

## First Christian Church

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Monday-Friday

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on:  
"Come, O Spirit of God"  
Scripture: John 17:6-19  
Text: Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:22-27  
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
May 31, 2009  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

# The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

## Don't miss out on the activities this Sunday!!

This Sunday, May 31, is a very busy day in the life of First Christian Church.

We will begin with our 8:30 a.m. worship service. During this time, we will be remembering that this Sunday is Pentecost. We will hear Pastor Bob speak about the Spirit of God and we will receive a special Pentecost offering for the purpose of helping our New Church Start Program.

At 9:30, immediately following our worship service, our Membership Committee will host our 5th Sunday brunch in Fellowship Hall. Biscuits and gravy will be a part of the menu!!

At 11:00, in the Sanctuary, there will be a concert performed by our Chancel Choir. It is hoped that everyone will join the choir upstairs after the brunch to hear a short performance directed by John Davis. The music of our chancel Choir has greatly enhanced our worship services this past year, and we want to show our appreciation to them with our attendance this week!



**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 31, 2009)—Pentecost

	8:30	11:00 Concert
<b>Greeters</b>	Sheila and Howard Dye	Paula and Dennis Crawford
<b>Ushers</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Shirley Rockhold	Kara and Dan Fitzjarrald
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris	
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Mike Meade	
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Kevin Coleman	
<b>Meditation</b>	Henry Dare	
<b>Elders</b>	Don Heller Daryle Coleman	
<b>Deacons</b>	Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Kevin Dearing Bud Cluts	
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Counting</b>	Don Heller Mike Grace	
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Daryle Coleman Doris Taylor	
<b>Preparation</b>	Susan Walters	
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lauren Snowman	
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Membership Committee Brunch	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Cydni Bell	

## Serving next week

(June 07, 2009)

	8:30
<b>Greeters</b>	Reba and Jim Burton
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz and Orville Clark
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Joan Bankes
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Daryle Coleman
<b>Meditation</b>	Bruce Edwards
<b>Elders</b>	Paul Wright Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Deacons</b>	Howard Dye Sheila Dye Jennifer Miller Connie Reed
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Counting</b>	Bruce Edwards Paul Wright
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Vinnie Cufaude Doris Taylor
<b>Preparation</b>	Nancy Cluts
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Eric Jarvis
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Doris Taylor
<b>Nursery</b>	Cydni Bell Lydia Smith

## HOLY LAND HALL

Our May theme of “**Witnesses Today**” was kicked off by Judy Kemper who helped us make a “rebus” picture for several of the stories we studied this year. If you don’t know what a “rebus” picture is, check the Holy Land Hall Gallery. And then Ann Harris helped us review some of the stories as we played our Bible version of the game ” Pictionary”. It was hard to draw some of those pictures but maybe even harder for our friends to guess what we drew! Bev Rueter helped us to better understand what the word *witnesses* means and who were the witnesses yesterday and who they are today. We even learned how **we are witnesses**. Then Alan Coleman told us about people whose faith has led them to be God’s presence on earth.

What was really fun was that we got to go around the church and take pictures of our church members who are the “Witnesses Today”. **You are the “Witnesses Today”**.

For our summer program we will all be in the same classroom like we were last year for the summer. We have several games like” Pictionary” lined up.

**Bring your friends and have fun at Sunday School in Holy Land Hall!**

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

***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  
 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 61701

May	<b>05-17-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 87,028.40
Received	\$ 3,592.00	\$ 88,838.28
May	<b>05-24-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 91,379.82
Received	\$ 3,568.95	\$ 92,407.23

**“Ruler” Schedule**



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, June 09, 2009. 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, June 08.



**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; Pat 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; Maxine Payne; John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Svob); Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad)



**From Betty Hopper:** *I want to thank everyone who came to my 80th birthday celebration on Saturday, May 9. Everyone was so nice. I want to thank everyone who sent cards and*

*gifts. I appreciated them all. I will never forget my 80th birthday!*

**From Carol Harmon and Leta Krock:** *We want to thank the mothers of God’s Kids for the beautiful hanging plants that were given to us from the choir, and we would like to thank Bev for the nice recognition she gave during Coffee Fellowship. We are so appreciative of the parents of the youth we work with—without their commitment and dedication to getting their children here, we would not have a program. We truly enjoy working with those children—thank you for sharing them with us!!*

## COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS

At:

**SAFE KIDS** training on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be learning how to make our church a safe place for our children to enjoy. Refreshments will be served. Come join your fellow church workers!

**SUMMER CAMP** for camper of all ages. See the posters around the church or call the office for more information as to time and place. If

we have a group of campers going to one of the camps, we can use the bus for transportation. Remember **Disciples Camp registration forms are due on Mon. June 8<sup>th</sup>** and the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee. **Hope we have a lot of happy campers!**



### *Ladies of CWF, don't forget!*

Our June meeting of CWF will be on Thursday, June 04, at noon. We will enjoy a potato bake for our luncheon.

Devotions will be given by Brenda Dilts, and our Hostesses for the day will be Barb Ault and Marilyn Taylor.

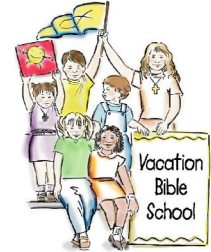


## VBS to Begin!!

**Vacation Bible School** for children Pre – school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on Sunday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal and finish at 8:00 p.m. This sched-

ule will continue through Thursday, June 11. Our theme **STUDIO GO! GAME SHOW** will focus on **REAL TEAMWORK, REAL SERVICE, and REAL FUN** as we study, talk, sing, play, and do crafts about Bible characters such as Gideon, Esther, Jesus, The Apostles and Ananias.

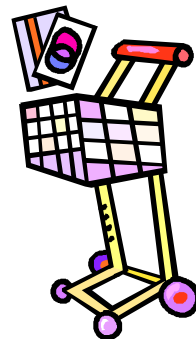
Bring your kids and let them invite their friends to come with them.



## SHARING YOUR WEALTH

You might not feel like you are wealthy but you are! You go to the grocery store every week or so and while doing that task why not throw in an item or two for those who do not have enough money to provide for their families.

The GEMS Bible study class invites you to join us in sharing our wealth with those less fortunate than we are. We are asking you to help provide **canned fruit or paper products** for the food pantry at the Baptist church. These are the items needed at this time. Please place the items in the grocery cart at the foot of the stairs. You'll be glad you did!!!! We thank you and so do the recipients!



# ***PASTOR'S PONDERINGS***

How is everyone doing with reading “Who Moved My Cheese?” We have copies that are being returned to the office daily so that others may read it. Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw are getting to be well-known characters around here. So have your family read it. Discussion to follow.

Different subject. The Worship Committee recommended that we have a different schedule for the summer. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m., just one service, coffee fellowship at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. This will begin on June 7 and continue through August 31.

Remember, this Sunday, May 31, is a fifth Sunday. Worship at 8:30, Brunch at 9:30, Choir Concert following the Brunch. This will be the Chancel Choir’s last Sunday until the first Sunday in September.

The General Board has asked me to enlist or find members who would like to go to General Assembly, July 29 through August 3. The first five who enroll will be named as delegates and will receive a stipend to help with registration and housing. This is probably as close as the General Assembly will be for a few years—it’s in Indianapolis. The speakers are top flight, the music will be the best and the workshops have something for everyone. So please contact me.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. It will be the evenings of June 7 through June 11. Contact Jennifer to see what you can do or how you could help.

Have a good time with all of the above. See you in church.

**Pastor Bob**

## **DAILY BIBLE STUDY 05-27-2009 THROUGH 06-13-2009**

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah			9:23-24	10:11-16	12:1-13	13:15-17
John	3:22-36	4:1-15	4:16-26	4:27-30	4:31-42	4:43-54
Jeremiah	14:19—15:21	17:5-13	18:1-11	20:7-13	22:13-17	23:1-6