

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIMES

First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

Monday, January 13, 2014



The purpose of this church shall be as revealed in the New Testament: to win people to faith in Jesus Christ and commit them actively to the church; to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ that increasingly they may know and do His will and to work for the unity of all Christians.

Sunday Schedule:

Chapel Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Closed Fridays

Learning Center Hours: Monday-Friday-6:30 am-5:30 pm

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PASTOR MIKE'S MOMENT

The Season of Epiphany

"And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" - John 1:14

Epiphany is celebrated on the twelfth day of Christmas, January 6th, and is the oldest festival day of the church year. The word "epiphany" means "to show" and it refers to the demonstration of the glory of God in sending Christ into the world. Traditionally, Epiphany is the time of the visit of the Magi, also known as wise men or the Three Kings.

Epiphany, in some ways, is an "expansion" of Christmas. It increases our understanding of our Savior in our faith and lives. At Christmas we commemorate a historical event, the birth of Jesus. The Epiphany, however, commemorates no event but is a season where we discover and celebrate the true significance of the coming of Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah. The idea of the Epiphany is that the Christ, who was born in Bethlehem is recognized by the world. He was manifested as God, and the world recognizes him as God. In the season of Epiphany the humble and helpless baby Jesus is revealed to us as the mighty and merciful Savior God.

We follow the wise men guided by a divine star to worship the King of all people in all the world. We hear the testimony of the Father at Jesus' baptism, "This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased." We watch Jesus do only things that God can do: turn water into wine, heal the sick, and raise the dead. We walk up the mountain with Peter, James and John and witness the Transfiguration of Jesus, beholding his glory and brilliance as God. Wow!

And all the while Epiphany happens again. In us. The glory of God is revealed in our lives, shining in the dark places and making them glow with the brilliance of promises made and kept. The saving forgiveness of God is revealed in our lives, cleansing sin and purifying us for service to our Lord. The strength of God is revealed in our lives, girding us up to stand firm through times of trouble and to take leaps of joyful faith into uncharted days and months ahead. That's Epiphany.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." -- John 3:16. Thanks be to God for his boundless love.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Offering	12/15/13
Gen. Fund	3,175.00
Build. Fund	1,364.00
CLOTH Fund	33.00

Offering	12/22/13
Gen. Fund	2,051.00
Build. Fund	442.00
Christmas	35.00
CLOTH Fund	150.00

Offering	12/29/13
Gen. Fund	2,916.00
Build. Fund	1,242.00
CLOTH Fund	20.00

Offering	01/05/14
Gen. Fund	2,269.00
Build. Fund	467.00
CLOTH Fund	32.00

Offering	01/12/14
Gen. Fund	2,2557.00
Build. Fund	732.00
CLOTH Fund	23.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 22, 2013	
Chapel Service	2
Traditional	78
December 29, 2013	
Chapel Service	4
Traditional	53
January 5, 2014	
Chapel Service	3
Traditional	49
January 12, 2014	
Chapel Service	6
Traditional	62



**The choir will resume
practice on
Wednesday, February
5. Please join us!! We
need you and your voice!**

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

6:00 PM Board Meeting (FLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014

9:00 AM Joint Board/Cabinet Meeting (FLC)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014

8:00 AM Chapel Service (C)

9:00 AM Prayer Group (E)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

9:00 AM Newsletter Published

(E) Education (C) Chapel
(S) Sanctuary (FLC) Family Life Center



Visitors and Guests

Marlene Baysinger, Bob Lee and Andrew Tvardzik in the Chapel Service.

Linda Robinson; Barbara Warren; Beth Gregory; Nancy & Austyn Taylor; Jim & Georgia Sanders; Brian & Rylee Houghton; Kenny, Jane & Molly English; Rev. Don & Faye Wirsdorfer; Ralph & Marie Biggs; James, Mindy, Elizabeth, Isabel, Olivia & Jackson Luck; Micaela & Emily Cronenberg; Tracy & Seth Sargent; Ralph & Marie Biggs; Marjorie Armstrong; Andrew Tvardzik; Janice Dickery; Walt & Reese Stubblefield; Brandi Sharp; Deborah Marcus; Judith Parker; Charlie Kuehlem; Joe Gamb; Maya McGee; Mikaela & Ashley Sholders and our other regular visitors in the Traditional Service.

We were happy that they worshipped with us and trust that they found inspiration, fellowship and love.

The Power of Prayer



CONCERNS:

Members who are sick with flu, respiratory infections, etc.

Billy Enochs was hospitalized following a heart attack. He also has a cancerous tumor pressing on his lung.

Tests will be run on Tuesday to determine treatment.

Brian McCrory was treated for an accident at work.

Natalie, the Gunn's great granddaughter, was hospitalized with a severe case of chicken pox.

Lori Chernosky, the Sholders' daughter, will have her foot surgery redone.

Greg Wright, Carole Wright's son, had pneumonia.

Edna McQueen Shelton passed away.

John Hill passed away.

Joan Kearns still has a bad cough. She had to go back to the doctor.

Marlene Baysinger has been sick with flu like symptoms.

Brooke Hester has gone back to Grand Rapids for treatment.

Rhonda & Steven Janusch have the flu.

Carole Wright will have back surgery on January 24.

Elizabeth Gamb will have surgery for carpal tunnel on January 22.

Christal McGee came back home on Tuesday. Keep the family in your prayers.

Donna Huggins is ill at home.

Al Tiller had heart valve surgery and is doing well.

Bill Chandler, Brenda Yowell's brother, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. He is now in hospice care.

Dr. Mindy Chilton Luck has medical problems. She will have radiation and surgery. Prayers for healing.

Linda Cronenberg has a persistent cough.

JOYS:

Burt Bond received an excellent report from his doctors, and they are extremely pleased with his progress.

Numerous family members were in worship on December 22.

Jack & Kaye Gregory celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on December 29.

Bill & Carol Gunn celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on December 30.

Elizabeth Gamb's daughter is visiting from Oregon.

Flora Roe was back in worship on 1/12/14. She will be traveling back and forth to Arkansas.

Continued Prayers for:

Dick Nash, Jennifer Spradlin, Juanita Stewart, Doyle DePratter, Brooke Hester (Carol Findley's cousin), Christal McGee, Bobbie Cockerham, Jean Rubis, Roseann Wright, Ruby Carlton, Burt Bond, John Higginbotham, Diane Chilton, Flora Roe, Cyndy Garrett, Greg Wright, Our country's leaders and world leaders

Our own military people:

GySgt Ky B. Gregory and his troops in Afghanistan, Lt Col Steve Storch, 1st Class Petty Officer James McGee, Landon Wheeler

SAVE THE DATE!

A Western Valentine Celebration
BBQ catered by Roscoe's
Saturday, February 15, 2014
6:30-9:30 pm

Hosted by Disciples Men



LADIES BIBLE STUDY RESUMES!!

The Ladies Bible Study group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 29th in the meeting room, at 9:30 am. Elizabeth Gamb is going to lead us as we begin a study of *"A Woman's Journey to the Heart of God"* by Cynthia Heald. Come join the journey and share insights, inspiration and spiritual companionship with us!



First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gift this Christmas. I also thank you for your friendship and encouragement that you have shown me throughout the years! I love each and everyone of you. You make it a joy to come to work each day!! Thank you again for your generous gift!

Love,
Terri Lester



BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
6:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

JOINT BOARD/CABINET PLANNING MEETING

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
9:00 AM
Family Life Center**

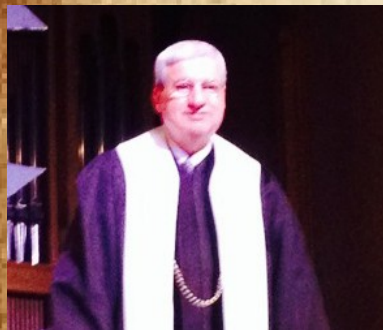
**Please
bring a
breakfast
item to
share!**



LEARNING CENTER NEWS

Everybody enjoyed their holiday break, and now we are back and hard at work. Our letters of the month are F, R & K. We are learning about the number 6, the color white and the rectangle. Our Bible stories are The 3 Visitors, Jesus is Baptized, Jesus the Teacher, and Jesus Heals the Lame. In Science we are learning about flubber, rainbow science, making bouncy balls and making gas balloons. We have had several students and teachers out with various illnesses including the flu and respiratory illnesses. We are doing our best to stop the spread of illnesses by disinfecting toys, washing hands, etc. Our current enrollment is 51!





January 5, 2014

