

First Christian Church

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter
will be preaching on:
"Your faith has saved you."
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Text: Mark 5:21-43
2 Samuel 11:17-27

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
June 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

It's Scholarship Time Again!

Letters have been mailed to the students, and it's time to get those applications in for the fall, 2009 semester First Christian Church Scholarships.

If you are new to college or did not receive a scholarship for the spring, 2009 semester, you will need to pick up an application from the office, complete it, and bring it, along with the attachments requested and a transcript of your grades to the church office no later than 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 1. If you bring these papers on Sunday, you may drop them in the brown box on the wall next to the office window.



If you received a scholarship last semester, in order to renew you will need to submit a grade transcript and a letter telling the Scholarship Committee what you have been doing at school and what you will be doing in the future.

The plans are to present these scholarships during worship on Sunday, August 2. The committee would really like to have all of the recipients there, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to come to church on that Sunday.

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

(June 28, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Dorothy Eskridge Doris Svob
Ushers	Charlotte Moffitt Jo p. Keen
Acolytes	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
Scr Reader	Bud Cluts
Ch. Moment	Janet Krulac
Meditation	Rhonda Morgan
Elders	Henry Dare Don Heller
Deacons	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt
Counting	Ron Rupe Henry Dare
Shut-ins	Don Heller Nathan Bloyd
Preparation	Pat Stanko
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee F'ship	Diane Schrodt
Nursery	Cyndi Bell Carl Fisher

Serving next week

(July 05, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Marty and Mike Hasty
Ushers	Marge Saville Wanda Carmack
Acolytes	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
Scr Reader	John Harmon
Ch. Moment	Carol Harmon
Meditation	Bill Leitze
Elders	Bruce Edwards Paul Wright
Deacons	Jan Taylor Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet Sherry Lindzey
Counting	Bill Leitze Bruce Edwards
Shut-ins	Paul Wright Sherry Lindzey
Preparation	Wanda Carmack
Jr. Deacon	Eric Jarvis
Coffee F'ship	Liz Pollitt
Nursery	Lydia Smith

KIDS, LOOK WHAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING!!!!!!

Our summer schedule in Holy Land Hall has some special events. We need you to be here to be a part of the HUMAN WHEEL, join your friends in the TRUST WALK, help make a CRYSTAL GARDEN, what happens when you BUILD AN ICE WALL. We're missing you and your friends!!!! See you Sunday!



KIDS AT SPOON RIVER COLLEGE!!!!!

Spoon River College summer youth program this year is August 3-6.

AGE LEVEL: Students entering 5-8th grades.
Classes include:

CSI, Popcorn and Movies, Gardening, Computer Design, Theater Basics, Theater Two, Computer Scrapbooking and Digital Cameras.

For information see bulletin board outside of the church office.



At St. John's Hospital-415 N. 9th
Margaret Wright Spgfd., 62701

In the Hospital

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

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

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

In Nursing Facilities

At Prairie View: 175 Sycamore
Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542


At Red Oak Estates: 435 N. 16
Eleanor Berry Norma Pinder

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
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



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Kevin Bankes; 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; Millicent Cox; 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); Maxine Payne; John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Svob); Linda Vandermeer; Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Marvin White (father of Cindy LaSalle)


On July 1, at 2:15 p.m., a son was born to Chris and Kara Johnson. Kael Samuel Johnson measured 21 1/2 inches long and weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces. He is the grandson of Sheila and Howard Dye, and the great-grandson of Betty Moore. Congratulations to all!

“Ruler” Schedule

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, July 07, 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, July 06.

	06-14-09	Year-to-date
May		
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 104,434.08
Received	\$ 3,242.96	\$ 107,100.31
June		
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 108,785.50
Received	\$ 2,862.32	\$ 109,962.63



LETTERS OF THANKS

From **Susan Walters:** *I would like to thank the following individuals who helped prepare 370 meals this past week during VBS: Shirley List, Laura Murphy, Marilee Casper, Marilyn Taylor, Shirley Taylor, Marge Saville, Cindy LaSalle, Vinnie Cufaupe, Shirley Harris, Vurla McPherson and Charlotte Van Rossem. A special thank you to the ladies of the church who donated sweets: Shirley Taylor, Marilyn Taylor, Marge Saville, Denise Carmack, Nancy Cluts, Sherry Lindzey, Cheryl Dare, Liz Clark and Marty hasty. Wanda Carmack kept us supplied with ice for our refreshments.*

I would like to thank everyone for the energy and support for this wonderful event held at our church. The children appreciated all that we prepared for them.



GET ON BOARD!

There are still seats to fill for the St. Louis Cardinal's game next Wednesday, July 1.

You would need to be here at the church at 1:30 to catch the church bus. The cost is \$96.00 per person, and this includes EVERYTHING—ticket to the game, all your sodas, a meal, special seating, and transportation home.

This will be a fun day to spend with your friends who like baseball.

Let's fill the bus!!

You are invited....

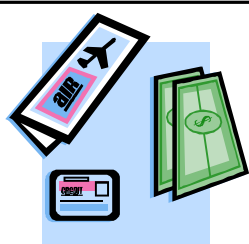
You are invited to a "100 Years of Marriage" reception in Fellowship hall from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 19.

This will honor Kevin and Lori Coleman's 25th anniversary,

Kim and Darryl Schrodt's 25th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Diane and Bill Schrodt!



Mark this date on your calendar and come to help them celebrate "100 Years of Marriage" together.



How would you like to take a 10 day Biblical Tour of Israel, with an option to add 4 days in Egypt?

We have some materials in the office for just such a trip during the calendar year of 2010. The cost for the Holy Land trip would be \$2,397.00 from Chicago.

If you think you might be interested, stop in to the office and ask Carol to give you a copy of the itinerary—this would be a wonderful trip to take!!

Ice Cream Social

First Christian Church is going to have an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. The Membership Committee will host this event in Fellowship Hall.



The committee is looking for people to bring cookies, cake and toppings.

Sugar-free ice cream will be made in addition to the regular kind.

A sign-up sheet will be available downstairs at Coffee Fellowship, or you can call Carol in the office at 647-1363 to let her know what you plan to bring.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

I have been reading a book by J. Philip Newell, entitled, "Christ of the Celts". It's major premise is one with which many of us struggle.

Consider the following: "One of the things we do not hear in Celtic spirituality is the doctrine of substitutionary atonement, a dogma that has dominated the landscape of Western Christian thought and practice. Like so much else in our imperial Christian inheritance, it is linked with the doctrine of original sin. There are two assumptions behind this thinking. First, God requires payment, like a piper that can be paid to change his tune, from judgment to forgiveness. And second, we are so sinful that we cannot make a worthy payment. So a substitute is made, which God himself provides: Christ, the perfect sacrifice.

It is easy to ridicule the logic of a doctrinal system in which God offers God payment. and if we are discovering, as I believe we are, that there is much in the doctrine of substitution atonement that is opposed to our deepest experiences of forgiveness--namely, that forgiveness by its very nature is absolutely free--then we need to find new language to speak about the way in which Christ leads us into the experience of forgiveness of the heart of life and into the practice of forgiveness in our lives and relationships. And part of what we are invited to do in dialogue within the Christian household on this matter is to look for the positive roots of belief even amid the gnarled and distorted branches of old imperial doctrine."*1

Try this. You have been forgiven. God's mercy carries no strings. So let us celebrate rather than condemn, blame or feel guilty. It was free. Let's celebrate.

Pastor Bob

*1 - pg 81-83

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 06-24-2009 THROUGH 07-11-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah			31:27-34	33:14-16	LAM 3:19-33	EZEK 2:1-5
John	6:22-46	6:47-51	6:52-59	6:60-71	7:1-9	7:10-24
Ezekiel	17:22—18:9	18:25-32	33:1-20	34:11-24	36:22-28	37:1-14