

# First Christian Church

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8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30  
Monday-Friday

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on:  
"Love Ya!"  
Scripture: John 10:11-18  
Text: 1 John 3:16-24  
Acts 4:5-12

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
May 03, 2009  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School

## The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*



### Don't miss out on special Sundays in May!!

On Sunday, May 3, our services will be what we normally have, at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m..

On Sunday, May 10, we will observe Mother's Day. Both God's Kids Choir and the New Faith Bells will perform at 8:30 and 11:00 and share in celebrating with the mothers in our church family.



On Sunday, May 17, we will honor our graduates during worship services. If you know of someone or have someone in your family who has graduated since last summer, please let us know so we can include them.

On Sunday, May 24, we will remember those who have passed away this past year, as that will be Memorial Sunday. Our 11:00 service will be in the contemporary style.



On Sunday, May 31, we will have our special 5th Sunday brunch, and the Chancel Choir will present a concert at 11:00 a.m. Make plans now to come to worship, enjoy the brunch, and then stay for the choir concert. John Davis promises to have you out by noon or shortly before, and this will be the last chance to hear the choir until September!



**Robert W. Rueter, Pastor**  
**John Davis, Dir. of Music**  
**Bev Rueter, Dir. Christian Education**  
**Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist**

## Serving this week

(May 03, 2009)

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy and Bud Cluts	Becky and Mike Grace
<b>Ushers</b>	Marla and Mark Reneau	Doris Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Marty Hasty	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Jean Edwards	Jean Edwards
<b>Meditation</b>	Dwayne Bernard	Dwayne Bernard
<b>Elders</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Bruce Edwards	Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Deacons</b>	Diane Schrodt Connie Reed Marty Hasty Sherry Lindzey	Jean Edwards Paula Crawford
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Dwayne Bernard	Vinnie Cufaude Dwayne Bernard
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Bruce Edwards Janet Krulac	
<b>Preparation</b>	Judy Kemper	Judy Leitze
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Eric Jarvis	
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Wanda Carmack	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(May 10, 2009)—*Mother's Day*

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan and Kevin Dearing	Melissa and Jeff Dean
<b>Ushers</b>	Lori and Kevin Coleman	Margaret & Paul Wright
<b>Acolytes</b>	Trinity Baldry Mackenzie Stockham	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Dick Van Rossem	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Judy Kemper	Judy Kemper
<b>Meditation</b>	Bill Leitze	Bill Leitze
<b>Elders</b>	Daryle Coleman Paul Wright	Daryle Coleman
<b>Deacons</b>	Mike Meade Kevin Morgan John Stanko Pat Stanko	Janet Krulac Mike Krulac
<b>Music</b>	God's Kids and New Faith Bells	God's Kids and New Faith Bells
<b>Counting</b>	Bill Leitze Mike Grace	Bill Leitze Mike Grace
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Paul Wright Doris Taylor	
<b>Preparation</b>	Pat Stanko	Janet Krulac
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Amanda Snowman	
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Judy Kemper	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lydia Smith Cydni Bell	Lydia Smith Cydni Bell



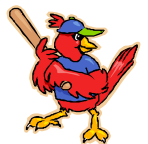
## *Take me out to the ball game.....*

Our church bus is waiting to take you to a ball game!!  
We have three opportunities for you to go to a game this season!



On **Friday, June 19**, we are taking a group to see the Peoria Chiefs play. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

For you Cardinal fans, we will be going to a Cardinal game in St. Louis on **Wednesday, July 1**. The cost for this trip is \$96.00 per person, and that includes an area with tables, a buffet meal for dinner, and all of your soft drinks for the evening.



On **Friday, September 11**, the bus will take all of you Cub fans to Chicago to see a game. The cost for this trip is \$50.00 each.

The clip boards are available for sign ups in the Narthex each Sunday. If you prefer, you can call the office at 647-1363 and ask Carol to sign you up!!

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

**At Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Norma Pinder

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

**At Prairie View:** 175 Sycamore  
Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542

**At Red Oak Estates:** 435 N. 16  
Eleanor Berry

**At Renaissance:**  
Ruth Wong

**At Sunset:** 129 S. First  
Helen Grose 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

### *In the Hospital*

### *In Nursing Facilities*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Sam Coffey; Connie (sister-in-law of Mary Baker); Marge Danner; Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Larry Eskridge; Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Cindy LaSalle; Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Sandra Pasley; John Schleich; Martha Sepich; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Taylor); Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad)

**“Ruler” Schedule**  
The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, May 12. 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, May 11.

April	04-19-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 69,622.72
Received	\$ 4,284.30	\$ 72,222.09
April	04-26-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 73,974.14
Received	\$ 3,157.73	\$ 75,379.82

## HOLY LAND HALL NEWS

Our theme “Walk to Emmaus” was presented by Rhonda Morgan as a drama that enacted the Bible story from the empty tomb to the appearance of Jesus in Jerusalem. On two other Sundays Rhonda helped us experiment with optical illusions to experience the passage from Luke 24, “their eyes were opened and they recognized him.”

Kara Fitzjarrald helped us each create a sign with the name of “Jesus” that can only be identified from a distance, again connecting us with the Luke 24 passage. I hope we understand that passage now and that our eyes are wide open! And finally, to symbolize how we are all connected through the “Holy Spirit”, Doris Taylor taught us how to make our own weavings. We had another fun, creative learning month in Sunday School.

# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

This is a time of transition. It is always a time of transition. We are always trying to get from Point A to Point B, from Point B to Point C, etc... But in transition there are certain guidelines that seem to be "givens".

These "givens" are:

- 1.] We have to know our history.
- 2.] This allows us to figure out just where we are right now.
- 3.] Then we can determine where we are going and how we get there.

Sounds like taking a trip, doesn't it? We can look at the map and see where we have been. We can pinpoint just exactly where we are right now. Then we can determine where we are headed and what routes we have to take to get there.

During the next six weeks we will be looking at our map to see where we are. This will involve three things: 1] reading of a book called 'Who Moved My Cheese?', 2] a dramatization of the same, and 3] a time of discussion of the book as a group. This should give us a good idea of where we are and how things have changed over the years. Personally I prefer that we combine a pot-luck dinner with the discussion. But we will see.

Input on the journey is necessary from every viewpoint of each of us. It allows us to have a fully rounded view of this marvelous journey down "the way", you know, 'the way of Christ'. This will be a fun part of the transition. I'll let you know when we have the books.

Pastor Bob

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY 04-29-2009 THROUGH 05-16-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah			2:33-37	3:11-20	3:21-25	4:1-4
John	1:6-13	1:14-18	1:19-28	1:29-34	1:35-42	1:43-51
Jeremiah	4:11-28	5:1-5	5:20-31	6:13-15	6:16-21	7:1-15



From **Nancy Cluts**: *Church friends are a blessing, and I thank each of you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. An unexpected kindness was the taco soup delivered to*

*our door. It was delicious, and the many hands that prepared it made it taste even better!*

From **Brenda Dilts**: *Thank you for keeping Mom in your prayers, for the cards, visits, and the lovely lavender lap robe. It was her favorite. We appreciated Pastor Bob and Ron Rupe calling on Mom while at the hospital. I appreciated your cards and Christian love.*

## You are invited.....

Two of our church family are celebrating birthdays with open houses on Saturday, May 9.

Betty Hopper will be honored at a reception from 2:00 — 4:00 here at the church in Fellowship Hall. This is being hosted by her children, Sandy Foutch, David Hamilton, and Mike Hamilton.

Orville Clark will be honored with an open house at the Kemper Hall at 1000 W. Locust from 2:00—4:00, hosted by his family.

The families request no gifts, but your presence and cards will be enjoyed.