

# First Christian Church

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Monday-Friday

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on:  
"The Holy Spirit"  
Scripture: John 15:9-17  
Text: Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-6  
**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY**  
May 17, 2009  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

## The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*



This Sunday we will recognize our graduates. We have only two this year: Christopher LaSalle, who is graduating from Canton High School, and Grant Stephenson, who has graduated from Culver-Stockton University.

On May 24, on Memorial Day Sunday, we will be remembering those who have passed before us.



Mark your calendars for May 31, the fifth Sunday of May. We will join together in worship at the 8:30 service, and enjoy our 5th Sunday Brunch immediately after, sponsored by our Membership Committee. Following the brunch we will be treated at 11:00 a.m. with a concert in the Sanctuary presented by our Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of John Davis.

Our first softball game in the Canton Church League is at 6:30 P.M. at the Presbyterian diamond on Thursday, May 14 (THIS WEEK!!) On Thursday, May 21, we will play a game at Shields at 6:30. Please join us to play if you can, and if you don't or can't play, come out and cheer us on!!



The week of June 7—12 will be our yearly Vacation Bible School. Help is still needed. Please call the church if you would be willing to help in some way, or talk to Jennifer Miller, who is our Director this year. This is a huge undertaking for Jennifer, and it's such a blessing to ALL who come—both the workers and the children! Please consider prayerfully what you may be able to do to help out.

**Robert W. Rueter, Pastor**

**John Davis, Dir. of Music**  
**Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist**

**Bev Rueter, Dir. Christian Education**  
**Rickie Coulter, Church Custodian**

## Serving this week

(May 17, 2009)—Graduate Sunday

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Mindi and Carter Parsons	Marty and Mike Hasty
<b>Ushers</b>	Peg and Irrie McWhorter	Marty and Mike Hasty
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Mindi Parsons	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Jennifer Miller	Jennifer Miller
<b>Meditation</b>	Don Heller	
<b>Elders</b>	Rhonda Morgan Mike Walters	
<b>Deacons</b>	Wanda Carmack Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet Susan Walters	Mindi Parsons John Harmon
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Don Heller Ron Rupe	Don Heller Ron Rupe
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Mike Walters Mike Meade	
<b>Preparation</b>	Wanda Carmack	Sherry Lindzey
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lydia Smith	
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Connie Heller	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(May 24, 2009)—Pentecost

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Liz and Orville Clark	Paula Grigsby
<b>Ushers</b>	Ginny and Bob Bowman	Mary and Aubrey Baker
<b>Acolytes</b>	Evie Taylor Shelby Taylor	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Kandy Wright	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Mike Meade	Mike Meade
<b>Meditation</b>	Henry Dare	
<b>Elders</b>	Alan Coleman Chuck Taylor	
<b>Deacons</b>	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Darryl Schrodtt Kim Schrodtt	Jean Edwards Cydni Bell
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Henry Dare Alan Coleman	Henry Dare Alan Coleman
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Chuck Taylor Janet Krulac	
<b>Preparation</b>	Connie Reed	Doris Taylor
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Mallory Meade	
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Jan Dearing	
<b>Nursery</b>	Carl Fisher Lydia Smith	Carl Fisher Lydia Smith



## *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.



You can sign up for these games on Sundays in the Narthex, or you can call Carol in the office at 647-1363.

**HELP WANTED:** East Elm Apartments needs a part-time employee to do building repairs and maintenance, snow removal and lawn care. This position would be ideal for a recently retired person. Contact East Elm Apartments, at 1405 E. Elm, call 647-5324, or email your information to [eastelmine@aol.com](mailto:eastelmine@aol.com).

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

*In the Hospital*

**At Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Jim Paul

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

*In Nursing  
Facilities*

**At Prairie View:** 175 Sycamore  
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Eleanor Berry

**At Renaissance:**  
Ruth Wong

**At Sunset:** 129 S. First  
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Rm 162, 1707 N. 12, Markword 1,  
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**At Westminster Village:**  
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams  
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, Il 61701



From **Orville Clark:** *I want to thank all that came to my 80th birthday celebration last Saturday afternoon. I appreciated all the nice cards and messages to me. It was a great day that I will always cherish and remember.*

From **Maxine Payne:** *I want to thank my church family for remembering me in so many ways with calls, prayers, and visits. I especially want to thank the sewing ladies for my beautiful lap robe. I really enjoy the colors in it.*

*\*\*\*I spoke with Sally Wright one day last week—she wanted to tell everyone here “hello” and wanted everyone to know she is just fine. We had a nice visit—I’m sorry I didn’t have the opportunity to know her—she sounds like a neat lady!! —Carol.*



**REQUESTS  
—FOR—  
PRAYER**

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Lucille Bowton; 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); Larry Eskridge; Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Rita King; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; 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 Svob); Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad)

May	05-03-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 78,325.56
Received	\$ 7,280.46	\$ 82,660.28
May	05-10-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 82,676.98
Received	\$ 2,586.00	\$ 85,246.28

**Coming up...**

Thursday, May 21—Happy Timers—meal will include a potato bar with veggies and pie—program will be presented by our very own Gene Taylor!

June 4th CWF meeting at noon will be a potato bake. Brenda Dilts has the devotions, and hostesses will be Barb Ault and Marilyn Taylor.

**“Ruler” Schedule Change**

Due to the office being closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, the next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on **Wednesday, May 27**. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Tuesday morning, May 26.



# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*We light a light*

*In the name of the God who creates life,*

*In the name of the Saviour who loves life,*

*In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.*

This is a Celtic phrase that is used at the lighting of a candle as people meditate on the meaning of Christianity. God creates life we understand. For we are part of the creation of God. Many of us know of the Saviour who loved life and loves people, who was willing to teach and help people as an example to others. But many have trouble with the concept of the Spirit of God who is the fire of life.

Think of the disciples locked in the upper room, being together, going to temple, and going nowhere else. It took the Spirit of the living God to surround their heads with fire and get them out of that room on Pentecost. Instead of a small intimate group that satisfied their needs, by the end of Pentecost day they had 3,000 additional souls to care for and to teach. You think the Spirit of God is not powerful.

Think of the story Walter Scott. Scott was one of the four founding fathers of the Christian Church. He was appointed evangelist for the original 13 churches in Northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania in 1827. His job was to increase the numbers and number of congregations. In three years he added and baptized 3,000 members. You think the Spirit of God is not powerful.

A friend of mine was in charge of closing a downtown church in an urban area. When he got there, there were eight people over age seventy-five in attendance. One of them asked at the first worship service what they could do to stop the closing. He told them, each of you bring a guest next Sunday. They did and continued doing it for the three months of Sundays, doubling attendance each Sunday. This congregation is now a vital thriving community of 600. You think the Spirit of God is not powerful.

The powerful things of God have happened not through the actions of people but through the inspiration of the Spirit of God. How else could a group of about 50 be multiplied into the largest faith group in the world.

The Spirit of God is alive and well, it provides the fire of life.

Pastor Bob

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY 05-13-2009 THROUGH 05-30-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah			5:20-31	6:13-15	6:16-21	7:1-15
John	2:1-22	2:23-25	3:1-10	3:11-15	3:16	3:17-21
Jeremiah	8:4-13	8:18—9:9	9:23-24	10:11-16	12:1-13	13:15-17