

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Office hours
8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30
Monday-Friday

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Dr. Beth Dobyns
will be preaching on the topic of:
"Saved by the Bell"
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
March 22, 2009
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Lenten Services and Activities

Soup suppers—Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Plan to be here by 6:00, and bring your own "soup of the day" to add to the pot. You can bring a can of your favorite, or some of your very own home-made soup. We will have a short lesson at 6:00, while the soup heats, and we will eat together at 6:30.

Here is the soup schedule:

03/18	<i>Vegetable</i>
03/25	<i>Broccoli Cheese</i>
04/01	<i>Taco</i>

Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 05

Seder Meal—Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday

Come to Fellowship Hall and bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.

Tennebrae Service—Friday, April 10, Good Friday

Easter Services and Brunch—Sunday, April 12

First Christian Church

Rev. Robert Rueter

John Davis, Director of Music
Carol Harmon, Organist

Beverly Rueter, Dir. of Christian Education
Mike Wooster, Custodian

Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator

Serving this week

(March 22, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Char and Dick Van Rossem	
Ushers	Carolyn Woods Wanda Carmack	Laura Murphy Marilee Casper
Acolytes	Trinity Baldry Mackenzie Stockham	
Scr Reader	Dennis Crawford	
Ch. Moment	Jean Edwards	Jean Edwards
Meditation	Chuck Taylor	Chuck Taylor
Elders	Henry Dare Alan Coleman	Henry Dare
Deacons	John Stanko Pat Stanko Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet	Jean Edwards Janet Krulac Mike Krulac
Music	God's Kids	
Counting	Chuck Taylor Henry Dare	
Shut-ins	Alan Coleman Doris Taylor	
Preparation	Pat Stanko	Doris Taylor
Jr. Deacon	Lydia Smith	
Coffee	Rhonda Morgan	
Nursery	Lauren Snowman Lydia Smith	

Serving next week

(March 29, 2009)

	8:30
Greeters	Amy Smith Mandy Reneau
Ushers	Kim and Darryl Schrodt
Acolytes	Avery Dean Hannah Malmgren
Scr Reader	Vinnie Cufaude
Ch. Moment	Darryl Schrodt
Meditation	Rev. Rueter
Elders	Vinnie Cufaude Paul Wright
Deacons	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt
Counting	Vinnie Cufaude Ron Rupe
Shut-ins	Paul Wright
Preparation	Connie Reed
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee	Membership Committee - 5th Sunday Brunch
Nursery	Carl Fisher Cydni Bell

CWF Meeting

April 03, 2009

Time: 1:00 p.m.

*Leader—*Marge Saville

Hostess: Brenda Dilts



March	03-08-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 43,514.20
Received	\$ 5,867.01	\$ 47,214.47
March	03-15-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 47,865.62
Received	\$ 4,876.00	\$ 52,090.47

Have you been thinking about joining the congregation? We are calling young people, young families, and all of you thinking about being baptized or transferring your membership to a congregation that is coming to life. New member classes begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 7, 14, 28, and on April 4 and 11. These are classes that will examine what we believe and why. All ages are invited. Please contact me if you are interested.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

HOLDING THE CUP BY HENRI NOUWEN

We started last newsletter considering Nouwen's meditation on "Can You Drink the Cup?" First to drink the cup we must hold it. Holding the cup of life means looking critically at what we are living. It takes courage, because we might be scared by what we see. It may make us consider questions and doubts we thought were settled. But we have to look critically or we may just wander about, holding the cup.

This is a hard discipline that we often don't want to do. But it is necessary for us to look at where we are in our lives. What we are really doing, who we are associating with, and where we are heading with our lives compared to where God would have us go with our lives. It makes us consider the life that is contained in the cup. Is it really something that we want, that we think we can drink, that we can do?

Hold up your cup, study its content, and then decide what you should do before you drink it.

Pastor Bob

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 03-18-2009 THROUGH 04-04-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah			49:1-7	49:8-18	50:4-9	51:1-8
Mark	12:13-34	12:35-40	12:41-44	13:1-8	13:9-31	13:32-37
Isaiah	51:12—52:10	52:13—53:12	54:4-13	55:1-11	57:14-21	58:3-9a

"Ruler" Schedule



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, March 31. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Monday morning, March 30.

Band of Brothers

The next meeting of the Band of Brothers will be on Thursday evening, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school room. All interested men are encouraged to attend!!

From Carol Harmon: *I want to thank the person who anonymously left the beautiful bouquet of painted daisies on my desk on Sunday. I am enjoying them each day!! I also want to thank the group of volunteers who come in on Fridays and clean the entire church from top to bottom. They have been doing this during Mike Wooster's absence while he had his surgery and has been recovering at home. These people slip in, quietly and quickly clean the church and slip back out—volunteers are the backbone of any organization, and we are truly blessed here!!*



At Graham Ext.-210 W. Walnut
Alan McPherson Dorothy Reneau

At Farmington Country Manor:
Isabella Varnold

At Heartland: - 2081 N. Main
Eunice McCario Linnie Murphy

At Kelly Home: 344 W. Chestnut
Barbara Bruniga Hazel Swan

At Prairie View: 175 Sycamore
Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542

At Red Oak Estates: 435 N. 16th
Eleanor Berry Ruth Sprecher

At Renaissance:
Ruth Wong

At Sunset: 129 S. First
Helen Grose Fairy Leezer
Delores Spiva

At Veterans: Carl Bushard
Rm 162, 1707 N. 12, Markword 1,
Quincy, IL 62301

At Westminster Village:
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, IL 61701

Attention Ladies: Are you in need of some “girl” time? Does your spiritual life need a shot in the arm? Are you ready for a new adventure? If so, read on . . .

A new evening Bible Study group is being organized with the time conveniently set to accommodate working women, but ALL women are invited to attend. Please join us on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the couch area upstairs in the Narthex. Bible study topics, a group name, meeting dates and times will be established at that meeting. If you are interested, but cannot make the first meeting, please contact Kandy Wright or Daryle Coleman. Now that it's spring, let's break some new ground and plant some spiritual seeds in our lives!

In the Hospital

In Nursing Facilities



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Annabelle Baugh; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Sam Coffey; Marge Danner; Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Cindy LaSalle; Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Sandra Pasley; John Schleich; Martha Sepich; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor (son-in-law of Shirley Harris); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Mike Wooster



*We extend our sincere sympathy to **Ron Dilts** and family at the death of his twin brother **Donald**; and to **Mike Grace** and family at the death of his mother, **Pairlee Grace**, of Princeton.*

WANT TO GO CAMPING THIS SUMMER?

Our Regional Camps are fast approaching. Here's your chance!

FAMILY CAMPS	May 22-25 and Sept. 4-7
GRANDPARENTS AND ME	June 29-July 1
GRADES FINISHED	
2&3	July 2-July 4
3-5	June 21-27
3-7	June 22-27
3-7	July 6-11
3-7	July 13-18
3-7	July 20-25
4-7	TBA
6,7, 9-12	June 28-July 4
8	June 14-20
8	TBA
9-12	June 8-13
9-12	June 21-28
9-12	July 13-18
9-12	TBA

Watch for the posters with a list of camp sites and fees!