, please call Mary Peterson at 262-4951.



HANA & LYNN (FOSHEE) REED'S TRIP TO HONDURAS

"Quotations from Lynn's Email" Hana and I first learned of the Friends of Barnabas Foundation medical work in Honduras through an older Girl Scout's Gold Award project in 2000. Hana became actively involved when she assisted a fellow member of Chester Presbyterian Church who is a nurse practitioner, in collecting supplies for her mission trip as part of Hana's Silver Award Project a couple of years ago.

Last winter, Hana decided to design her Gold Award Project so that it would take her interest to the next level: by actually going on one of the missions, after once again helping to collect supplies. After talking with the Friends of Barnabas, she decided to concentrate on collecting children's vitamins, adult multivitamins, and prenatal vitamins. As of today, she has collected 8100 tables of children's multivitamins, 5700 tablets of adult multivitamins, and 3100 tablets of pre-natal vitamins, in addition to lots and lots of other medicines and supplies that we gathered from my school and our church.

Because of her age (17), I am accompanying her on the actual trip which will take place November 13-22. We are assigned to a team based in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The trip will be the 2nd phase of Hana's project. As an AP Spanish student, she hopes to hone her Spanish language skills. Both of us will be assisting in whatever ways we are needed during the daily clinics that are held in various locations in the mountains of Honduras.

The last part of her project will occur after her return. Hana plans to prepare and present a Power Point slide show to any Girl Scout, civic or church group interested in hearing about her experiences. We'd be happy to share with a class or group at FCC when we're visiting Mt. Carmel.

This is just a quick synopsis. Check out the Friends of Barnabas website for more information about the monthly trips to Honduras. www.fobf.org It is an excellent organization, and if any groups/classes/individuals wish to support it, FOBF is always accepting monetary donations to use for prescription medications as well as to defray costs of surgeries (club foot, cleft palate, etc.)



Dear Friends at First Christian Church:
Thank you for remembering me and our family in your prayers. Your support means so much! Baby Adam is doing wonderfully, and I am getting stronger every day! Praise the Lord! God is Faithful!

Love, Brenda Knuckles



WOC/IMA Partnership

It was just a little over a year ago, at the Charlotte General Assembly, that Week of Compassion launched the WOC/IMA Medicine Box Project in partnership with Interchurch Medical Assistance. A year later, IMA has reported to us that 52 WOC/IMA Medicine Boxes have been shipped to clinics in Central America and the Caribbean. Of the 52, 36 were provided by local Disciples churches, the remaining 16 by WOC. Each box is designed to serve 1000 people for 2-3 months, or, in the case of an emergency, 2000-3000 people in a month.

The value of the 52 boxes was \$129,462. The combined cost to WOC and the participating congregations was \$19,000. That is a cost-to-value ratio of 14.7%, or to look at it another way, for every \$1 we invested, the return was \$6.81! Another remarkable example of how WOC dollars are multiplied again and again and again.



CYF (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

CYF will meet Sunday, Nov. 28th at 5:00 P.M. with Amanda!

Thanksgiving: Show thanks by helping others

by Carolyn R. Tomlin

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP)--What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Does it mean loads of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie and the standard sweet potato casserole? Does it mean time to relax and be with family and friends? Does it mean a special service for your church?

Regardless of how you celebrate the holiday, Thanksgiving is a time of year for counting our blessings and thanking God for his gracious gifts.

During this period of the year, the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, more interest seems to be placed on helping others. How do families get started in helping others and becoming involved in volunteer work? Jenny Friedman, author of [*The Busy Family's Guide to Volunteering: Do Good, Have Fun, Make a Difference as a Family*](#) (Robins Lane Press, 2003), suggests checking with your community volunteer center to match people and projects.

First, plan a family discussion as to how your family can become involved. What are the talents or interests of family members? Next, locate an organization that needs or trains volunteers. After you have completed these steps, choose an activity and designate a time for volunteer work.

Due to various reasons, legal and practical, many organizations do not want children to participate. Instead, develop your own list of age-appropriate tasks. Deborah Spaide, author of [*Teaching Your Kids to Care*](#) (Replica Books, 2002), says charity is innate. Children are born with the desire to help others. What is missing is the opportunity to develop this trait through exercise of the spirit. Compare charity to a muscle -- it has to be stretched, challenged and worked in order to grow stronger.

The Bible tells us that loving and helping others is expected from God. The writer of Galatians 5:14 (NIV) says, "*The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Use the following "helping others" activities with your family:

For kindergarten through the fifth grade:

- Design and deliver holiday greeting cards for a nursing home.
- Collect stuffed animals and small toys for a family shelter.
- Read to younger children.
- Participate in a food drive with your church.

For grades six through eight:

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Get involved in a community garden.
- Sponsor a drive for small toiletries for prisoners.
- Tutor younger children.
- Promote mission organizations in your church.

For grades nine through 12:

- Train as a candy striper volunteer in a local hospital.
- Volunteer to serve on community boards that affect youth.
- Work in summer missions.
- Adopt a road or waterway for environmental purposes.

Helping others as a family unit provides time for togetherness. In volunteer work, children learn to care for others, honor God's commandments and build their own self-esteem.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – Nov. 21st

Sermon: "First Fruits"
Rev. Jackie Summers
Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Choir Practice	8:30 AM
Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:30 AM
Pot Luck	11:30 AM

OFFERING – Nov. 14th, 2004

General	\$2563.00
Church School	31.00
TOTAL-General Offering	\$2,594.00
Fellowship Time	40.40
Missions	8.00
Salsa Night	35.00
Memorial Fund	305.00
Building Use	15.00

TOTAL – SPECIAL OFFERING:
\$403.40
GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:
\$2,997.40

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship
11/14 140

CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea.</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/14	9	61	70	\$31.00



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