

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

## **First Christian Church**



# Visitor

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### **SANCTUARY DECORATING**

On Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### **FREE CHRISTMAS CD – SUNDAY, NOV. 28**

This Sunday in worship we will give a Christmas CD to every family in worship. Please invite your friends to come for worship at the start of the Advent Season and receive a gift from your church.

### **THE GRUMPY SHEPHERD – Dec. 12**

The children of FCC will present this Christmas musical on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11:15 AM. There will be a potluck luncheon following the show. All family and friends are invited to come, please bring a dish or two to share with guests.

All preschool age children are invited to be part of the musical by wearing an animal costume and joining in the final scene around the manger. All children present will receive a Christmas gift from the church.

### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

Tuesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> is the day our church will ring bells for the Salvation Army. Most of the money raised stays here to help Operation Share. We will ring at both groceries. Please contact Betty Winterheimer at 263-3142 if you would like to ring.

### **CYF (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)**

CYF will meet Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at church with Amanda!

### **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 28, 2004: Janice Alka & John Stelzer

### **"BEST CHOICE" LABELS**

Please save 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! All we need is the UPC barcode with Best Choice printed over it.

The Chi Rho will do this as an ongoing fund raiser to help buy some meals on Wednesday nights.

### **OPERATION SHARE – ANGEL TAGS**

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. If you need a suggestion for a toy, please pick up an Angel Tag from the front lobby. Return the unwrapped toy by Dec. 13.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC CO. & CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM**

These two groups will meet together on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 PM..



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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 following caroling at 6:00 PM.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the donations of Styrofoam peanuts and cereal boxes. We have plenty now. We can use more old, clean socks (non-white, please). These are for craft projects this winter. The socks and peanuts will be used for snowmen and the cereal boxes for Martin Luther King, Jr. posters of friendship. Thank you for helping out.

Thank you to the C-Cubed Class for hosting our potluck this past Sunday!

### MESSIAH TICKETS

The Evansville Philharmonic will present a Sing-Along Messiah on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. Jackie Summers will be one of the soloists. Please call the church office if you would like to go. The tickets are \$10.00 each.

### CELEBRATION CHOIR

The Celebration Choir will sing in Worship on Sunday, Dec. 5. We will rehearse on Friday night, Dec. 3 at 5:00 PM. Please join us as we celebrate in music the Light shining in our lives this Advent.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards and for the visits during and following my recent hospital stay. I especially appreciated your thoughts and prayers. I'm still recuperating at home, but I should be back at church in a few weeks.  
Bonnie Burns

**JIM SUMMERS  
JACKIE MEECE SUMMERS  
CO-PASTORS**

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### SUNDAY SERVICE – Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

Sermon: "The King is Coming"  
Rev. Jim Summers  
Scripture: Matthew 24:29-44

Choir Practice	8:30 AM
Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Fellowship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	10:45 AM
CYF (High School Youth)	5:00 PM

### OFFERING – Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

General	\$1,617.33
Church School	26.55
TOTAL-General Offering	\$1,643.88
Building Use	15.00
Missions	8.00
Thanksgiving Offering	315.00
TOTAL – SPECIAL OFFERING:	\$338.00
GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:	\$1,981.88

### WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship  
11/21 131



### CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tea.</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/21	9	52	61	\$26.55

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