

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

First Christian Church



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MINISTERIAL APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Ministerial Appreciation Month, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrates the ministry of all believers. This week we would like to honor our Church Board. If you see one of these people please take the time to thank them for the job they do on our church board:

Gayle Conrady, David Foshee, Janice Alka, Mary Jo Birley, Gary Bellessa, Marilyn Bellessa, Bob & Georgia Vaught, Bob & Ruth Buchanan, Bonnie Burns, Debbie Calverley, Esther Calverley, Doris Deputy, Ray Farrar, Kathy Foshee, Amanda Gill, Kurt Keneipp, Stacey Swift, Jon Mayhue, Harold Mobley, Dana Tate, Larry Peterson, Priss Parmenter, Ralph & Jean Raber, Steve Sawyer, Roxanna Seybold, Jack & Marcia Singer, Betty Smith, Verlin & Trish Snow, John Stelzer, Ray & Paula Street, Ruby Kirkman and Jim & Jackie Summers.

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT NEWS

All Department Chairmen are asked to have their budget proposals for 2005 turned in as soon as possible to Jack Singer or the church office. We are needing to have a meeting to finish the budget and present it to the Administrative Board. Thank You!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COOKOUT

Tuesday, October 19th at 5:00 P.M. the church and the World Outreach Department will be hosting a Cookout for the International Students and their Host Families at the Poor Farm. We would really like to see a good turnout of our church family, everyone is invited! We'll provide hot dogs, chips, drinks and s'mores, just bring a lawn chair and a roasting stick if you have one. If the Wabash County burn order is lifted, we'll have a bonfire, if not, we'll be grilling the hot dogs! In case of rain, the cookout will be at the church. Plan on attending and having a great evening of fun, food and fellowship! Call the church office if you are planning to attend!

FOOD PANTRY CONTEST – 2 BIG WINNERS!

The 3rd-5th Grade Class collected 39 items to take the prize of a pizza party! The "Whatever" Class took first place for the adults with 328 items, to win the "Traveling Trophy". Here are the official results:

PreSchool-2 nd Grade – 36 Items	T-N-T -178 Items
3rd-5th Grade – 39	Whatever – 328
6 th -8 th Grade – 30	I Can - 135
C-Cubed – 158	Bible Study – 151
Pairs & Spares – 16	

We had a grand total of 1,071 food items that were taken to the WADI Food Pantry, also a big thank you to our CCF who each week loaded and transported the food to the pantry and to the Chi Rho who kept an accurate count of the items!

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 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 AUGUST

Diaconate: Kurt Keneipp, Jerry Lathrop, John Bellessa, Rian Waterbury, Marc Calverley, Bryan Calverley, Harold Mobley and Emily Waterbury

Custodial Deacon: Marc Calverley

Communion Preparers: Esther Calverley & Doris Deputy

Acolytes: Emily Brown & Jessica Wallace

Camera Person:

Elder on Call: Gayle Conrady

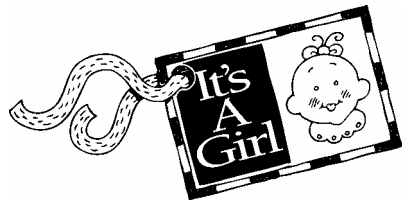
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ELDERS SERVING

October 17, 2004: Bernard Wyatt & Judy Sigler



Those listed: 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.



ANNA GRACE GILL

Born: Monday, October 11, 2004
 Richland Memorial Hospital
 Weight: 7 lbs. 5 oz.
 Length: 19" Time: 5:09 P.M.

She is welcomed home by her parents, Jake & Amanda, and big brothers, Aden and Elliott. Also Grandparents Mike & Priss Parmenter, Great Grandmother Deana Cunningham and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins from our congregation!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2004

This coming Sunday will be "Youth Sunday". The youth in our church are going to be leading the morning worship. The Celebration Choir will also be performing! Plan on being here Sunday to help support the youth of our church.



JACK HENSLEY 1955-2004

Word has been received of the death of kidnapped American Jack Hensley. Mr. Hensley was a member of the First Christian Church (DOC) of Marietta, Georgia. He was one of three civil engineers taken hostage by Iraqi militants linked to Al-Qaida. Jack's wife Patti was quoted as saying that he went to Iraq because he wanted to help. More information can be found on their website: www.jackhensley.org
 Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife Patti and daughter Sara.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Here's what happened at the Administrative Board meeting on September 15, 2004.

Treasurer Mary Jo Birley, Church Secretary Debbie Lathrop, and Chairperson of the Board, Gayle Conrady discussed with the Board the difficulty in compiling the Treasurer's reports from our complicated bookkeeping computer program. It was decided that we should investigate hiring a professional bookkeeper to compile the needed reports and help us know where we are financially.

Pat Williams and Debbie Lathrop were appointed Delegates to the Regional Assembly which will be held November 5-7, 2004.

Christian Education reported on the success of this year's Vacation Bible School. There was an average attendance of 70 participants a day. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Jack and Marcia Singer, Chairpersons of the Stewardship Committee asked that all committees turn in their Budget proposals for 2005 as soon as possible.

The Board approved a plan from the Property Committee to replace the final furnace in the Education Building. Property and the Kitchen Design team also met with the State Fire Marshal to go over our kitchen renovation plans.

Administration Committee presented the rough draft of the Leadership Ballot for 2005.

Marilyn Bellessa reminded the Board that five years ago we received the Froman Trust bequest. The Investment Committee has reviewed the performance of our investment with Old National. Their recommendation is that we continue with Old National. The committee also reviewed our current Gifts, Bequests and Memorial Funds Policy. They proposed a change in the distribution of Undesignated Bequests.

David Foshee reported the Membership Education Gifts this year were awarded to two very deserving students: Troy Street and Matt Lathrop. Congratulations to both of you!

Reverend Jim Summers presented a plan for the church during his deployment, and after review, the plan was approved. A proposed Disciplinary Action Procedures plan was also discussed and approved.

Submitted by: Debbie Calverley

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 JACKIE MEECE SUMMERS
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**SUNDAY SERVICE – Oct. 17th
 YOUTH SUNDAY**

Morning Worship 9:30 AM
 Fellowship 10:30 AM
 Sunday School 10:45 AM
 CYF 3:00-5:00 PM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship

10/3 129
 10/10 123

CHURCH SCHOOL

Date Tea. Pupils Total Offering

10/3 9 54 63 \$38.34
 10/10 10 59 69 \$36.00

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
 803 Market Street
 Mt. Carmel, IL 62863-1499**

OFFERING – Oct. 3, 2004

General \$3,955.45
 Church School 38.34
 TOTAL-General Offering \$3,993.79
 Missions 16.00
 Helping Hand 20.00
 Elevator 45.00
 Reconciliation 5.00
 TOTAL-Special Offering \$86.00
 GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:
 \$4,079.79

OFFERING – Oct. 10, 2004

General \$2,691.92
 Church School 36.00
 TOTAL-General Offering \$2,727.92
 Fellowship Time 40.75
 Reconciliation 40.00
 Overseas Missions 8.00
 Elevator 10.00
 TOTAL-Special Offering \$98.75
 GRAND TOTAL OFFERING:
 \$2,826.67

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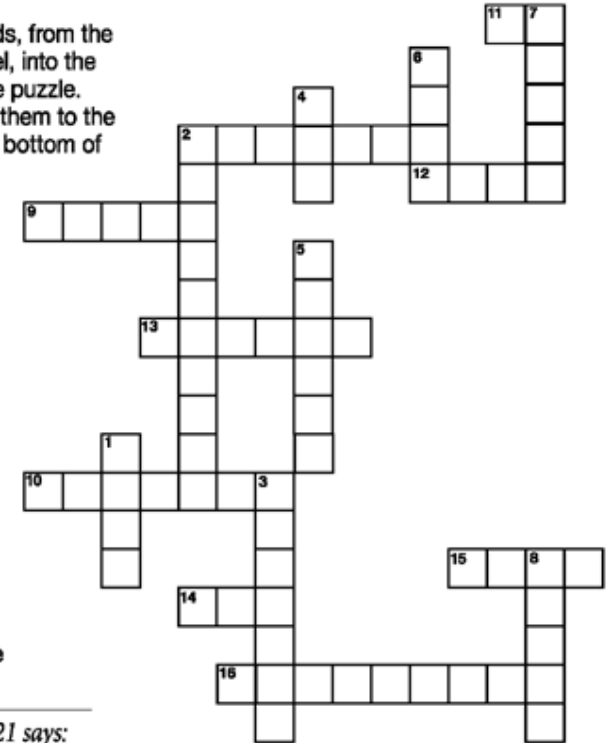


October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

- up
- God
- his
- ever
- sets
- wise
- name
- power
- times
- kings
- praise
- wisdom
- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

" _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____;
 _____ and _____ are _____ He _____ and _____;
 He _____ them.
 He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to the _____."

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."