

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
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Monday-Friday

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Rev. Robert W. Rueter  
will be preaching on:  
"Partee!"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Text: 2 Samuel 6:1-15, 12b-19  
Mark 6:14-29

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

July 12, 2009  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 Sunday School

# The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

## 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.

**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

(July 12, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Jo P. Keen Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz and Norm Pollitt
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Cheryl Dare
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Bev Rueter
<b>Meditation</b>	Chuck Taylor
<b>Elders</b>	TBA Daryle Coleman
<b>Deacons</b>	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Howard Dye Sheila Dye
<b>Counting</b>	Chuck Taylor TBA
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Daryle Coleman Janet Krulac
<b>Preparation</b>	Sue Walters
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Amanda Snowman
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Dee Doubet
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(July 19, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	Doris Taylor Marge Saville
<b>Ushers</b>	Diane and Bill Schrodt
<b>Acolytes</b>	Trinity Baldry Hannah Malmgren
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Orville Clark
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Ann Harris
<b>Meditation</b>	Mike Walters
<b>Elders</b>	Don Heller Kevin Dearing
<b>Deacons</b>	Sherry Lindzey Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Don Taylor
<b>Counting</b>	Alan Coleman Don Heller
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Kevin Dearing Doris Taylor
<b>Preparation</b>	Nancy Cluts
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lydia Smith
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Ginny Bowman
<b>Nursery</b>	Carl Fisher Cydni Bell



**DON'T TAKE A  
VACATION  
FROM CHURCH**



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!!

**At St. John's Hospital-**  
 Margaret Wright Room 625B  
 800 E. Carpenter Street  
 Springfield, Il 62769

*In the Hospital*

**At St. Francis Hospital** on Friday  
 Mark Reneau for surgery

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

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

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

**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

*In Nursing Facilities*



**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); Benjamin Church (nephew of SueEllen Stephenson); 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; Dennis Robinson (son of Irene); John Schleich; Russell Schrod; 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)

	<b>06-28-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
June		
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 113,136.92
Received	\$ 4,389.75	\$ 114,352.38
<b>July</b>	<b>07-05-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 117,488.34
Received	\$ 5,228.00	\$ 119,580.38

**“Ruler” Schedule**



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, July 21, 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,

*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



Schrod’s 25th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Diane and Bill Schrod!

Mark this date on your calendar and come to help them celebrate “100 Years of



Marriage” together.

# ***PASTOR'S PONDERINGS***

## ***SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CANTON***

During the next year you will be completing the interim process. Several of you have the feeling that we should be moving a little faster and should already be in the search process. But most feel that you should be thorough as originally agreed and do it right. The one thing that I want to stress is planning. So many times congregations want to jump into things without pre-planning and then can't understand why it doesn't work. The following is not a definitive schedule but will serve as the basic outline of what we will be doing.

As agreed during the May board meeting the board will be discussing "Who Moved My Cheese" during the July board meeting. During September there will be several meetings of groups of congregational members to discuss "Who Moved My Cheese" and also where you are and how you have changed over the last few years. This should give you a good understanding of who you now are and where you now are.

Why the delay? Bev and I will be at the General Assembly in Indianapolis from July 29 thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have 12 days of vacation remaining from our first year and will be taking those August 10 thru August 24 per approval. We will be going to California to work on the house we have bought in preparation for retirement next year.

Following these discussions in September, in October, I suggest that Henry recruit the Search Committee members for appointment at the November board meeting. At the same time there should be a revised compensation plan for the new minister developed along with the vision of the congregation.

Also during this time you should be exploring the vision of where you feel God is calling this congregation to serve. This will be composed of several group meetings, which would hopefully involve all members. With proper detailing this will give the congregation a long term plan with milestones for action and measuring. Also out of these meetings will come an understanding of the type of minister, talents, etc... for this new leader to assist you in accomplishing this vision.

Armed with these facts, then the Search Committee can meet with Rev. Dobbins to begin the process of doing a profile of the congregation. As soon as the profile is complete and it has been turned into Rev. Dobbins they will begin receiving ministerial profiles.

It has been my experience that the Search Committee having the vision of the congregation and their prayers should be able to fill the Sr. Pastor position for a summer start. Many congregations take a long time because they have not done the necessary discussion, nor the visioning so they have a clear understanding of the leadership that they need. So let's get about it and do it right.

Pastor Bob

### **DAILY BIBLE STUDY 07-08-2009 THROUGH 07-25-2009**

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ezekiel			33:1-20	34:11-24	36:22-28	37:1-14
John	7:25-36	7:37-39	7:40-53	8:1-11	8:12-20	8:21-30
I Cor	1:1-47	1:18-31	2:1-5	2:6-16	3:1-15	3:16-23