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Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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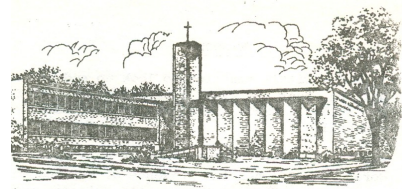


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 Closed Fridays



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COMING EVENTS!



Rummage Sale!

Friday, March 12th ~ 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturday, March 13th ~ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BIEROCKS will be available!

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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



As we are all very much aware, there are a lot of needs in our world. Everywhere we look there is something we need to give to, become involved in, address, tend to and work toward.

How do we find our way in the maze of need we see and hear about daily? It's not easy and we are bound to make mistakes. As compassionate people who earnestly want to do what we can to make this world a better place we feel the challenge on both a personal level and a church level. The test we feel is what should I do and what should we do?

Somehow, I feel we are not the first people and church to deal with these issues. And to make matters even more thorny, needs change, we evolve, priorities shift and we find ourselves torn and tattered by an ever-evolving environment and a never-ending list of demands on our time and resources.

What is one to do? What are we to do? Is there any relief? I think there is and it all centers around our relationship to Jesus. I will be the first to admit that there are questions I can't answer; limits to my



understanding; and times when I will not be at my best. Invariably, as I pick myself up and dust myself off after my latest fiasco I find that these times come when I was not as close to God as I should have been.

As I walk the life God has planned for me, there are turns and twists, questions and puzzles, choices and decisions that are unavoidable. What do I do? Which direction should I turn? I don't always choose correctly, but I have found that when my motivation is service in the Name of the Lord I make the right decision. When I focus on me, my needs and my desires things don't go well. But when I make the center of my life the Call and Will of God things seem to work out pretty well.

One way to make Jesus the center of our lives, of who and what we are, is to be a part of spiritual encounters like the one just concluded at our church, "Journey to Jerusalem."

As we experienced God's Hand and Work throughout the ages to redeem and bring us back to Him we felt a kinship, a connection that is often being broken by what we see, hear and experience in daily life. The world will weigh us down, lead us into quicksand and push us around until our heads are

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Constitution and Bylaws Committee Recommendations

As Moderator, I appointed a committee to review the Bylaws and Constitution. There were two main reasons for doing so: 1 ~ We have tried the "Ministry Leadership Team" and "Administrative Council" approach now for a few years, and feel that it can be simplified; and 2 ~ We need to not have the strict quorum requirements we currently have for our annual Congregational Meeting. The Committee consists of Glenn Gimple, Fred Miller and Marie Harding, with Pastor Bob and myself serving ex-officio.

The recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Ministry Leadership Team and the Administrative Council on March 11th. Those bodies will make final decisions about those recommendations at the April 8th meeting. Any changes in the Constitution will be presented to the congregation at the annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 25th**. One **significant change** which is proposed is that we go back to **one** governing body. We are suggesting that we have one **Board** (doing away with the separate Administrative Council and Ministry Leadership Team). The Board would consist of the elected officers (Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer), chair of Trustees, chair of Elders, AND the chairs of the various ministry committees. We think it's time to bring the committee chairmen back onto the governing board. We would also like to try to have committee chairmen selected prior to the annual congregational meeting, so they can be voted in by the congregation. Another important change is to lessen the number of members required for a quorum at the congregational meeting. (As it currently is defined, any member who attends even once during the year or gives any amount of financial contribution is considered a "participating" member.) Although this is fine in and of itself, we've almost boxed ourselves into a corner with our current requirement of a certain percentage of participating members being present at the congregational meeting.

Copies of the proposed changes will be made available starting this week. Please contact any of the committee members if you have questions. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of First Christian Church!

~ Cindy Lexow, Moderator

PRAYER REQUESTS**LOCALLY**

Nicholas Bacon, Marlene Bowman, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Nadine & Hopper Family, Daniel Kimberlin (nephew of Jill McGrath), Ted Kline, Ramona Langley, Naomi Rose, Don White

NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY...

Pray for those defending our nation: missionaries; and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city and county leaders.

PRAYER CHAIN

We care about you! If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our existing DWF prayer chain, please call Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.

SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

The **NEW SPRING 2010** Secret Place devotionals are here!! There are still some past copies also available in the church office for \$1.00 donation each. ~ Christy



Dear Pastor Bob ~
Thank you so much for allowing us to utilize your church and facilities during our conference. We all had a wonderful day and received many compliments. Your staff was kind and very easy to work with. We appreciate your contribution in making this day a success!

~ Corey Hopkins, Hand-In-Hand Hospice

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Please call the office
at 342-1582 if a
name needs to be
removed from the
prayer list. Thanks!
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ATTENDANCE RECORD

February 28, 2010

SS - 27 / Worship - 96

March 7, 2010

Journey to Jerusalem 9:30 a.m. - 57

Journey to Jerusalem 10:40 a.m. - 92



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

February 28, 2010

Offering - \$3,535.50 / Capital - \$900.00

Week of Compassion - \$394.00

March 7, 2010

Offering - \$2,103.50 / Capital - \$413.50

Week of Compassion - \$25.00

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your turn as a greeter, nursery volunteer, worship leader, children's message giver, server, etc., **please find your own replacement and let the church office know.** Thanks!



CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS!

Monday thru Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Friday ~ Closed

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REFLECTIONS (Continued)...

spinning and we have no sense of belonging, purpose or promise. Life is like that and it's very uncomfortable. It's like an unbalanced tire on your car. Driving only occasionally and at slow speeds we might not feel the vibration or tremor. But drive often and fast and you will quickly notice something is not right. Left unrepaired, a wheel out of balance can do a lot of damage and cost a lot. It's the same with you and me. When our lives are out of balance and at our center is anything other than a close relationship with God we will wobble and eventually self-destruct. We need the spiritual center, the grounding, the assurance that comes as we allow the Savior to fill our hearts and wrap His loving arms around us. It's like the beautiful hymn says: ***"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."***

Blessings, Pastor Bob

LENTEN SERIES

MARCH 17 & 24, 2010 ~ Our Lenten Study Series continues! The study is based on the film "Cherishing God's Creation" and will explore how we are part of God's creation and emphasize our role in protecting God's precious work. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper in Fellowship Hall followed by the study.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010**

Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour
on Saturday night to be on time for church!!

RUMMAGE SALE ~ DON'T FORGET!

WHEN: Friday, March 12th
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 13th
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: First Christian Church Basement

WHY? All proceeds go to our Building Fund!

BIEROCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$2 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

We are now publishing two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:

March 22nd / April 12th & 26th / May 10th & 24th
June 7th & 21st / July 12th & 26th

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporio.org. Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.



UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE



MARCH 14, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore

Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller

Diaconate ~ Carl Richardson, Lana Richardson,
George Arnett, Joyce Cress

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson
(S) George & Ruth Ford

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

MARCH 21, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Marie Harding

Diaconate ~ Tim Norton, Janelle Norton, George Ford, Joan Shumate

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson

(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

MARCH 28, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck

Children's Message ~ Cameron Moore

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Joe & Bonnie Denson, Marie Harding

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick

(S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Carl Richardson

APRIL 4, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons / Children's Message ~ Vicky Allen

Diaconate ~ Carl & Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons, Debbie Peck

Elder ~ Cindy Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) Tim & Janelle Norton

(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ George Arnett

BIBLE READING / ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



March 14th

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 21st

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4-14

John 12:1-8

March 28th

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

April 4th

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

I Corinthians 15: 19-26

John 20:1-18



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03 Bill & Carol Hopkins (1973)
18 George & Ruth Ford
22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 Glenna Gamblian
02 Rosemary Robinson
04 Keith Douglas
06 Breann Frevert
06 Tina McCurdy
07 Alta Burd
07 Reagan McClellan
08 Lindsay Ewy
08 Dianna Lewis
11 Robert Chatham
11 Imegene Marsh (1922)
17 Betty Lyons
17 Elizabeth Willard
20 Bertha Kelly
20 Emily Lauxman
20 Gary McCurdy
21 Nikki Simmons
23 Virginia Crouch
23 Marjorie Jones
26 Emily Lowe
28 Don Lill
29 Dorothy Matile
29 Craig Richardson
31 Randy Kelley
31 Mary Volland



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